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# FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

**H**appy October everyone.

This month is the International 9-Ball Open. Anyone who follows anything that I write or say when it comes to the pool world, knows that I can be very pessimistic about the state of the game right now. One of the things that I base this opinion on is the lack of new promoters or events being scheduled in the US. While Pat Fleming is certainly not a “new promoter”, the International 9-Ball Open is definitely a new event.

With no US Open this year, the International 9-Ball Open takes it’s place on the schedule. Hopefully next year will see both a US Open and an International 9-Ball Open. Top players need every opportunity that they can get to make a living at this game, and the more events we have out there, the better those chances are.

We will be in Virginia for the entirety of the International 9-Ball Open this month, providing bracket coverage and real time scoring. Look for our full coverage of the event in the pages of the Billiards Buzz next month.



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# **Tournament Tips That Can Make A Difference**



**JERRY BRIESATH**

**As you know, playing and winning in a tournament requires the utmost in concentration and focus. The better players start this mental part of the game long before the tournament date arrives.**

Here are some tips to help you do your best when the pressure is on.

- 1.** Get a good nights sleep and don't drink too much.
- 2.** Concentrate on every shot and remember, there is no such thing as an easy shot.
- 3.** When your opponent is at the table, watch every move he or she makes. What how the lay-

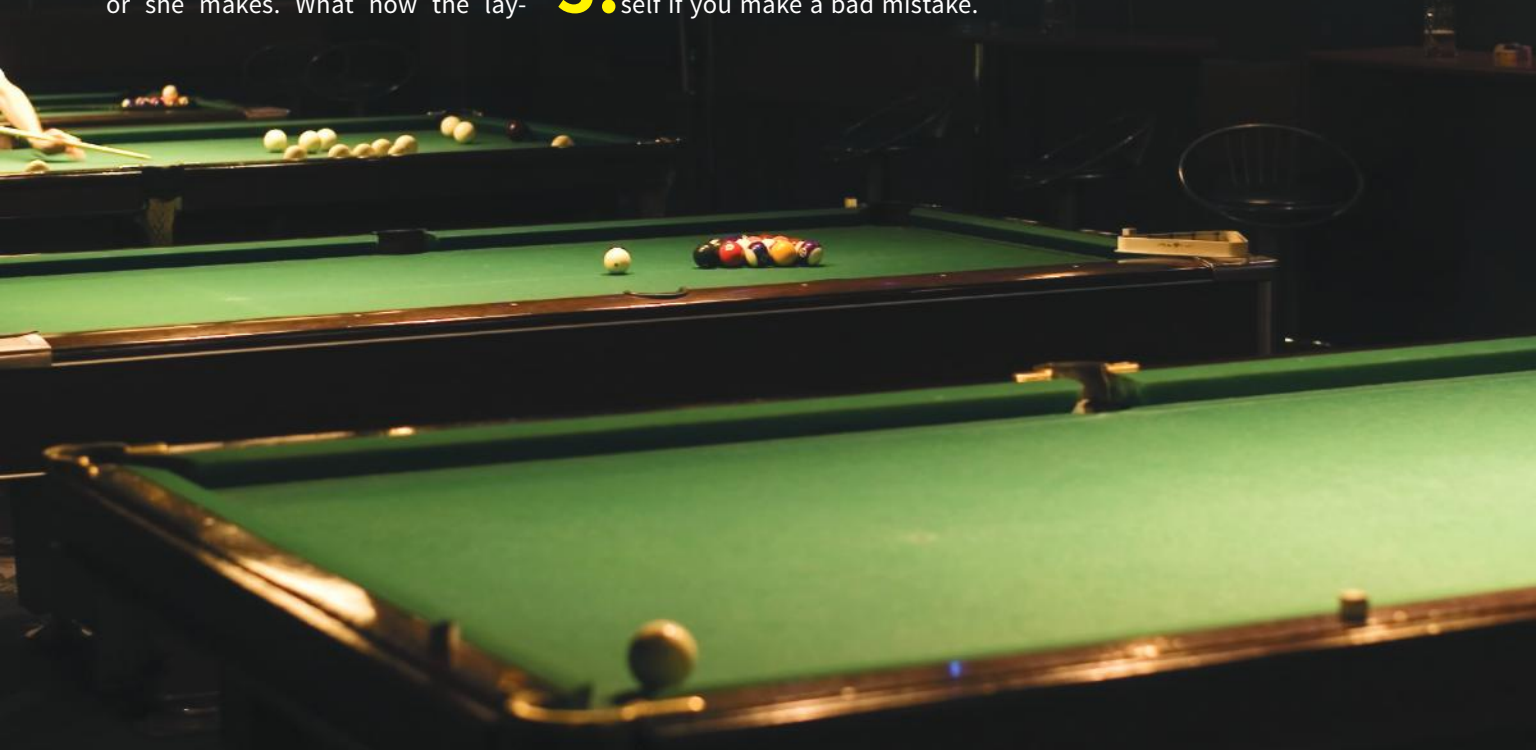
out changes as the balls are moved around the table.

- 4.** Don't make the mistake of getting to the tournament and slowing your game way down trying to be more careful. Try to maintain the same pace and time allowed for each shot as you normally do when you are playing well.
- 5.** Don't get overly upset at yourself if you make a bad mistake.

Your opponent will probably do the same thing very soon. Remember, all you have to do is make one less mistake than your opponent to win.

- 6.** If you win, shake your opponent's hand with a smile and say something nice. If you lose, do the same thing.

Good Luck — Jerry





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# THE SECRET OF A GREAT POOL STROKE!

ANTHONY BEELER

**As you well know, I'm a Master Instructor that focuses a lot on mental game, so if you think you are getting a magical stroke tip here, this article may disappoint you. But if you want enhance the way you think and allow yourself to deliver more straight, smooth strokes, well then maybe I can be of assistance.**



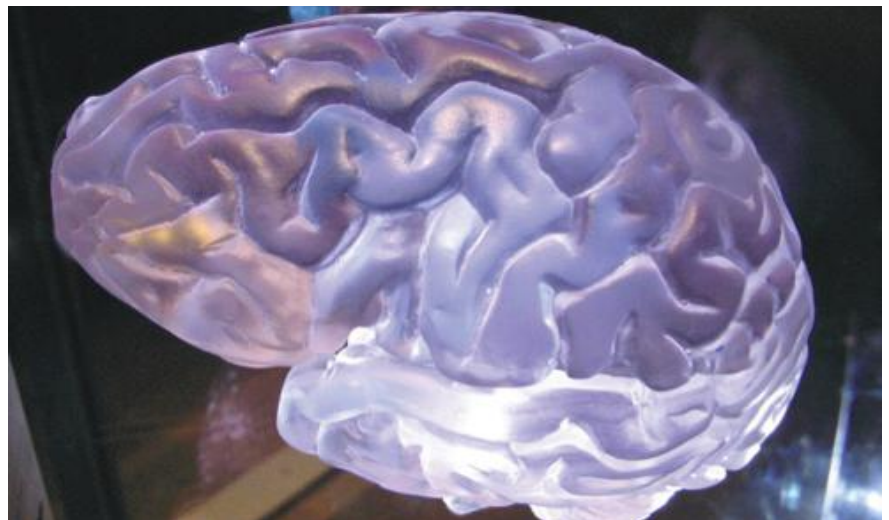
## THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRACTICING AND PLAYING

There are fundamental differences between practicing and playing. One of the major differences between the two environments is that there are consequences during actual game play (that result in either winning or losing). Conversely there are no consequences to each shot if you are practicing.

## THE BENEFIT OF A QUIET MIND

From a mental perspective, when you are practicing, your mind is generally quiet, there's no mental clutter before you start your stroke. There's the cue ball, there's the object ball and there's a pocket. During match play, quite often there is a distraction caused by fear: What if I miss? What if I don't get position on my next shot? What if the table rolls off? And so on...

This not only causes stress, but it also causes subtle changes in the body. You may not even notice, but most likely your muscles are tensing up (starting with your grip pressure). The effects of these mental and physical changes are:



- Loss of focus on the shot at hand
- Loss of focus on the process – decision-making, aiming, proper alignment, (visualization and feeling the shot) etc.
- Loss of fluidity in your stroke
- Changes in stroke timing

The end result is a stroke that is inconsistent and unlike the one you had while practicing.

## SO HOW TO WE CHANGE THIS?

There are several things that you can do that increase confidence,

maintain a quiet mind and maintain access to your best game. When a professional is performing at their best, there's direct correlation between their senses and their brain. You have heard of this state of mind referred to as "the zone", or "dead stroke".

Also, when a player is performing their best, they are not preoccupied by thoughts, judgments or emotions. There's no sense of self or "self-consciousness". The mind is 100% focused on the present (there is no past or future).

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE BRAIN DURING FLUID MOTION?

The pre-frontal cortex is the part of the brain responsible for managing complex processes. It helps you make decisions and controls your mental game. In pool it's great during the "decision making phase" of your routine, but it can easily become that "little voice in your head" when you are down on the cue ball. To produce a better pool stroke, and get into the "dead stroke" that little voice needs to be turned off to allow you to execute each shot subconsciously.

### THE BEST PRE SHOT ROUTINE

The best pre-shot routine is one that enables you to keep your mind quiet, and focused. When I ask students to describe their pre-shot routine, they

describe all the physical steps, but virtually nothing about where their focus is or what's happening mentally.

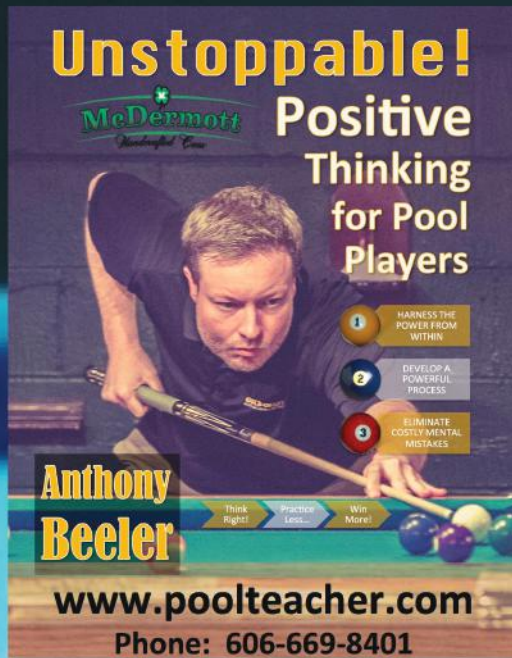
How committed you are and how quiet your mind is more important than going through the physical steps. I want to know exactly what you're focusing on from the time when you fall into your stance all the way through your stroke.

What are the best things to focus on? From my experience, the best

thing to focus on to keep your mind quiet is one of your senses (sight, feel, sound, breathing etc.). Experiment with this while you are practicing, and find out what allows you to produce your best stroke. Then, during match play, make this one of your process goals to measure the success of the shot. Over time this will become automatic which will result in better strokes, more wins, and more tournament championships!

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**Progressive Muscle Relaxation (PMR) is a tool athletes use to calm their minds and bodies, and can be very effective in helping pool players develop the confidence and focus needed to play at a high level. PMR is simple to do, and within just a few minutes will provide immediate relief from anxiety players might be experiencing.**



If you are a player who regularly feels pressure and nerves just before the first break, then PMR might be just the answer for you.

