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FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

Wow, this month was going to feature Jayson Shaw's record breaking seventh career win at the Turning Stone Classic. Then he went ahead and set a new world record by running 714 balls in Alexandria Virginia a week later. Sometimes it just seems like it's all too easy for Jayson. He is another in that long line of pool players (Earl, Rodney, Roger Griffis) who make this game look pretty easy. We all know that isn't the case, but someone needs to remind Jayson. One thing is for sure, if the pool scene is missing anything right now, absolute top talents in the game isn't it.

Next month will be all about the Derby City Classic. I took a last minute trip to Indiana to experience the event again this year and the way the Europeans have taken over the difference disciplines of the game is pretty amazing. With Europe beating Team USA in the Mosconi Cup for a couple of years, I see fans on social media boasting that the results would be different if the players were competing in something other than 9-ball. That might not even be the case anymore. The European players are knocking at the door at being the top players in all of the disciplines lately.

One good sign for the American fans has to be the upcoming juniors in the game. All of you readers have read about stars like Landon Hollingsworth, Lukas Fracasso-Verner and Joey Tate. Now we are seeing the top young ladies of the game getting out there and getting experience against the adults. Tatum Cutting, Kennedy Meyman and Savannah Easton are prime examples of the young ladies that will push the level of play to new levels in the next few years.

Until next time,
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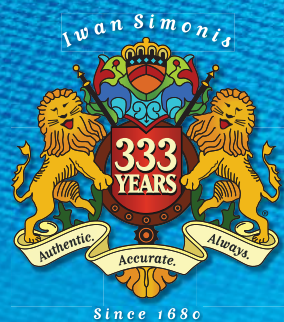
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DIAGNOSING “MENTAL” ISSUES WITH POOL PLAYERS

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We use the term “mental” in a lot of different ways when it comes to sports. We praise athletes who are “mentally tough” and marvel at their ability to play their best when the game is on the line. We also use the term “mental” to describe athletes with poor focus and the ability to stay calm in pressure situations. But what does the word “mental” actually mean when applied to sports?

Breaking down “mental” issues

If you are a pool player and sometimes struggle with mental toughness, it might help to begin by breaking down mental challenges into two categories: Cognitive and emotional. To help you better understand this breakdown I have provided further description below:

A.) Cognitive. Mental breakdowns that are rooted in cognitive psychology include lapses in what to do while at the table. Examples include taking the wrong shot, playing the wrong out, or simply putting the wrong English on the cue ball. Players can improve their cognitive abilities by continuing to learn about the game and allowing experts to teach them better ways to manage the table.

B.) Emotional. When we talk about emotional hurdles in pool, we are talking about how a player stays calm and cool when pressure increases. Does the player remain focused, or allow anxiety to distort his/her thinking? These kinds of breakdowns have little, if anything, to do with knowledge of

what to do on the next shot (cognitive), but instead relate to challenges managing nerves, anger, sadness, and other emotions that can steal focus away from the next shot.

Improve your mental toughness

Regardless of whether you are challenged by cognitive or emotional issues, you can improve in both by learning more about how you can keep your head in the game. Cognitive challenges are usually improved upon by taking lessons and learning the game of pool from more advanced players. Learning how to address the cue ball, get shape on the next shot, and execute a run out are all skills that can be learned if the player is willing to put in the work. Emotional challenges can be addressed by developing a pre-game and pre-shot routine, using skills like imagery and breathing, and coming up with a bounce-back mech-



anism for those times where you feel like you are allowing negative emotions to take over your game. Regardless of the type of mental challenge you face, it's important that you are proactive and seek the assistance that will best help your game.



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HOW MUCH SHOULD YOU CARE?

ANTHONY BEELER

Throughout the past 35 years, I'm confident that I have either made or witnessed every mistake possible in pool. When it comes to attitude on the pool table, it is critical to have a balanced view.

While this might sound simple, I can guarantee that maintaining a positive attitude will be a very difficult thing to do under given circumstances. Every pool player in the world could use help in this area.

Finding the balance between caring too much and not enough might look different for everyone. We each bring our own personalities to the table. However, I know that leaning too far in either direction does not usually work out in the long run.