## How to do PMR

PMR can be completed on your own and in just a few minutes and the results will be felt right away. The basic idea behind PMR is that if you tighten a muscle group for about 5 seconds, the muscles will feel temporarily exhausted, essentially relieving you of tense, tight muscles often experienced when anxiety spikes. Below is



an example of how easily PMR can be completed:

- Find a comfortable spot to either lie down or sit.
- Begin with any muscle group of your choosing, and then work systematically throughout your entire body. For example, you might start with just your hands, then move to your forearms, then your biceps, and then your shoulders.
- For each muscle group flex as tight as you can for about 5 seconds, release, then do a 2<sup>nd</sup> and possibly 3<sup>rd</sup> repetition.
- The entire exercise can be completed in as little as 2 minutes.

## Why PMR works

The reality is that as human beings we cannot feel high anxiety and calm relaxation at the same exact moment. What this means is that by purposely relaxing your body, it will be impossible

for you to remain in a highly nervous state. PMR literally exhausts your muscle groups for a short time, allowing you to once again work from a mind state that allows you to focus clearly, and play the shots on the table exactly as you want. PMR will not exhaust you to the point where your body is so relaxed that it becomes counter-productive to your game, and it's quite possible that you may need to complete a full-body PMR routine every so often – especially over the course of a long tournament.

Rather than allowing anxiety to prevent you from playing your best, make it a point to do something about it! PMR is not magic, and it may take some time getting used to doing. The good news, however, is that it is a proven tool that will help you minimize anxiety, and less nervous players usually make more balls and win more games.

*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](http://drstankovich.com)*

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# ***Jerry Olivier***

Jerry Olivier is a custom cuemaker out of Houston. You will find his cues all over the country, as they are in high demand. Let's find out more about Jerry, his cue business, and his impact in the pool realm!



**Q:** Where did you grow up?

As a kid growing up we moved around quite a bit. I lived in Louisiana, Kentucky, and Texas. I went to Sam Rayburn High School in Pasadena, TX, but I graduated in Northern Kentucky.

**Q:** What moved you back to Texas from Kentucky?

I moved my new wife and daughter back to Texas to make a better living for my family. And, I had family here, as well.

**Q:** You worked at Dow Chemical in Houston - what was your position and how long did you work there?

I had a few positions while working there, but the main one was working in Operations. I worked there for 13-14 years.

**Q:** How and when did you start playing pool?

I started playing in my early 20's. Like some people, I was hanging out with friends in a bar that had a pool table, and of course found out quickly I really enjoyed playing pool.

**Q:** How did you get interested in cue making?

As a pool player, I wanted better equipment than a house cue. While



playing in different leagues at Barney's Billiards in Clear Lake, TX, I met Wayne and Nelda McClain with B&B Billiards Supplies. I tried many different cues and already knew I didn't like playing with any of the production cues. I ended up purchasing a Toboy custom cue.

I was intrigued how it looked and really admired the work. I thought to myself, "I'd love to be able to do that." And that's when I decided I wanted to build a cue myself.

**Q:** Who are Wayne and Nelda?

They were an older couple that had a billiards supply business. We became friends and eventually I bought B&B Billiards from them. But then I started to focus on making cues and that

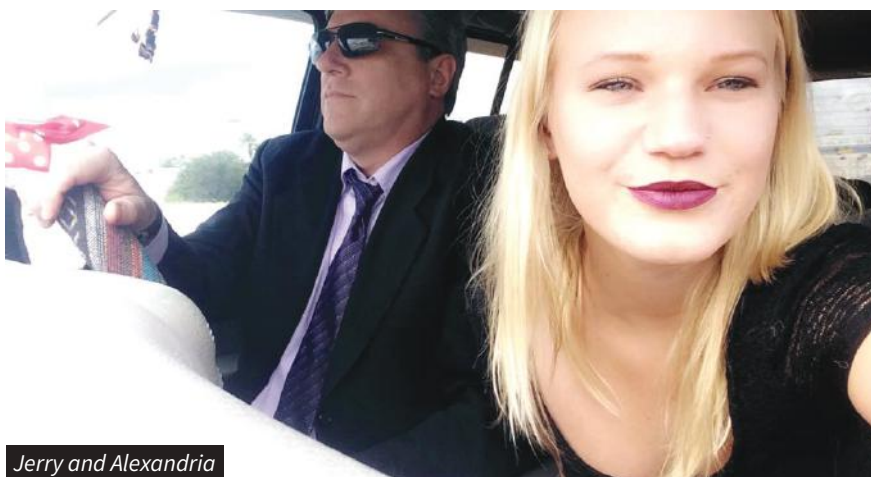
changed my direction and vision completely!

**Q:** And we are glad you did! I heard a story a long time ago that it was your dream/passion to make cues. I heard you left your job to pursue that dream. Tell us about that.

I started making pretty basic cues in 1995, while still working at Dow Chemical. Sometime after that, I went to a tournament in Vegas. Joe Salazar, a good friend of mine, let me put my cues in his booth to see how I would do. I didn't bring a lot, but I did sell out of everything I had! That was the moment I realized I wanted to work for myself. I wanted to have total control over my own destiny.

Not long after that tournament, Dow Chemical offered an early retirement package. I took them up on their offer. I received a small sum of money that I used to purchase enough equipment to get my business started. At this point in my life, I had a huge mortgage on a big 4 bedroom home and had the bills that go along with it. And then I no longer had that income. So, my risk was huge; I had to make a decent income right away.

**Q:** Wow, that had to feel like a lot of pressure on you! What did your family think when you came home



*Jerry and Alexandria*



Jerry and Christina

one day and said, “I’m going to make cues!”?”

They were very supportive. My friends thought I was crazy though, haha.

**Q:** How many kids do you have?

I have 4 kids. Stephanie is 35, Alexandria is 20, Justin is 18, and Christina is 10.

**Q:** Where did you start making cues?

I started out small and careful, and so out of convenience I worked out of my garage.

**Q:** Where do you get your ideas from for your cue designs?

My ideas come from all over the place. I walk by a stained glass window and get an idea. I see a picture, a building, or clip art for tattoos and get ideas. And, of course I get ideas from my customers. Sometimes their cue design is based on their hobbies. Other times,

there is a sentimental reason for their designs.

**Q:** What do you love best about making cues?

Being creative! And also being able to make my customers’ visions come to life; I really enjoy being able to make them happy.

**Q:** You currently are the sponsor of the Ladies Tour in Texas, the “Jerry Olivier Ladies Tour.” How did it feel to be approached by them to be their sponsor?

When I first started out I used to go to a little pool hall in Alvin, TX called Big Daddies. They were one of the stops for The Hunter Classic Tour, which eventually became The OB Ladies Tour. The one thing I remember is, it was always well run. I don’t want to sound egotistical, but I wanted to be big enough AND good enough to support a tour like that in my backyard of Texas someday.

I’m not sure what thoughts the Ladies have for this tour, but I would like to eventually make it bigger. Maybe take to a more national stage.

So, I guess, to answer this question, it was a true honor to be asked to do this. I will do everything in my power to make it successful!

**Q:** Tell us about the JO+ High Performance Low Deflection Shaft.

For years I have been asked to make a high performance-low deflection shaft. And, for years I sat and watched more and more top companies make a low deflection shaft. When I finally decided to make my JO+ Shaft, I went to my friends at Tiger Products. I got advice from Tony and Eli, who I’ve known for over 20 years. I won’t go into any of the proprietary information on how it is constructed, but we did make the changes we felt were needed to make them lower deflection than my Classic shaft. Since introducing them, almost 2 years ago, I cannot keep them in stock. I am sold out before the batch is finished - EVERY time! I am still a one-man custom cue shop, but I am doing everything I can to keep up with the demand.

**Q:** You travel to many tournaments and set up booths for your cues. Do you enjoy traveling? What’s your favorite part about attending those tournaments?

I do enjoy traveling now that my kids are older. My favorite part of attending the tournaments are the people! I enjoy meeting new people. And, I absolutely love seeing all my existing customers, who have now become my friends, who stop by and show me the cues that they have purchased in the past.

**Q:** How many tournaments do you go to a year? What is your favorite event?

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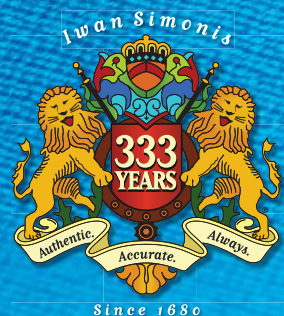
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To name a few, The Houston Open, five-six Jerry Olivier Ladies Tour events, Junior Norris, ACS, BCAPL Nationals, Space City Open, Super Billiards Expo, APA World Pool Championship, and various tournaments at Bogies Billiards in Houston, TX and Bob's Billiards in New Braunfels, TX.

They are all my favorite! There is NO WAY I could pick just one. But, I guess if I had to.....I would say I am partial to The Houston Open.

**Q:** Do you get a chance to play pool these days?

Not as much as I would like to. But, when I do, I play at Legends Billiards in League City, TX; my home base.

**Q:** Are you a pretty good pool player?

Yes and no. I am nowhere near pro level. But, I am a good league player. (Jerry smiles)

**Q:** Of all the billiard games, which one do you like to play the best?

I didn't know anything else existed other than One Pocket!

**Q:** That's funny! I have noticed that you sponsor several players (or are they player reps?). How do you go about choosing players to sponsor and what do you expect of them as they represent your cues?

I guess I should call them Player Reps. I honestly cannot afford to "sponsor" them with their entry fees, hotel bills, and/or travel. However, I supply them with cues, shirts, and promotional items. Occasionally I can help with their expenses.

I try to sponsor players that I believe represent our sport at its best. They do not have to win every match. I really only ask them to promote my brand, and to represent me well – that's important to me. I wish I could

sponsor everyone that I feel meets these requirements! Unfortunately, I cannot afford that expense; I am a small company.

**Q:** Is your shop part of a retail place or a stand-alone building?

It's a stand-alone building. But I am currently in the process of designing and building a new shop.

**Q:** Did you build that building for your business or was it already there and you converted it to your shop?

Built it for the business. It was actually built before the house.

**Q:** You built the shop before you built the house? Wow, that's dedication right there! Do you think it's good or bad to have your "office" so close to where you live? Like, do you get distracted with ideas and want to run out there all the time because the shop is so close and convenient to get to?

Not really. I live a few miles from my shop now. And, I put so many hours in when I work, I really don't want to go back after I leave.

**Q:** Just like how the rest of us feel after we leave work, haha. Tell us about your health scare.

Several years ago I had a major heart attack at The Houston Open. I didn't eat that bad, but I did smoke at least 2 packs of cigarettes a day. Marlboros almost did me in.

**Q:** What type of symptoms did you have? Did you realize you were having a heart attack?

I was in my booth at the Houston Open when the symptoms started. I did not realize what was happening when it happened. My symptoms were:

- Very tired
- Chest felt very heavy



Jerry and Stephanie



Jerry and Justin

- Hard to breathe
- Not enough energy to even talk to people

**Q:** How scary. How are you doing today? What life changes did you make?

Today I no longer smoke cigarettes. And, I try to eat right (I rarely eat fast food, for example). I try to remember to take my blood pressure medicine as directed. I would like to work out more, however, I am extremely busy and struggle to find the time. And, when all else fails, my 10 year old daughter leaves me notes on my desk to remember to do all of these things.

**Q:** I like her! How many cues do you make a year?

I do not have an exact count because it varies from year to year, but I would say under 200. I am in the process of changing some things in my company, so, this number will continue to fluctuate.

**Q:** Do you remember the very first cue you made?

I believe a good friend of mine, John Bacon, has one of my very first cues. If memory serves me right, it had a cocobolo or rose wood front. I remember it to be a dark wood.

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

Almost everything I have done, I had to do it on my own. Don't misunderstand me, I have had help along the way. But, as far as "influence," I was raised to have good morals and high standards. And, I have done my best with that.

**Q:** Yes you have!

Thank you. Oh, and as far as "influences" on cue making, I would have to say Jim Buss, Donald Bloodworth, and Toboy. They are all great cue makers who were here in the Houston area at that time.

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

My BEST accomplishments, without a doubt, are my children. So, my most coveted title is "Dad."

**Q:** That's so awesome :) What's your favorite quote or words you live by?

It's not how much money you make, it's how much you take in at the end of the day. If you would like an explanation, feel free to contact me.

**Q:** What goals do you have?

In recent years, my goals have changed. I am in the process of building a bigger/better shop. I am streamlining my build process to build better products with better delivery times. I am building my brand.

**Q:** What is your biggest advice for people going after their dreams?

You really have to be committed to your dreams. And, you must be willing to risk it all for those dreams, but ONLY when the time is right.

Thank you, Jerry!

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).

# FU AND KO EARN CHINA OPEN WINS

When it comes to major international events, they don't get much tougher than the China Open. This year's event, held September 2nd - 4th, was no exception to that rule.

The main stage of the event split sixty-four men and forty-eight ladies into eight groups of players who played double elimination brackets down to final single elimination brackets. With these groups not seeded, players could be facing a World Champion right out of the gate. A prime example was Men's group "E", which featured Shane Van Boening, Jayson Shaw, Eklent Kaci and Ralf Souquet. Not one of these players remained undefeated in the group as Wang Can & Mario He qualified undefeated while Shaw & Aloysius Yapp made it through with one loss. The list of players not advancing from the double elimination stage included such notables as Thorsten Hohmann, Alex Pagulayan, Ko Ping Chung and Billy Thorpe. On the ladies side, World #1 Siming Chen, Allison Fisher, Jasmin Ouschan, Kristina Tkach, Shin-Mei Liu



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Ko Pin Yi

9-1 for Fu's second China Open crown (2011 and 2018).

The men's final between Jayson Shaw and Ko Pin Yi was much more competitive by comparison. Shaw had wins over Joshua Filler, Jung Lin Chang, Singapore's Aloysius Yapp and Jin Hu Dang on the way to the final, while Ko got past South Africa's Richard Halliday, Fedor Gorst, David Alcaide and Wu Jiaqing. As the final got underway, it was Ko that seemed to be struggling with the table and Shaw taking an early 4-1 lead. There aren't many players on the planet who have the firepower to stay with Shaw when he is on a roll, but Ko is definitely one of those players. Ko turned up the heat and was tied with Shaw three racks later. The match turned at 7-7 when it was delayed by racking issues. Ko came out of that delay and won two racks for his biggest lead at 9-7 and that left Shaw trying to catch up with the Taipei pool master. Shaw gave it all he had in the comeback attempt, but with the alternating break format, he would have to hope for a Ko mistake. The closest that came to happening was at 10-9 when Ko came up short on a 3-ball and played safe. Shaw returned the safety but left a bank for Ko and that was all he needed. Ko banked the ball in and ran out for the win.

and Chezka Centeno all failed to advance to the single elimination bracket.

In the single elimination ladies stage, Kelly Fisher advanced with three wins (Chia Hua Chen, Chihiro Kawahara and Sha Sha Liu) before running into a buzzsaw named Xiao Fang Fu. Fu advanced with close wins over Wei Tzu Chien and Ga-Young Kim (as well as a lopsided win over Chieh Yu Chou). The final match started with Fu fluking in a 9-ball in rack one and she never looked back. Fisher struggled with ball making and speed control, while Fu played nearly perfect. In the very rare times that Fu did make a mistake, she either came with a great shot or Fisher was unable to take advantage of the opportunity. The final score was

The win was worth \$40,000 in prize money for Ko, while Shaw settled for \$20,000 in second place prize money. Fu's win over Fisher earned her \$36,000 in prize money, while Fisher took home \$18,000 for second.



Photo Alison Chang

Xiao Fang Fu

# 2018 China Open Videos



*Jayson Shaw - Ko Pin Yi | Final*



*Kelly Fisher - Fu Xiao Fang | Final*



*Ralf Souquet - Jayson Shaw*



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*Chang Jung Lin - Joshua Filler*

# VAN BOENING CONQUERS EUROPE

**After an enormously thrilling final match from both players at the Dynamic Billard Leende Open 2018, Shane Van Boening (USA) defeated Eklent Kaci (ALB) 9-8.**

The match was a hell of a thriller. Kaci started out furiously and won the first 5 consecutive racks. Van Boening was a bit unlucky and Kaci capitalised on every Van Boening mistake with no mercy. Somehow, van Boening managed to turn the tide in the match though. Van Boening won a rack for a 6-1 scoreline and then he started mounting his comeback. He took three racks in a row before he allowed Kaci another rack in his favor. When the score was 7-4 Kaci, Van Boening again shifted into overdrive and tied the score at 7-7. At that time, he went for his timeout. He came back and the Albanian got to the hill first, winning rack 15 to make the score 8-7 for Kaci. Van Boening then broke and ran rack 16 to make the match a hill-hill affair. It was Kaci's break in the deciding rack 17. He executed a nearly perfect break shot and had the 1-ball and the 5-ball down with a perfect layout and an easy shot on the 2-ball. He pocketed the 2-ball but fell short in position for the 3-ball. Because of that, he could not cut the 3-ball in but went for a bank shot. He pocketed the 3-ball but left his cue ball behind the 7-ball with the 4-ball completely hidden. Kaci went for his jump stick and tried to jump the 4-ball but missed it. Van Boening took over at the table and gladly cleared all the remaining balls, winning the final match of the Dynamic Billard Leende Open 2018 by a whisker 9-8 after a brilliant final.

"I always believe in myself", said van Boening after the final match when asked about the situation when he



Shane Van Boening and Eklent Kaci

Photo EPBF

was trailing 0-5 and 1-6. "I worked on my mental side and I practice a lot. I try to stay calm in those situations and it helped me a lot today". "Coming to Europe and winning the Euro-Tour as the first American really makes me proud", van Boening added.

### Top Eight Finishers

1. Shane van Boening (USA)
2. Eklent Kaci (ALB)
3. Albin Ouschan (AUT)
- Pijus Labutis (LIT)
5. Corey Deuel (USA)
- Skyler Woodward (USA)
- Kim Laaksonen (FIN)
- Petri Makkonen (FIN)

This finish puts Eklent Kaci as the new #1 on the top of the Euro-Tour rankings, leading #2 Mario He and #3 Albin Ouschan (both AUT). "I am very proud to be the #1 ranked player now in Eu-

rope," Kaci mentioned. "But to be honest at the moment I still suffer from this defeat in the final", Kaci admitted.

The overall result showed a strong US team playing the Euro-Tour in Leende. Out of 9 US players starting on Thursday, 4 were among the last 16 of 159 contestants in total. That is a pretty impressive result and should give them confidence when traveling home to prepare for the next events.

The event was hosted by the European Governing Body for Pool, the European Pocket Billiard Federation (EPBF) and organized by International Billiard Promotion (IBP). For further information and reference please go to [www.eurotouronline.com](http://www.eurotouronline.com). You can also visit us on our Facebook page or check out the EPBF YouTube channel for regular news clips or contact our press office [press@epbf.com](mailto:press@epbf.com).

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# Fisher goes undefeated for the second time in a month, winning WPBA Ho-Chunk Classic

**Fresh off her August 16-19 victory at the NAPT Summer 10-Ball Classic, Allison Fisher proved once again that age is just a number, and a fairly insignificant one at that.**

**O**n the long weekend of September 13-16, Fisher joined what turned out to be 63 WPBA entrants in a multi-stage/bracket format at the Ho-Chunk Casino in Wisconsin Dells, WI and went undefeated through that field to capture her second title in a month. Fisher had to get by Korea's Ga-Young Kim twice to claim that title.

The multi-stage format of this event created preliminary, 32-entrant rounds of play for 64 invited and seeded players, based on current WPBA standings going into the event. The lower-ranked invitees faced off against each other on Thursday, Sept. 13, in a standard 32-player bracket. Sixteen players, eight on each side of the bracket, emerged and advanced to play against a group of 16 players already selected to compete on Friday. When that Friday bracket came down to a final 16, those 16 advanced to compete against the WPBA's top 16 players on Saturday (chosen from among the invitees who were able to attend). It was in this third, Saturday bracket that Fisher began her quest for the title.

On Thursday in races to 7, Kaylin Wikoff, Caroline Pao, Tonya Wiser, Naomi Williams, Kristie Bacon, Cathy Metzinger, Jia Li, and Jenna Bishoff won two matches each to advance to Friday's bracket. In her second match, Jia Li downed LoreeJon Hasson 7-5 to get into that winners' side final eight. Metzinger was among the final eight as the result (in part) of a forfeit by Jeannette Lee in her opening round of play. Lee came back through two



*Ga-Young Kim and Allison Fisher*

*Photo WPBA*

rounds of loss-side play to become one of the 16 that advanced to Friday. Hasson won her only match on the loss side of the Thursday bracket and advanced, as well, along with Maria Juana, Lisa Cossette, Susan Wilbur, Sonya Chbeeb, Bonnie Arnold and Stephanie Mitchell.

On Friday in races to 8, Pao, Metzinger, and Arnold made it through their second day, winning two matches each to become one of the winners' side final eight advancing to Saturday. Joining the event for the first time and winning their first two were Mau-

reen Seto, Siming Chen, We Tzu Chien, April Larson and Kia Sidbury. Sidbury was originally scheduled to start on Thursday but a no-show for the tournament led to the 63-entrant field and an opening on Friday, into which she slipped. On the loss side of Friday's bracket, Juana, Bishoff, Williams, Li, and Jeannette Lee advanced to their third day of competition. Lee had been defeated by April Larson, double hill, in Friday's opening round and won two to join everybody on Saturday. Also winning two on the loss side and advancing to Saturday were

Janet Atwell (defeated by Pao, double hill, in Friday's opening round), Sara Miller and Robin Parker.

On Saturday in races to 8, Fisher said 'hello' to everybody and opened with an 8-1 victory over Juana, before running into Jeannette Lee (first of a series of classic women matchups during the day). Lee had defeated Kim Newsome 8-5 to start her day. Fisher defeated Lee 8-4 and then picked up the Texas Tornado, Vivian Villareal, who'd defeated Jennifer Barretta 8-2 in the previous round. An 8-2 win over Villareal sent Fisher to a winners' side semifinal against Siming Chen, who'd defeated Line Kjorsvik 8-4 and Caroline Pao 8-3 to reach her. Melissa Little and Ga Young Kim squared off in the other winners' side semifinal.

Fisher defeated Chen 8-2 and arrived at the hot seat match with an aggregate score of 32-9 (78%). Kim sent Little to the loss side 8-2, as well, and

**“ KIM'S SECOND SHOT AGAINST FISHER, WAITING FOR HER IN THE HOT SEAT, WAS A TIGHTLY CONTESTED, DOUBLE HILL BATTLE. FISHER CLOSED IT OUT TO CLAIM THE WPBA'S 2018 HO-CHUNK CLASSIC. ”**

she came to the hot seat with an aggregate score of 32-14 (69%). Allison claimed the hot seat 8-3 over Kim and waited on her return from the semifinals.

On the loss side, Chen picked up Barretta, who was in the midst of a four-match, loss-side winning streak that had included victories over Jeannette Lee (8-5), Jia Li (8-4) and Brittany Bryant 8-5. Little drew The Grinder, teenager April Larson, who'd been defeated by Jia Li on the winners' side of the final bracket, and was in the midst of a six-match winning streak that would take her as far as the semifinals. Lar-

son had most recently eliminated Vivian Villareal and Caroline Pao, both 8-3.