All of you know this by now, a tournament takes a long time to play. Each round usually has its own unique challenges. If I had to pinpoint one of my biggest flaws as a player, I reacted too heavily based on the result of each game.

Losing a game or two might send me into a panic – suddenly, I'm walking faster and worrying about what my next mistake might be. Conversely, an early runout or two might have me feeling a bit too good, wondering just how well I was going to play.

Be mindful that there is no such thing as perfection. We are humans, and it's impossible to control our emotions completely. There are still matches where I am a little more erratic than others, but I know I'm doing far better than I used to. Additionally, after being around top-level players, I can tell you that they very rarely show emotion.

On the other end of the spectrum, there is a desire to go on "tilt" when the going gets tough. I used to play a very unproductive game against myself. Let's say my first match was a disaster; I might say to myself, "Oh, just forget about this tournament." And then, all the sudden, after 4 good



matches, I might say, "You know, I've got a shot to win this thing."

There are always opportunities to bail out or say to yourself, "I don't care what happens." Often, I find pool players do this as a defense mechanism. We're scared to find out just how badly we might play if we keep trying.

This extreme doesn't work either. If you are going back and forth between caring and not caring, you lack the consistency to win.

Somewhere between not caring and caring too much is the right balance. It generally can be achieved by committing to the following process:

- Use the PASS formula before every single shot. Look for POTENTIAL PROBLEMS, then determine the ANGLE of the shot, the SPEED the shot needs to be struck with, and the necessary SPIN that must be applied to attain desired po-

sition on your next shot. Be sure to think at least 3 shots ahead. Professional players usually think through their entire turn. If you don't think far enough ahead then you won't be successful.

- Commit to your shot.
- Have a pre-shot routine.
- Execute the shot subconsciously.
- Evaluate the results. If it is a good result, internalize the success. If it's not what you had hoped for, determine what went wrong and why.

If you can commit to going through a similar process before every single shot, you will become a better pool player.

Each shot you stroke is an independent event. All shots cumulatively influence your overall success, but I find it's best to approach each shot

as a new, different circumstance. It will help you make better strategic decisions, and more importantly, help you departmentalize your emotions. Again, this is all much easier said than done! Nobody does this correctly 100 percent of the time.

Anthony Beeler is the current *Billiards Instructor of the Decade* and is a former BCAPL National Champion. He has numerous "Top 25" national finishes and is the primary author of the *ACS National Billiards Instructor's Manual*. He has also authored the book *Unstoppable! Positive Thinking for Pool Players*. Anthony currently has the highest established Fargo Rating of any Master Instructor. He has won over 300 tournaments and has defeated numerous professional players in tournament competition.

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Matchroom Nineball World Rankings

By EMILY FRAZER - Managing Director Matchroom Multi Sport

Well, what can I say. Matchroom Nineball World Rankings. Who saw it coming?

Nineball is on the rise, the Rankings is on everybody's lips; players, fans, promoters and even broadcasters – yes, the aim.

A professional, global tour: an opportunity for players to earn a full time career in the sport we all so passionately adore. Throughout 2021, we noticed that transparency is a major factor to launching a successful and growing tour, players must have a clear pathway of qualification to the major events. The Nineball Rankings is awarded from prize money won: a meritocracy. It works in other major sports, lets try it for Nineball. We must create equal opportunity for every person involved, a combined ranking system for women to also compete on. The more open events we produce and schedule, the more opportunity every person has to compete. Now is

the time to pick up a cue and sharpen up your Nineball game.

There is a great deal of excitement within the Matchroom camp at the moment, we recognise the huge potential this game of ours has but to see it move to the next level it requires investment and commitment and as the sports leading Promoter, we decided to grab the ball by the horns and take charge. I won't lie, we have a great deal of work on our hands, huge responsibility and a wild adventure ahead of us. We may not get it right every time, but we are determined, we are passionate and we will not stop.

2022 is the year of trial and error; lets monitor the status of the Nineball schedule, the Ranking Events and lets see how we not only improve in 2023 but expand and consolidate the



rules of the game, for the players. Players want and need their place on the Mosconi Cup; players want and need their seeding in the Open fielded events. The World is opening back up, crowds are back and now we must focus on the atmosphere, fans, personalities and mainstream media presence.