Larson advanced to the quarterfinals with an 8-5 win over Little, and was joined by Chen, who'd defeated Barretta 8-2. Larson took the quarterfinal match over Siming Chen 8-5.

Larson's remarkable run ended in the semifinals, when Kim defeated her 8-5. Kim's second shot against Fisher, waiting for her in the hot seat, was a tightly contested, double hill battle. Fisher closed it out to claim the WPBA's 2018 Ho-Chunk Classic.

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# Efren “Bata” Reyes-powered Philippine Team wins Taiwan Pool Classic

**Efren “Bata” Reyes, regarded as one of the best pool players of all time, led Team Philippines to a 13-10 victory over host Chinese-Taipei in the 2018 Pool Classic Competition dubbed as Taiwan versus Philippines held at the Taroko Mall in Taichung City, Taiwan on September 21 to 23, 2018.**

**O**ther members of Team Philippines are World 9-Ball champion Carlo Biado, Johann Chua, Jeffrey Ignacio and Roland Garcia. Puyat Sports official Christine “Ish” Caparras is also in Taichung City, Taiwan.

The Chinese-Taipei squad was composed of Ko Pin Yi, Ko Ping Chung, Chang Jun Ling, Chen Yu Chung and Yu Huan Chang.

Team Philippines pocketed 10,000 US Dollar for their impressive performance while host Chinese-Taipei received 5,000 US Dollar for their efforts.

Long Time-billiards patron Aristeo “Putch” Puyat congratulated Team Philippines for their victory in the 2018 Pool Classic Competition in Taichung City, Taiwan, saying their triumph once again proved that Filipinos are indeed “world class.”



Efren “Bata” Reyes

“Once again, congratulations Efren (Reyes), Carlo (Biado), Johann (Chua), Jeffrey (Ignacio) and Roland (Garcia). You have made every Filipino proud of your triumph,” said Aristeo “Putch”

Puyat, president of the Billiards Sports Confederation of the Philippines (BSCP).

In some of the matches, Reyes toppled Chang, 6-4, Reyes and Ignacio beat Ko Pin Yi and and Chen, 6-3.

Ignacio, meantime blasted Ko Pin Yi, 6-0, Biado edged Chang Jung Lin, 5-4, Biado and Garcia yielded to Ko Pin Yi and Ko Ping Chun, 5-6.

The tournament featured singles and doubles matches in the 8,9 and 10 ball competition.

Chua and the rest of the team proceed to Beijing, China for the CBSA Miyun International 9-ball Open Tournament.



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# Feijen Wins Kremlin Cup / Team USA Wins Dream Challenge

For the second straight year, Johan Ruysink brought his Team USA hopefuls to Moscow for the Kremlin Cup. This year's event, held September 10th - 15th, drew a field of 102 players for the 9-ball division.

As one of the final European Mosconi Cup points events, the field included top European talent in an event that has quickly become a regular stop on the professional 9-ball yearly circuit.

The event was broken into two stages, starting with a 128 player double elimination bracket that narrowed down to a 32 player single elimination chart consisting of 16 undefeated players

and 16 players with one loss. Three of the nine Team USA hopefuls made it out of the first stage into the final sixteen with Shane Van Boening remaining undefeated in the first stage and Billy Thorpe and Tyler Styer qualifying through the one loss side. Van Boening and Styer were eliminated in the first round of the final thirty-two with Van Boening losing to World #1 Eklent Kaci 8-4 and Styer falling to Finland's

Kim Laaksonen 8-3. Thorpe would get one round further, scoring a hill-hill win over Joshua Filler but then losing to 2016 champion Alex Kazakis 8-5 in the round of sixteen.

Kazakis would follow up his win over Thorpe with back-to-back hill-hill wins over Kaci and Fedor Gorst (the highest finishing Russian player left in the field) to earn his place in the finals. His opponent would be World Pool



Alex Kazakis, Niels Feijen and Fedor Gorst



Master Champion Niels Feijen. Feijen earned his place in the finals with single elimination wins over Konstantin Stepanov and Albin Ouschan.

The final match went back and forth with neither player able to pull ahead by much. The players exchanged the lead back and forth with Feijen the only player to hold more than a one rack lead at 4-2. Feijen would reach the hill first at 7-5 but a missed one ball in rack thirteen by Feijen led to a 7-6 scoreline and then Kazakis would win rack fourteen on his break for hill-hill. Feijen would not allow Kazakis a chance in the final rack as he broke and ran a tricky rack for the 8-7 win and first place.

Immediately following the Kremlin Cup, the 2nd Dream Challenge pitted a team of American Mosconi Cup hopefuls against the best Russian 9-ball talent. For the second straight

year, this three-day exhibition came down to hill-hill and once again came down to the Captain's picks of Shane Van Boening vs Fedor Gorst. As if that wasn't coincidence enough, it was once again Van Boening over Gorst for the win.

The Team USA International Tour didn't end in Moscow, as they then traveled to The Netherlands for the Eurotour Leende Open, where Van Boening earned the first ever Eurotour win by an American player. (Ed. Note: See our story on page 20)



# Bryant goes undefeated to win NAPT Desert Classic at Griff's in Las Vegas

**With her victory in the Sept. 22-23 NAPT Desert Classic in Las Vegas, Brittany Bryant officially made 2018 her best recorded earnings year in the dozen that she's been appearing on our payout lists. She went undefeated through a field of 34 and faced Melissa Little twice to claim the event title, her first since winning the Music City Classic in January.**

In addition to these two 2018 victories, Bryant finished as runner-up twice; at the Super Billiards Expo in April and the 3rd Annual Ashton Twins Classic in June (to Karen Corr and Vivian Villareal, respectively). The \$5,000-added, 10-Ball event was hosted by Griff's in Las Vegas.

Following victories over Christina Gonzalez, Gigi Callejas and Veronique Menard, Bryant moved into a winners' side semifinal against Eleanor Callado, who'd just sent her sister, Emily Callado to the loss side. Melissa Little, in the meantime, got by Mary Coffman, Tina Malm (double hill), and Sara Miller to draw Kaylin Wikoff in the other winners' side semifinal.

Little got into the hot seat match rather handily, allowing Wikoff only a single rack in their race to 7. Bryant and Eleanor Callado locked up in a double hill fight that eventually sent Callado to the loss side and Bryant to the hot seat match. In their first of two, Bryant defeated Little 7-5 and sat in the hot seat awaiting the outcome of the semifinals.

On the loss side, Wikoff picked up Veronique Menard, who'd been sent west by Bryant in a winners' side quarterfinal and then, after defeating Jia Li 7-5, survived a double hill challenge by Tina Malm. Eleanor Callado drew Teruko Cucculelli, who'd been defeated by Eleanor's sister, Emily, double

hill, in the second round and was in the midst of a seven-match, loss-side winning streak that would take her as far as the semifinals.

Wikoff stopped Menard's short loss-side streak 7-5, and in the quarterfinals, faced Cucculelli, who'd eliminated Eleanor Callado by the same 7-5 score. Cucculelli advanced one more step, downing Wikoff in the quarterfinals 7-4.

Cucculelli and Little battled back and forth in what proved to be a relatively lengthy semifinal. Each had opportunities they took advantage of and others they failed to capitalize on. It was tied at 5-5, at which point, Little took command to win the next two and earn herself a rematch against Bryant in a true double elimination final.

Their individual Fargo Ratings were 21 points apart, with Bryant holding the advantage (662-641) and in the matchup projections, held a 60.5-39.5 edge. Bryant jumped out to an early lead in what could have been a two-set final, but, at 6-2, advantage Bryant, didn't appear likely. Little rallied, however, and won three to make a second set possible. In the 12th game, Bryant missed a shot, leaving Little a slam-dunk shot at the 3-ball, giving her an opportunity to clear the table and knot the opening set at 6-6. Little failed to capitalize, and Bryant ended it to claim her second 2018 title since winning the Music City Classic in January.



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# Tkach takes Braga Open 2018

**Kristina Tkach (RUS) won the Braga Open 2018 with a 7-0 whitewash in the final over Marharyta Fefilava (BLR). The Braga Open Women's Euro-Tour was organised for the 6th and final time by Sara Rocha (POR) who is a regular on women's events and European Championships for many years now.**

Over the last 6 years, the European women have enjoyed the tournament and its surroundings very much and appreciate the event a lot.

Tkach and Fefilava, the #2 and #1 players on the Women's Euro-Tour ranking, both had a remarkable path into the final match. Fefilava did not really experience too much resistance on her journey. She eliminated two local players 7-1 and 7-0 before she met Sara Rocha, also a local but also a regular on the women's tour. Fefilava kept the upper hand in that match and won it 7-3. After that, Fefilava defeated Yvonne Ullmann-Hybler (GER) 7-1 and in the semi-final Pia Filler (GER) with a 7-4 scoreline. On the other side of the draw, Kristina Tkach had it much tougher. She also had two victories over two local players before she encountered Ewa Bak (POL) in her third match. That match went 12 racks with Tkach standing tall at 7-5 in the end. Tkach just managed to get her foot over the finish line before her next opponent Tina Vogelmann (GER) and won the match with the closest of all results, 7-6. In the semi-final, Tkach ousted Ine Helvik (NOR) with a 7-3 scoreline. With these results under their belts, Fefilava and Tkach met in the final match. A fierce fight and close encounter was expected by all spectators, but to the shock of all spectators Fefilava could not get a foot on the ground in the final match. Tkach dominated the set and showed no mercy to her opponent who could



Photo Alison Chang

**“TKACH DOMINATED THE SET AND SHOWED NO MERCY TO HER OPPONENT WHO COULD NOT FIND A VALID WAY TO BREAK TKACH'S FLOW.”**

not find a valid way to break Tkach's flow. In the end, the final match was a "one-girl-show" with Kristina Tkach winning the match and the title 7-0.

In the Women's Euro-Tour Rankings, Fefilava remains the #1 player, 50 points ahead of #2 Tkach. Oliwia Czuprynska and Jasmin Ouschan (AUT) fill out the top four places on the rankings list.

#### TOP EIGHT FINISHERS

1. Kristina Tkach RUS
2. Marharyta Fefilava BLR
3. Ine Helvik NOR  
Pia Filler GER
5. Yvonne Ullmann-Hybler GER  
Oliwia Czuprynska POL  
Kristina Zlateva BUL  
Tina Vogelmann GER

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## Europe Announces 2018 Team for 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Atlantic Challenge Cup

**The European Pocket Billiard Federation today announced its team to face the Americans during this year's staging of the 4th annual Atlantic Challenge Cup taking place in Las Vegas, Nevada, November 29 - December 1, 2018 at the South Point Hotel and Casino.**

**T**he European team consists of Russia's Fedor Gorst, Poland's Wiktor Zielinski, Netherland's Jan Van Lierop, and Germany's Patrick Hofmann. On the girls' side are Russia's Valeriia Trushevskaya and Poland's Weronika Karwik. Zielinski and Hoffman have qualified for the European team for the second year in a row and both played key roles in last year's victory, with Zielinski pocketing the last 9-Ball for the team win and Hoffman returning as the 2017 MVP.

"Every year is a new year with a new team, we cannot look at Europe's past performances in the Atlantic Challenge Cup and think this year will be easy," said EPBF president Gre Leenders. "We have tremendous respect for Allison Fischer and we are confident she will have Team USA ready to play and be very competitive. However, I am positive Team

EUROPE's Captain Tomas Brikmanis will have this year's team focused and ready to play. His experience and insights from the 2016 Chicago victory will help our team members traveling to the United States and playing in such a high-pressure team atmosphere for the first time."