This year you will see a journey of the top 32 players as well as the live actual Nineball Rankings; the story of these players and how they have made this journey. Each fan will tune into the events and fall in love with them. It's time to turn Pool into a major professional sport with players you root for and relate to. That's our mission.

Strangely on my recent trip to the Derby City Classic, the first Nineball Ranking Event, there was a sense of hope in the air amongst the pro's, this was motivating to see. The Derby's 9ball field increased due to Ranking Event status, the Kremlin Cup is doubling the field size. How can you not get excited at the prospect of a global tour? 1.7 million dollars of prize money in just Matchroom events alone. To anyone who isn't on board yet, see the benefit for your events; I urge and welcome you to get in touch. Join this journey with us or get left behind!

I look forward to sharing this thrilling adventure with you all via this page – let's see what's new in a months time!



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CORY BARNHART

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From custom homes to custom cues, this guy can do it all. Today we say hello to Cory Barnhart of Barnhart Cues in this month's "Meet the Cue Maker".

Cory Barnhart, 51, is a lifelong resident of Martinsburg, West Virginia. There he resides with his wife Michelle and their 2 children; daughter Morgan and son Alex, ages 16 and 14. When he was young and before Cory ever even touched a cue, he had the dream of becoming a commercial diver. Sadly, it wasn't in the cards for him due to medical issues with his inner ear and he was forced to pursue another direction. With a father that owned a construction business, a mother that sold real estate and a sister as a mortgage lend-

er, it made sense to stay in the same field opting to go into construction. He obtained both an electrician's and plumber's license and became proficient in cabinet making along with anything else that involved wood working. These skills would lead to a successful career in building custom homes and eventually owning his own construction company.

Cory's introduction to pool began in his 20's when he started playing in local leagues and tournaments. He quickly got hooked but it wasn't un-



til the 2nd annual Super Billiards Expo in 1994 that he first decided to try his hand in cue building. It was there, he purchased materials from Prather to build his own jump cue. Due to his background, he already had experience in woodwork along with all the tools required to build the cue. He even had a workspace available in his detached garage at home. After the jump cue turned out a success, he decided he wanted to pursue the hobby further. In 1995, Cory established Barnhart Cues with a goal in mind of joining the American Cuemakers Association (ACA). He began accumulating all the necessary equipment, most of which was acquired from short term cue makers that came and went. For a few years, cue building was just something Cory did after work instead of watching TV. Remaining just a hobby, he didn't have much free time after spending 60-80 hours each week building custom homes. The cues he did build were then mostly gifted to friends. As time went on and the quality of his cues became more well known, he began devoting more time to the growing business. It was after meeting legendary cue maker Tim Scruggs that validated Cory was heading in the right direction. As it was his first time visiting another's workshop, he asked Tim for advice on builds and



technique. As it turned out, Tim was already a fan of the new cue maker and advised, “I like your cues, just do the same thing you’re doing.” A large compliment that he clearly meant, because it was Cory that Tim ended up passing along his equipment to after he retired. Cory continued to build cues in his spare time and even accomplished his goal of joining the ACA in the early 2000s. In 2005 he transitioned to a full-time cue maker, and it was custom homes that became just something he did on the side. His largest award to date came in 2009 at Valley Forge, where Cory received 2nd runner up for “People’s Choice Cue of the Year” for a 30-point re-cut cue with a frog skin wrap. This award winner ended up going to Eric Schleich out of Connecticut and to this day remains part of the infamous cue collector’s extensive Barnhart collection.

When it comes to technique, Cory traditionally uses the half splice method over full splice, but can do both. He then prefers to venture outside of traditional specifications and says he’d like to see more cues done with variety in length and diameter of shaft: “58 inches may be the standard cue length, but it doesn’t have to be”. He says there is so much room for individuality he doesn’t see why others stick to the same basic specs. Because of this, you’ll often find Barnhart cues with variations in shaft length as well as diameter, wider butts and even have a farther back wrap placement. Cory’s designs are typically made into a series of 10 to 15 finding it more efficient than designing each cue individually as each cue takes about 40-60 hours of work. His bumpers and joint pins are tailor made to his preferred specs and for the last 5 years, he has even had his own tips made. He likes to have at least a couple hundred forearms around the shop at all times. Because he doesn’t like to mail order wood, Cory makes special trips each year to personally visit all the big