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# THE BUZZ SPOTLIGHT

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Since we are going to be in Norfolk this month for the new International event hosted by Pat Fleming we have decided to share our coverage of the US Open in Norfolk in 2008, ten years ago. We hope you enjoy the memories and the photos of your favorite players when they had few less years on them. Our reporting began on the very first day:

## DAY ONE

As day one of the 33rd Annual US Open 9-Ball Championship winds down, the complete field of 238 players still hold hopes of winning this event. But some will have a bit more work to do than others. Danny Harriman looked good early in his match against former champion Rodney Morris. Harriman led the match 10-4, but would not win another game as Morris came back for the hill-hill win.

Raj Hundal had his hands full with California's Danny Petralba. Hundal trailed late, but stole the match away with a hill-hill win. Louis Ulrich looked



Raj Hundal

lost in his tv table match against Rodolfo Luat. Luat took an early lead and kept Ulrich from ever getting comfortable at the table. Luat went on to win the match 11-5.

Defending champion Shane Van Boening had a less than stellar starting

match against Zaid Thweib from Jordan. Thweib stayed with Van Boening until 6-6 when Van Boening took control for the 11-7 win. Last year's runner-up finisher Ronnie Alcano got off to a slow start against Mike Brown and trailed the match early. When Alcano did finally get going, he cruised to an 11-7 win. Other players looked very strong in their opening matches. Max Eberle, Charlie Bryant, Gabe Owen and Oscar Dominguez all scored commanding wins on day one.

## DAY TWO

Day two is complete at the 33rd Annual US Open 9-Ball Championship and the day did not pass without a few upsets. Early in the day, Francis Crevier shocked Ronnie Wiseman with an 11-6 win. Crevier actually led the match 10-1, but struggled to put Wiseman away. Former Champion Jeremy Jones held a four rack lead over Michael Bads-teubner, but could not finish him off and lost the match. Jerry Tarantola



Rodney Morris



"Hillbilly" Charlie Bryant

his first loss 11-6. Other top players looked strong on day two. Mika Immonen, Charlie Williams, Shawn Putnam, Rodolfo Luat, Sylver Ochoa, Thorsten Hohmann and Tyler Edey all scoring convincing wins on Monday.

### DAY THREE

The Day Three Afternoon Session is complete with a handful of surprise early eliminations from the event. The majority of the Tuesday afternoon matches were on the one loss side and that proved to be the end of the line for Louis Ulrich after an 11-2 loss to Jose Alvarez. Tony Crosby was also eliminated by Jorge Rodriguez hill-

also won a close match against Rafael Martinez early in the day.

Another former champion, Gabe Owen, lost a dogfight with Ramil Gallego. Neither player seemed able to take control of the match, but it was Gallego who scored the win.

Niels Feijen trailed in his match against Josh Ulrich 3-0, but came back to win ten straight games and won the match 11-4. After the dinner break, the upsets continued with Chris Szuter scoring an 11-6 win over Ralf Souquet and young gun Beau Runningen handing John Schmidt



Tyler Edey



Gabe Owen

hill. Crosby trailed badly in the match, but had come back to take a late lead. A missed 5-ball by Crosby was his final mistake in the match.

Day three at the 33rd Annual US Open 9-Ball Championship is complete and the big story of the evening rounds was Nick Varner's come from behind win over Rodolfo Luat. Varner trailed Luat 8-5, but brought the house to its feet with an 11-10 victory. Johnny Archer advanced into round four with a hard fought 11-9 victory over Max Eberle, and last year's 2nd place finisher was taken to hill-hill by Arizona's Mitch Ellerman before he ran the



Tony Crosby

joined on the winners side by Jose Parica, Johnny Archer, Daryl Peach, Ronnie Alcano and Rodney Morris.

On the other side of the coin, the seriousness of the matches got the best of some players. Lee Van Cortezza, Mike Dechaine and Shane Van Boening all missed relatively routine shots at crucial moments to cost them matches. Van Cortezza lost to Ronnie Alcano and then had to fight to defeat Ralf Souquet and stay alive in the event. Van Boening lost to Jose Parica and was then eliminated by Larry Nevel. Dechaine lost to Tyler Edey after missing a seven ball at hill-hill and was eliminated from the event.

final rack for the win. Warren Kiamco looked to be running away with his match against Josh Lewis. Kiamco led the match 6-1, but Lewis quickly came back and won the match 11-9.

### DAY FIVE

Day five at the US Open 9-Ball Championship is complete and it was a day filled with lopsided wins as well as tight forearms as the pressure of the situation got the best of a few players. On the positive side, dominating wins were scored on Thursday by Francisco Bustamante, Mika Immonen and Thorsten Hohmann as all three players remained undefeated. They are



Francisco Bustamante

### FINAL DAY

After six days of play, the 33rd Annual US Open 9-Ball Championship is now down to just four players. On the winners side, last year's runner up Ronnie Alcano will face 2001 runner up Mika Immonen. Both players have been on top of their games all weeklong and have taken down every opponent placed in their path. Immonen has possibly been the best player all week and has wins over Nick Varner, Shawn Putnam, Jose Parica and Johnny Archer to his credit. Alcano has shown the form that took him to the finals last year and has notable wins over Mitch Ellerman, Tyler Edey, Lee Van



Warren Kiamco



Corey Deuel

anyone in the world. That, combined with his uncanny shot-making, makes him a favorite anytime he enters a tournament room.

Immonen was less stoic. He made some errors early on that seemed to rattle him. He jumped a cue ball off the table on a table-length jump shot, the type of long jump that only rarely results in a cue ball on the floor. This seemed to haunt him, as the look on his face when he returned to his chair seemed to say that he felt the pool gods were conspiring against him. This arena is full of unpleasant ghosts for Immonen. It is the same spot where Corey Deuel ran over him 11-0 to win the 2001 US Open. One can only imagine that Immonen wants very badly to show, if only to himself, that he can win the big one here. Most fans know that he is more than capable of defeating anyone in the world, but Chesapeake has proven an albatross to his fortunes.

By the time the scoreline moved to 8-3, Alcano began to look so relaxed that one would never have known by his demeanor that he was in a big match. He moved calmly from ball to ball with a shooting arm that was loose and deadly. The cue ball ful-

Corteza, Francisco Bustamante and Rodney Morris.

On the one loss side, Warren Kiamco will face Johnny Archer. Kiamco lost his second match of the event, but has cruised through the one loss side with notable wins over Daryl Peach, Lee Van Corteza, Robb Saez, Nick Varner, Tony Chohan and a come-from-behind win over Rodney Morris in his last match of the night. Archer had a much shorter route to the final four as he stayed undefeated until Friday when he dropped a match to Mika Immonen. Archer came back with an 11-8 win over Corey Deuel to earn his place in the final four.

Saturday morning found Johnny Archer and Warren Kiamco contesting the desperation match. One would be forced out in fourth place while the other would face the loser of the winner's side match between Ronnie Alcano and Mika Immonen. This was a match that Warren had been building to all week with calm, precise play and he began with a storm of game wins, putting Archer deep into a hole at 5 games to 1 in their race to 11.

Meanwhile, his countryman Ronnie Alcano was slowly building a lead over

Immonen. The crowd began to believe this would be Ronnie's day when Alcano upped his lead to 6-3. Like Kiamco, Alcano had been modestly plowing over opponents without fanfare all week long. Perhaps his most startling weapon is that he never looks tense or upset at the table. Much like Reyes, he only responds to any glitches in his game with a slight smile and a determination to not repeat the error. He never shows any outsized ego, never causes problems, just goes about his work and manages tables as well as



Mika Immonen

filled his every wish. Everything went his way until he jawed an 8 ball in rack number 12. This was the opportunity that Immonen needed to get his momentum going again. Immonen finished that rack off to bring the score to 8-4, but he was still uneasy with his position. Immonen also took the next rack, but Alcano grabbed the following one and the margin remained the same with the score at 9-5.

At the same time, Warren Kiamco was completely controlling the table with Johnny Archer and had built his lead to 7-1. Archer is not one to get excited. He has come from behind many times in his career but things certainly appeared dark for him at the moment. The darkness lifted briefly when he took the next 9 ball and moved the score to 7-2. This was but a brief joy as Kiamco took the next two racks to dominate the legendary Archer 9-2.

Alcano and Kiamco got to the hill at virtually the same moment. Alcano led Immonen 10-6 while Kiamco led Archer 10-3. Both men looked perfect. Alcano, in particular, was giving an exhibition in spinning the cue ball to exact points on the table. His stroke is unbelievable. It is completely fluid with no hitches and he accelerates all the way through the cue ball, never hesitating or wavering in any way. He broke and ran the final rack to sit in the hot-seat with an 11-6 win over Immonen. He certainly deserved to be there.

On the other table Kiamco was winding down his match with Archer. He cruised through the last rack to win 11-4 and move on the semi-finals against Immonen.

The US Open semi-final match between Warren Kiamco and Mika Immonen was all any pool fan could ever want. The first 8 racks went back and forth with each player winning more from the non-breaking position as the breaks were coming apart ugly and

leaving no shot on the lowest ball. When the match reached 4-4, Mika Immonen changed the scenario up a bit and won two racks consecutively to lead 6-4. Kiamco played an unescapable safety in rack number eleven that gave him ball-in-hand and an easy trip to 6-5. But in the next rack he erred on another safety attempt when he failed to contact a rail after hitting the two ball and Mika ran out to go back up by two racks at 7-5. When Immonen broke and ran the next rack he grabbed an 8-5 lead and Kiamco was running out of time and space to maneuver.

By now Mika had found the 'sweet spot' on the break shot and the balls were setting up well for him. He made the next break and run appear very easy and he began to walk with energy around the table. Even when Immonen failed to pocket a ball on his next break the table treated him kindly and forced Kiamco into a push-out. After a brief safety exchange Kiamco cashed an opportunity on the one but got no shape on the two. Another safety war began that Kiamco ended by banking the two into the corner. Both players then failed at difficult shots and Kiamco wound up the fortunate one with the first decent shot, a gift horse he rode home to bring the scoreline to 9-6.

The next rack was a gift to Kiamco from Immonen. Mika made a jump shot on the one ball that left the ball by the side pocket and a roadmap runout behind it. Warren lived up to his billing to climb within two games of Immonen at 9-7. Kiamco then broke and ran the next rack while Immonen sat and regretted the jump shot that had now cost him so much vital ground. Kiamco broke dry but another clumsy effort on the one ball by Immonen brought Kiamco back to the table. When Kiamco won this rack he had regained all of the territory that had lain between the two men and we were tied at nine games each. Our race to 11 had become a brutal race to two games to determine who would get the title shot.

Kiamco appeared to have an easy run after his next break. But he got straight in on the two ball and when he used draw on the cue ball to get shape on the three, he would up jawing the easy shot on the two. He jabbed his cue into the air and stomped his feet on his way back to his chair. Immonen leapt from his seat and accepted the easy rack to get to the hill first. Mika made a great break shot next and the layout was great for him with no clusters, no blocked balls and nothing on the rails. He ran the rack with ease and



Ronnie Alcano

earned his return bout with Alcano in the finals.

Mika Immonen got off to a hot and lucky start in the finals of the 33rd Annual US Open 9-Ball Championship. He won the first rack fair and square but then, after Alcano returned his push-out, fired a kick shot into the two ball that collided with the nine ball and sent it into the side pocket to give him a 2-0 lead in the final race to thirteen games. He misfired on the one ball in the next game but Alcano failed to capitalize on his trip to the table and left Mika a nifty little carom in the side pocket. From there the journey to the nine ball was an easy one and Mika converted this to a 3-0 lead.

Now Mika could relax on two fronts. He had an early lead and there would be no repeat of the whitewash he suffered in the finals pit here against Corey Deuel. Everything was going according to plan. He was putting away racks and he was keeping the red-hot arm of Alcano cool in the chair. Rack four continued the trend with a break and run. Rack five went the same way. Rack six brought Alcano to the table once to play a failed safety that only temporarily delayed Immonen's win. Finally, in rack seven, Immonen broke dry and left a shot on the one ball.

Alcano ran the rack to win his first bead. He also took the next rack but then Immonen grabbed the next two and stretched out to an 8-2 lead. The wheels were beginning to fall off for Alcano. His cue ball was no longer listening to him and the lack of shape forced him to kick and miss the three in the next rack. Mika attempted a tough cross-corner bank on the five, but left it in the jaws. Alcano could not convert the opportunity. He failed to get the cue ball out for the cut on the six and banked it back instead where it hung in the jaws. Mika was out for a 9-2 lead. Then 10-2.

Rack thirteen went to Alcano after Mika misjudged a safety and left an open shot. But Alcano knew he needed a miracle. The normally stoic Filipino great was shaking his head after many shots and had no life in his gait around the table. Still, it is not in his character to surrender and he continued the fight with all of the courage he could muster. He came out ahead in the next rack after a long exchange of safeties but still trailed widely 10-4.

In the next rack, momentum began to shift over to the other chair. Alcano got his game back as his arm had now had time to warm a bit. The stroke smoothed back out and the cue ball began to listen to him once again. He won this rack and the next one and the goal line was now once again within his field of view. Where he had once trailed by eight games the margin had now been cut in half to four. Alcano was energized again and it was the Iceman who was getting too much chair time. When Alcano won the next rack to bring it within three, Immonen noticeably squirmed in his seat.

Immonen struggled early in the next rack, making tough shots to get to the three ball that he used for a com-

bo to pocket the nine. Now Immonen only needed to win two games before Alcano could capture six. He failed to pocket a ball on the next break but Alcano scratched on his very first shot to bring Mika back into play. Mika cruised through the remaining eight balls to stand alone on the hill, one step away from glory.

All Mika wanted was a single break and run. But he came up dry on the break. Alcano had no shot on the one ball and his kick attempt came out poorly. Mika could see the whole ball and the ball could see the pocket. He made the one and now only had to hold his nerves to claim the title. His are got a little clumsy on the four ball and delivered tough shape on the five. He made a tough, thin cut to pocket the five but had nothing for the six ball but a safety. It was a good one, leaving Alcano only a kick. Alcano made the hit and left Immonen a bank into the side or another safety if he wished. Immonen played a two-way shot that left him safe when the six ball failed to drop in the side. Alcano made the hit but left a Cosmo table that Mika easily cleared to take the game, the match, and his place in history.

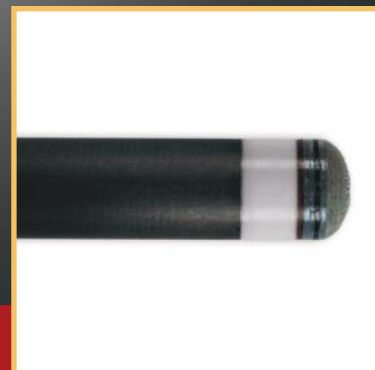


*Immonen defeated Alcano for the Open win.*

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**OCTOBER 5 - NOVEMBER 25**

## 39th Annual Midwest Bar Table Classic

**10/05 - 10/07**

John Wayne's Pub  
Indianapolis, Indiana

## Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2018 Stop

**10/06 - 10/06**

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

## 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/>

## Chinese 8-Ball International Open

**10/13 - 10/19**

58 Convention Center  
City Of Industry, California  
Website: <http://www.zs8q.com/>

## Action Pool Tour 2018 Stop #10

**10/13 - 10/14**

Peninsula Billiards  
Newport News, Virginia  
Website: <http://www.actionpooltour.com>

## 4th Annual Great Dismal Swamp 9-Ball Classic

**10/18 - 10/20**

Colonial Cues  
Elizabeth City, North Carolina  
Website: <http://www.southeastopen.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/>

## The International 9-Ball Open

**10/21 - 10/27**

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel  
Norfolk, Va

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**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  
Website: <http://www.joss9balltour.com/>

## Coupe du Quebec Women's Division 1 Pro Event

**11/01 - 11/04**

Dooly's  
Quebec  
Website: <http://www.playnapt.com/>

## Super 32 10-Ball Championship

**11/03 - 11/04**

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

## Joss Tour 2018-2019 Stop 6

**11/03 - 11/04**

Union Station Billiards  
Portland, Maine  
Website: <http://www.joss9balltour.com>

## 2nd Annual East Coast Canadian 9-Ball Open

**11/06 - 11/12**

Railbirds  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

## The Tornado Open 2018

**11/07 - 11/11**

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino  
Atlantic City, New Jersey

## DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop

**11/10 - 11/11**

Rusty's Billiards  
Arlington, TX  
Website: <https://dfw9bt.com>

## Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2018 Season Finale

**11/10 - 11/10**

Main Street Billiards  
Mesa, AZ  
Website: <http://www.awbt.net>

## Gulf Coast Women's Regional Tour 2018 Stop 7

**11/10 - 11/11**

Fat Racks Billiards and Sports Lounge  
San Antonio, Texas  
Website: <http://gulfcoastregionaltour.com>

## US Open Straight Pool Championship 2018

**11/15 - 11/18**

Griff's  
Las Vegas, Nevada

## Diamond Pool Tour 2018 Season Finale

**11/15 - 11/18**

Casino Del Sol Resort  
Tucson, Arizona  
Website: <http://www.diamondpooltour.com>

## 30th Ocean State 9-Ball Championship

**11/17 - 11/18**

Snookers Pool Lounge  
Providence, RI  
Website: <http://www.joss9balltour.com/>

## AllOutPool Tour 2018 Stop 8

**11/24 - 11/25**

Premier Billiards  
Coral Springs, Florida

# Tourney Results

08/29 - 09/03

## 45th Annual Texas Open Scotch Doubles

### Skinny Bob's Billiards

Round Rock, Texas

- 1 Kelly Isaac \$700
- 1 Roberto Gomez \$700
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- 1 Roberto Gomez \$700
- 2 James Davis Sr \$450
- 2 Jennifer Kraber \$450
- 2 James Davis Sr \$450
- 2 Jennifer Kraber \$450
- 3 Gail Eaton \$295
- 3 James Davis Jr. \$295
- 3 Gail Eaton \$295
- 3 James Davis Jr. \$295
- 4 Kimberly Brown \$195
- 4 Kimberly Brown \$195
- 5 Kim Sanders \$155
- 5 Daniel Baker \$155
- 5 Kim Pierce \$155
- 5 Kim Pierce \$155
- 5 Brian Sanders \$155
- 5 Kim Sanders \$155
- 5 Daniel Baker \$155
- 5 Brian Sanders \$155
- 4 Omar Al Shaheen \$105
- 4 Omar Al Shaheen \$105

08/29 - 09/03

## 45th Annual Texas Open Ladies Division

### Skinny Bob's Billiards

Round Rock, Texas

- 1 Ming Ng \$900
- 2 Jennifer Kraber \$625
- 3 Emily Duddy \$425
- 4 Tam Trinh \$290
- 5 Shayla Neris \$200
- 5 Ellen Robinson \$200
- 7 Melinda Huang \$140
- 7 Gail Eaton \$140

08/29 - 09/03

## 45th Annual Texas Open - Open Division

### Skinny Bob's Billiards

Round Rock, Texas

- 1 Omar Al Shaheen \$4,200
- 2 Justin Bergman \$2,600
- 3 Warren Kiamco \$1,600
- 4 Jalal Yousef \$1,000
- 5 Francisco Bustamante \$630
- 5 Robb Saez \$630
- 7 John Morra \$450
- 7 Casper Matikainen \$450
- 9 Benito Cazares \$320
- 9 Justin Espinoza \$320
- 9 Jeff Melton \$320
- 9 Jimmy Krone \$320
- 13 James Davis Jr. \$240
- 13 Skyler Woodward \$240
- 13 Manny Chau \$240
- 13 Joey Torres \$240
- 17 Blaine Barcus \$200
- 17 Billy Dyke \$200
- 17 Shane Hvamstad \$200
- 17 Roberto Gomez \$200
- 17 Tommy Sanders \$200
- 17 Kevin Guimond \$200
- 17 David Gonzalez \$200
- 17 Marko Clarke \$200
- 25 Kenny Nguyen \$175
- 25 Billy Guy \$175
- 25 James Davis Sr \$175
- 25 Charlie Bryant \$175
- 25 Brian Sanders \$175
- 25 Daniel Baker \$175
- 25 Micah Ott \$175
- 25 Robert Clarke \$175

09/01 - 09/03

## 2018 Spokane Open

### Black Diamond Billiards

Spokane Valley, WA

- 1 Stephen Ho Lem \$3,700
- 2 Brady Gollan \$2,000
- 3 Paul Potier \$1,300

- 4 Erik Vargas \$750
- 5 John Dougherty \$500
- 5 Steve Smith \$500
- 7 Cole Gibbons \$300
- 7 Wade Thompson \$300
- 9 Jesse Garcia \$150
- 9 Jack Haggie \$150
- 9 Josh Smith \$150
- 9 Kings Santy \$150
- 13 Matt Hall \$100
- 13 Gavin Roderick \$100
- 13 Stephen Folan \$100
- 13 Steve Lingelbach \$100

09/01 - 09/03

## Predator Pro-Am Tour 2018 Stop #12 Eastern States Championship Amateur Division

### Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

- 1 Alex Osipov \$2,000
- 2 Victor Nau \$1,300
- 3 Rafael Ortiz \$850
- 4 Paul Lyons \$600
- 5 Miguel Laboy \$300
- 5 Luis Carrasco \$300
- 7 Suzanna Wong \$200
- 7 Mario Lozano \$200
- 9 Paul Everton \$150
- 9 Thomas Schreiber \$150
- 9 Ray Feliciano \$150
- 9 Debra Pritchett \$150
- 13 Robert Mendoza \$100
- 13 Chickie Romero \$100
- 13 Nick Croce \$100
- 13 Juan Melendez \$100

09/01 - 09/03

## Predator Pro-Am Tour 2018 Stop #12 Eastern States Championship Open Pro Division

### Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

- 1 Frankie Hernandez \$1,500

- 2 Jorge Rodriguez \$1,000
- 3 Mike Dechaine \$500
- 4 Annie Flores \$200

## 09/01 - 09/02

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### Speak Eazy Billiards

Sanford, NC

- 1 Keith Bennett \$750
- 2 Justin Martin \$550
- 3 BJ Ussery \$325
- 4 Joshua Shultz \$225
- 5 Scott Roberts \$125
- 5 Larry Faulk \$125
- 7 Mike Mullins \$100
- 7 Zac Leonard \$100

## 09/02 - 09/09

### 2018 China Open Men's Division

#### Shanghai

Shanghai,

- 1 Pin-Yi Ko \$40,000
- 2 Jayson Shaw \$20,000
- 3 Jin-Hu Dang \$10,000
- 3 Jia-Qing Wu \$10,000
- 5 Mario He \$6,000
- 5 David Alcaide \$6,000
- 5 Aloysius Yapp \$6,000
- 5 Niels Feijen \$6,000
- 9 Jeffrey Ignacio \$3,000
- 9 Che-Wei Fu \$3,000
- 9 Fedor Gorst \$3,000
- 9 Denis Grabe \$3,000
- 9 Albin Ouschan \$3,000
- 9 Jung-Lin Chang \$3,000
- 9 Xihe Zhu \$3,000
- 9 Wiktor Zielinski \$3,000
- 17 Maung Maung \$2,000
- 17 Chin-Shung Yang \$2,000
- 17 Richard Halliday \$2,000
- 17 Che-Wei Fu \$2,000
- 17 Jeffrey De Luna \$2,000
- 17 Maximilian Lechner \$2,000
- 17 Quoc Hoang Duong \$2,000
- 17 Can Wang \$2,000
- 17 Toru Kuribayashi \$2,000
- 17 Joshua Filler \$2,000
- 17 Carlo Biado \$2,000
- 17 Roland Garcia \$2,000
- 17 Chris Melling \$2,000
- 17 Chia-Chen Hsieh \$2,000
- 17 Alexandros Kazakis \$2,000
- 17 Kun Lin Wu \$2,000

## 09/02 - 09/09

### 2018 China Open Ladies Division

#### Shanghai

Shanghai,

- 1 Xiao-Fang Fu \$36,000
- 2 Kelly Fisher \$18,000
- 3 Sha Sha Liu \$9,000
- 3 Ga-Young Kim \$9,000
- 5 Xiao-Ting Pan \$5,400
- 5 Chieh-Yu Chou \$5,400
- 5 Chihiro Kawahara \$5,400
- 5 Gao Meng \$5,400
- 9 Woo-Jin Lee \$2,700
- 9 Ge Bai \$2,700
- 9 Tzu-Chien Wei \$2,700
- 9 Han Yu \$2,700
- 9 Chia Hua Chen \$2,700
- 9 Jiang Teng \$2,700
- 9 Marharyta Fefilava \$2,700
- 9 Fan Yang \$0

## 09/07 - 09/09

### 2018 Houston Open

#### Legends Billiards

League City, TX

- 1 Dennis Orcollo \$4,000
- 2 Roberto Gomez \$2,660
- 3 Francisco Bustamante \$1,830
- 4 Kevin Guimond \$1,330
- 5 Warren Kiamco \$835
- 5 Amar Kang \$835
- 7 Steve Lechner \$665
- 7 Robb Saez \$665
- 9 Richie Richeson \$540
- 9 Casper Matikianen \$540
- 9 Omar Alshasheen \$540
- 9 Andy Jethwa \$540
- 13 Manny Chau \$420
- 13 Chris Robinson \$420
- 13 Mark Garza \$420
- 13 Danny Smith \$420
- 17 Tim Ramone \$150
- 17 Jacob Watson \$150
- 17 Bobby Perez \$150
- 17 Rick Stanley \$150
- 17 Michael Pickering \$150
- 17 Josh Roberts \$150
- 17 Tony Chohan \$150
- 17 Charlie Bryant \$150
- 25 Manuel Ayala \$100
- 25 Joey Bourgeois Jr. \$100
- 25 John Morra \$100

- 25 Todd Lewis \$100
- 25 Youani Salva \$100
- 25 Cesar Arechega \$100
- 25 Ricky Hughes \$100
- 25 Tito Fernandez \$100

## 09/08 - 09/09

### DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop #9

#### Click's Billiards

Arlington, Texas

- 1 Daniel Herring \$1,015
- 2 Juan Parra \$650
- 3 Tony Top \$515
- 4 Tim Larson \$450
- 5 Philip Palmer \$350
- 5 Angelo Innes \$350
- 7 CJ Wiley \$210
- 7 Tony Mathew \$210
- 9 Greg Sandifer \$100
- 9 Robert Clark \$100
- 9 Douglas Pitts \$100
- 9 Tommy Ulbik \$100
- 13 Friday Abismo \$75
- 13 Donnie Gregory \$75
- 13 Jack Lynch \$75
- 13 Joel Betancourth \$75
- 17 Aram Hasan \$50
- 17 Robin Barbour \$50
- 17 Scott Forgason \$50
- 17 Danny Williams \$50
- 17 John Washington \$50
- 17 Ryan Schmidt \$50
- 17 Artemio Sagrero \$50
- 17 Mark Szabo \$50

## 09/08 - 09/09

### New England 9-Ball Tour Championship

#### Bo's Billiards

Warwick, RI

- 1 Joe Dupuis \$4,500
- 2 Ryan Urso \$2,750
- 3 Ryan Cullen \$1,500
- 4 Kevin Rodrigues \$1,000
- 5 Dillon Nickerson \$650
- 5 Ben Benson \$650
- 7 Roy Morgridge \$450
- 7 Anthony Petruzelli \$450
- 9 Ben Savoie \$325
- 9 Samoth Sam \$325
- 9 Steven Romann \$325

- 9 Lindsey Monto \$325
- 13 Josh Caesar \$200
- 13 Andrew Tankerley \$200
- 13 Rich Senna \$200
- 13 Rich Howard \$200
- 17 Eli Davenport \$125
- 17 Jay Cunningham \$125
- 17 Rob Diehl \$125
- 17 Tim Lavigne \$125
- 17 Josh Rupard \$125
- 17 Mike Minichello \$125
- 17 Michael Mathieu \$125
- 17 Joey Arruda \$125

## 09/08 - 09/09

### Diamond Pool Tour 2018 Stop 5

#### Griff's

- Las Vegas, Nevada
- 1 Vilmos Foldes \$895
- 2 Gary Lutman \$560
- 3 Tim Daniel \$355
- 4 Yaroslav Vinokur \$225
- 5 Roy Skenandore \$140
- 5 Brian Long \$140
- 7 Ian Costello \$90
- 7 JR Flores \$90
- 9 Gordon Kooistra \$60
- 9 Rick Armbrust \$60
- 9 Joey Barrera \$60
- 9 Peter Horton \$60

## 09/08 - 09/09

### Action Pool Tour 2018 Stop 9 Open Division

#### Breakers Sky Lounge

- Herndon, Va
- 1 Shaun Wilkie \$550
- 2 Christopher Wilburn \$350
- 3 Thomas Haas \$220
- 4 Jimmy Coleman \$140
- 5 Tuan Chau \$80
- 5 William Moon \$80
- 7 Paul Helms \$40
- 7 Scott Haas \$40

## 09/08 - 09/09

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### Borderline Billiards

- Bristol, TN
- 1 Ricky Bingham \$650
- 2 Reid Vance \$400

- 3 Steve Dye \$250
- 4 Zac Leonard \$125
- 5 Ikey Maynard \$100
- 5 Dustin Coe \$100

## 09/09 - 09/09

### Tri State Tour 2018-2019 Stop

#### CueBar Billiards

- Bayside, NY
- 1 Joe Romeo \$660
- 2 Matthew Harricharan \$390
- 3 Nathaniel Raimondo \$255
- 4 Thomas Schreiber \$160
- 5 Eugene Ok \$90
- 5 Matt Klein \$90

## 09/13 - 09/16

### WPBA Ho-Chunk Classic

#### Ho-Chunk Casino WI Dells

- , Wisconsin
- 1 Allison Fisher \$10,000
- 2 Ga-Young Kim \$6,400
- 3 April Larson \$4,100
- 4 Siming Chen \$3,300
- 5 Jennifer Barretta \$2,400
- 5 Melissa Little \$2,400
- 7 Caroline Pao \$2,100
- 7 Brittany Bryant \$1,800
- 9 Jia Li \$1,600
- 9 Maria Juana \$1,600
- 9 Monica Webb \$1,300
- 9 Vivian Villarreal \$1,300
- 13 Tzu-Chien Wei \$1,200
- 13 Maureen Seto \$1,200
- 13 Jeanette Lee \$1,200
- 17 Sara Miller \$900
- 17 Naomi Williams \$900
- 17 Kia Sidbury \$900
- 17 Jenna Bishoff \$900
- 17 Janet Atwell \$900
- 17 Cathy Metzinger \$900
- 13 Emily Duddy \$900
- 17 Gail Eaton \$600
- 17 Line Kjoersvik \$600
- 25 Bonnie Arnold \$300
- 25 Robin Parker \$300

## 09/14 - 09/16

### 2nd International Open Las Americas

#### Club Billar La Bolivar,

- Santo Domingo
- 1 Gregorio Sanchez \$2,000
- 2 Frailin Guanipa \$1,200
- 3 Ramon Diaz \$600
- 3 Raphael Dabreo \$600
- 5 Frankie Hernandez \$400
- 5 Ruben Bautista \$400
- 5 Juan Kelner \$400
- 5 Ricardo Mejia \$400

## 09/15 - 09/16

### Predator Pro-Am Tour 2018 Stop #13 Open Pro Division

#### CueBar Billiards

- Bayside, NY
- 1 Tony Robles \$450
- 2 Max Watanabe \$250
- 3 Matthew Harricharan \$70

## 09/15 - 09/16

### Predator Pro-Am Tour 2018 Stop #13 Amateur Division

#### CueBar Billiards

- Bayside, NY
- 1 Abel Rosario \$1,100
- 2 Elvis Rodriguez \$750
- 3 Greg Matos \$500
- 4 Jody Rubin \$350
- 5 Jaydev Zaveri \$225
- 5 Paul Carpenter \$225
- 7 Michael Luster \$150
- 7 Ambi Estevez \$150
- 9 Debra Pritchett \$100
- 9 Tony Ignomirello \$100
- 9 Chris Kelly \$100
- 9 Matthew Harricharan \$100

## 09/15 - 09/15

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### Rooster's 21

- Charleston, WV
- 1 Zac Leonard \$525
- 2 KC Hawley \$350
- 3 Tyrus Kelley \$175
- 4 Eddie Chapman \$100
- 5 Pete Browning \$50
- 5 Randy Smith \$50



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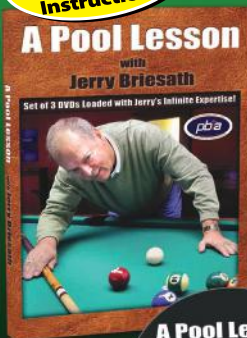
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## 09/15 - 09/16

### Jerry Olivier Ladies Tour 2018 Stop 4

#### Slick Willie's - Austin

Austin, Texas

- 1 Michelle Cortez \$770
- 2 Orietta Strickland \$600
- 3 Tam Trinh \$450
- 4 Belinda Lee \$335
- 5 Natalie Mans \$170
- 5 Jennifer Kraber \$170
- 7 Theresa Garland \$95
- 7 Yvonne Asher \$95
- 9 Kimberly Brown \$35
- 9 Rachel Hurst \$35
- 9 Kelly Isaac \$35
- 9 Darcy Durham \$35

## 09/15 - 09/15

### 1st Annual Tony Morrison Memorial

#### Dutch Mill Restaurant, Party Room and Pool Hall

Greece, NY

- 1 Nick Brucato \$270
- 2 Luis Recio \$70

## 09/16 - 09/16

### Tri State Tour 2018-2019 Stop

#### Clifton Billiards

Clifton, New Jersey

- 1 Neil Walmsley \$500
- 2 Sean Emmitt \$250
- 3 Ralph Ramos, Jr. \$175
- 4 Ralph Ramos, Sr. \$110
- 5 Tri Chau \$60
- 5 Dax Druminski \$60

## 09/20 - 09/23

### 2018 Desert Challenge

#### Griff's

Las Vegas, Nevada

- 1 Brittany Bryant \$3,375
- 2 Melissa Little \$2,700
- 3 Teruko Cucculelli \$2,025
- 4 Kaylin Wikoff \$1,350
- 5 Veronique Menard \$945
- 5 Eleanor Callado \$945
- 7 Tina Pawloski Malm \$540
- 7 Liz Cole \$540

- 9 Jia Li \$270
- 9 Emilyn Callado \$270
- 9 Sara Miller \$270
- 9 Mary Coffman \$270

## 09/20 - 09/23

### 2018 Dynamic Billard Leende Open

#### Golden Tulip Jagershorst

Leende,

- 1 Shane Van Boening \$5,572
- 2 Eklent Kaci \$3,714
- 3 Albin Ouschan \$2,166
- 3 Pijus Labutis \$2,166
- 5 Skyler Woodward \$1,547
- 5 Corey Deuel \$1,547
- 5 Kim Laaksonen \$1,547
- 5 Petri Makkonen \$1,547
- 9 Phillip Stojanovic \$1,238
- 9 Billy Thorpe \$1,238
- 9 Wojciech Sroczynski \$1,238
- 9 Maksim Dudanets \$1,238
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- 17 Niels Feijen \$619
- 17 Jakub Koniar \$619
- 17 Tomasz Kaplan \$619
- 33 Vitaliy Patsura \$309
- 33 Karol Skowerski \$309
- 33 Mohammad Soufi \$309
- 33 Benji Buckley \$309
- 33 Benjamin Belhassen \$309
- 33 Oscar Dominguez \$309
- 33 Mikka Hirvonen \$309
- 33 Marius Skoneczny \$309
- 33 Sanjin Pehlivanovic \$309
- 33 Christian Sparrenloev - Fischer \$309

- 33 Ivar Saris \$309
- 33 Marc Bijsterbosch \$309
- 33 Konstantin Stepanov \$309
- 33 Alexandros Kazakis \$309
- 33 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$309
- 33 Andreas Koukiadakis \$309

## 09/21 - 09/23

### Big Dog Weekend Extravaganza III

#### The League Room,

West Virginia

- 1 Dennis Hatch \$2,100
- 1 Danny Smith \$2,100
- 3 Dylan Lipatapanlop \$1,270
- 4 Jerald Hesson \$1,100
- 5 Rob Stillwell \$300
- 5 Shannon Murphy \$300
- 7 Frank Ruby \$250
- 7 Dee Adkins \$250
- 9 Marty Lawson \$85
- 9 Ron File \$85
- 9 Shane Albaugh \$85
- 9 Nick Coppola \$85
- 13 Bill Dunham \$65
- 13 Chris Szuter \$65
- 13 Jason Reinhart \$65
- 13 Jake Cooper \$65
- 17 Megan Kerr \$20
- 17 Norm Payne \$20
- 17 Julie Skripac \$20
- 17 Devon Criss \$20
- 17 Aaron Czetli \$20
- 17 Frank Guerrero \$20
- 17 James Heiser \$20
- 17 Larry Richards \$20

## 09/22 - 09/23

### The Maine Event XII

#### TJ's Classic Billiards

Waterville, Maine

- 1 Jeremy Sossei \$1,000
- 2 Nicolas Charette \$750
- 3 Tom Theriault \$600
- 4 Kyle Pepin \$450
- 5 Joe Darigis \$275
- 5 Rich Kravetz \$275
- 7 Cody Francis \$150
- 7 Dillon Nickerson \$150

**09/22 - 09/22**

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

### **Speak Eazy Billiards**

Sanford, NC

- 1 Zac Leonard \$450
- 2 BJ Ussery \$275
- 3 Chad Weachter \$125
- 4 JT Ringgold \$50

**09/22 - 09/23**

## **2018 Maryland State 10-Ball Championships**

### **Champion Billiards & Sports Café**

Frederick, MD

- 1 Brandon Shuff \$1,355
- 2 James Aranas \$725
- 3 Earl Strickland \$530
- 4 Del Sim \$425
- 5 Eddie Abraham \$300
- 5 Jennifer Barretta \$300
- 7 Adam Kielar \$225
- 7 Shaun Wilkie \$225
- 9 Christopher Wilburn \$175
- 9 Kevin West \$175
- 9 Joe Korsiak \$175
- 9 Tom Matikainen \$175
- 13 Jorge Rodriguez \$125
- 13 Zion Zvi \$125
- 13 Kenny Ruttman \$125
- 13 Nil Lim \$125
- 17 Matt Krah \$80
- 17 James Blackburn \$80
- 17 Rick Scarlato \$80
- 17 William Moon \$80
- 17 Justin Muller \$80
- 17 Reymart Lim \$80
- 17 Greg McAndrews \$80
- 17 Scott Haas \$80

**09/22 - 09/23**

## **The Maine Event XII Second Chance**

### **TJ's Classic Billiards**

Waterville, Maine

- 1 Dan Couture \$300
- 2 Steve Reynolds \$200
- 3 Jim Hayden \$120
- 4 Bill Cote \$60

**09/22 - 09/23**

## **Eurotour Women's 9-Ball Open**

### **Academy Baccara**

Braga, Portugal

- 1 Kristina Tkach \$933
- 2 Marharyta Fefilava \$699
- 3 Pia Filler \$437
- 3 Ine Helvik \$437
- 5 Oliwia Czuprynska \$320
- 5 Yvonne Ullmann \$320
- 5 Tina Vogelmann \$320
- 5 Kristina Zlateva \$320

**09/23 - 09/23**

## **New England 9-Ball Tour 2018-2019 Stop #1**

### **Crow's Nest**

Plaistow, New Hampshire

- 1 Carlos Aguilar \$350
- 2 Tyler Dunbar \$200
- 3 Matt Rezendes \$150
- 4 Jose Concepcion \$100
- 5 Josh Edmonds \$80
- 5 Mike Gagne \$80
- 7 Ruben Soto \$65
- 7 Ben Come \$65
- 9 Rick Bergevin \$50
- 9 Dorie Oakes \$50
- 9 Mike Nicololoro \$50
- 9 Gabe Kirshnitz \$50
- 13 Eddie Bissonnette \$35
- 13 Martin Flagg \$35
- 13 Buddy Oldham \$35
- 13 Scott Beaudreault \$35

**09/23 - 09/23**

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

### **Shooter's Family Billiards**

Wayne, NJ

- 1 Frank Sieczka \$600
- 2 Artur Trzeciak \$400
- 3 Bernard Vogelsang \$250
- 4 Greg Partlow \$150
- 5 Mark Joseph \$90
- 5 Joshua Joseph \$90
- 7 Joe Romeo \$75
- 7 Victor Silva \$75

**09/27 - 09/30**

## **NAPT Inaugural 10-Ball Invitational**

### **Shooters**

Grayslake, Illinois

- 1 Sergio Rivas \$3,800
- 2 Jason Klatt \$2,150

- 3 Max Eberle \$1,000
- 4 Larry Nevel \$750
- 5 Marvin Guss \$550
- 5 Neil Jacobs \$550
- 7 Neal Vichiensaen \$350
- 7 Tom Karabatsos \$350

**09/29 - 09/30**

## **JPNEWT Tour 2018 Stop 6**

### **First Break Cafe**

Sterling, VA

- 1 Karen Corr \$500
- 2 Kia Sidbury \$250
- 3 Nicole King \$200
- 4 Elaine Wilson \$70

**09/29 - 09/30**

## **Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop 2018 9-Ball Bar Box Tour Championship**

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

Spartanburg, SC

- 1 Brian White \$1,600
- 2 Will Hammer \$1,200
- 3 JT Ringgold \$800
- 4 Edwin Delacueva \$400
- 5 Joshua Shultz \$250
- 5 Marty Opyd \$250
- 7 Clay Davis \$150
- 7 Stevie McClinton \$150
- 9 Trey Frank \$100
- 9 Scott Roberts \$100
- 9 Michael Moore \$100
- 9 BJ Hucks \$100
- 13 Bryan Walters \$60
- 13 Randall Bowman \$60
- 13 Cameron Lawhorne \$60
- 13 Don Lilly \$60

**09/30 - 09/30**

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

### **BQE Billiards**

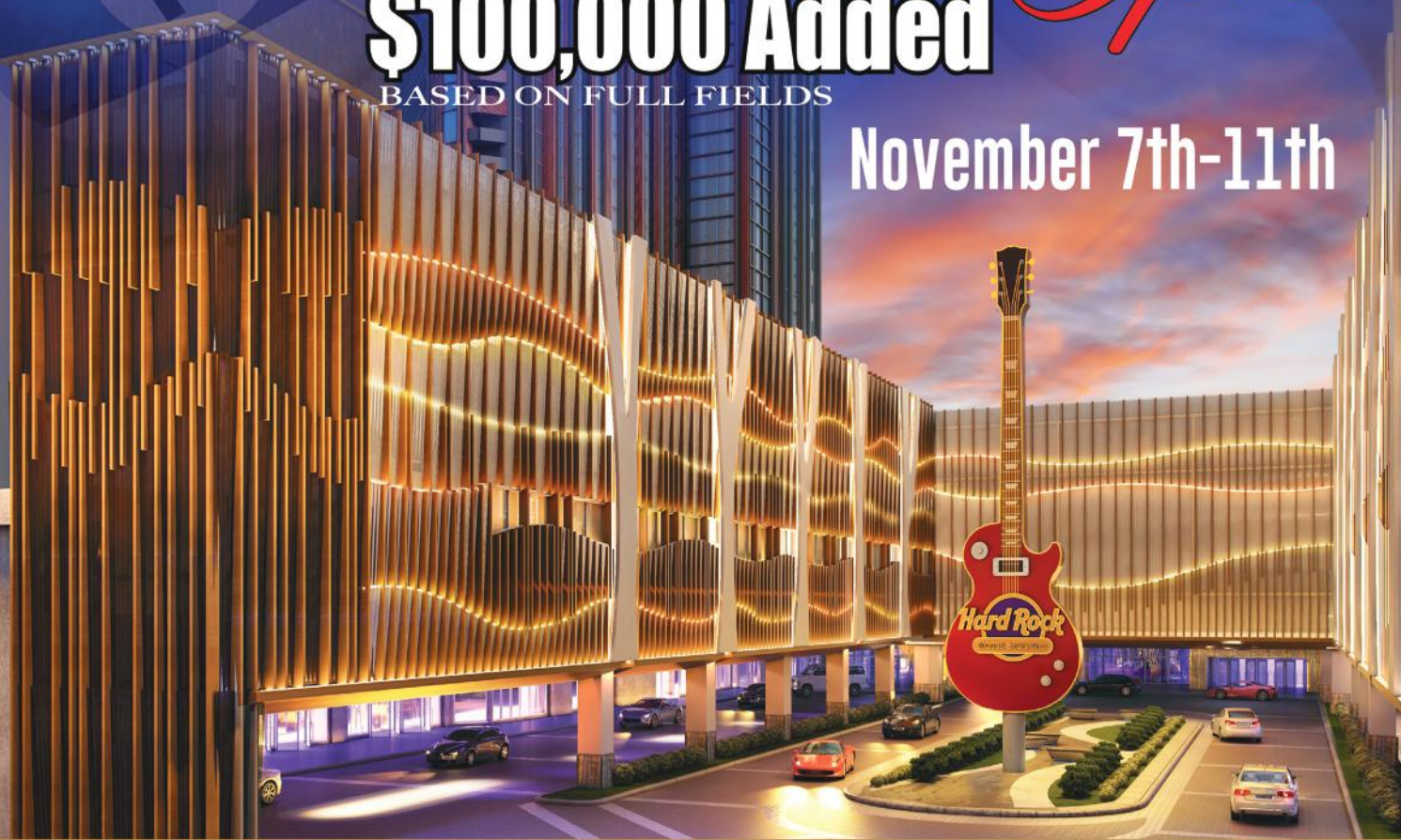
Queens, NY

- 1 Shivam Gupta \$660
- 2 Ricky Deng \$420
- 3 Bob Toomey \$260
- 4 Mike Garetta \$150
- 5 Jaydev Zaveri \$100
- 5 Daniel Decker \$100
- 7 Jerry Almodovar \$70
- 7 Nathaniel Raimondo \$70

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