wood suppliers to make his purchases. While he doesn’t have a preferred build, he does prefer to work with coco bola, ebony or any nicely figured wood. Cory says the most challenging part of building cues is working with the wood itself while using a precision machine. He explains that you can’t expect the same tolerance you get from working with metal as the wood is constantly moving, “even more so for dense, exotic woods”. Besides his choices in wood, one way to spot a Barnhart is his signature dotted ring design commonly found on many of the collars. You’ll also see his name signed in pencil hidden in the handle of the cue. Gone are the days when he engraved his name saying he learned an expensive lesson having a fancy cue eaten up with the engraving machine. It was after that he took the advice of Ray Schuller to keep it simple and sign in pencil. He’s now been a full-time cue maker for the last 15 years and continues to build around 50 to 100 cues per year out of his 800 sq ft shop in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Cory says he didn’t really have any mentors prior to jumping in the busi-

ness and mainly learned by trial and error. However, one of the first people he compared notes with after starting up was Ray Schuller. He also noted it was Chester Krick who showed him how to use a CNC machine and says he spent a week learning from Dennis Dieckman as well. Some of Cory’s favorite cue makers are Paul Drexler and Thomas Wayne stating, “Artistically, no one will probably ever do what they have done.” He also really likes Jerry McWorter and Richard Chudy because they take simple elements and put them together in a way that he finds super artistic. Aside from the flexibility it allows to spend more time with his children, Cory says the best part about building cues are the people he meets. Along with meeting other cue makers, he also enjoys meeting pool players from all over the country as well as outside the US. If you are wanting to get a Barnhart of your very own, Cory doesn’t have an official waitlist, nor does he take deposits. His cues range in price starting at \$850 for a basic merry widow and increase depending on build. For many years, most Barnhart cues were sent to buyers overseas in China and Japan. However due to Covid, for the last 2 years he has taken orders directly from customers. The best way to procure a Barnhart cue of your very own is to email him directly at cory-barnhart@msn.com. You can also find current Barnhart cues at Biggelbachs.com. However, if you’d like to see the man of many talents in person, you’ll be able to catch him in April at the Super Billiard’s Expo in Philadelphia. Make sure to stop by and say hello.



Michelle Hughes is a long-time pool enthusiast from the Pacific Northwest. During Covid, on a furlough from her full-time career as a flight attendant, Michelle opted to hang out with the Biggelbachs helping with social media, streaming, and cues. She quickly fell in love with the craftsmanship and artisanship of custom cues. Join her in this monthly column on her quest to learn more about cue makers and their respective craft.

Gospel Trick Shot #24

Candy Cane and/or The Shepherd's Staff

History of the Trick Shot: This month we are taking a trick shot out of Mike Massey's book entitled "World of Trick Shots." Mike and yours truly Steve Lillis were discussing a new Gospel Trick Shot on the phone for Christmas 2021. Steve mentioned a Candy Cane shot and Mike said that he had something like that in his book entitled "The Inquisitive 7" because it looks like a question mark. Steve suggested that adding a cue shaft or cue butt on the table would look like a candy cane while using the red, white, and red striped balls. Steve then realized that there might not be enough of those colors available so adding any colored balls would do and then call it a shepherd's staff as the candy looks like a staff as well. This particular shot has an obvious message as you will read below and observe in the video!

GTS Name and Why: Back in 2006 Steve Lillis did a candy cane shot on Telesports TV in Albania during the Christmas Season by placing a large candy cane on the pool table while executing another trick shot around it. That 2006 Albania video is on the GTS website at www.gospeltrickshot.org located on the video tab. The white represents the pure perfect Lamb of God Jesus sacrificed for the sins of the world. The red represents his blood that was spilled at the cross. The three strips represent the 39 strips that Jesus endured during a Roman flogging as 40 strips usually killed a person. The candy cane or shepherd's staff is shaped like a "J" for Jesus or upside down a shepherd's staff as Jesus is the Chief Shepherd of our souls.

Scripture References in NIV Translation: Jesus' blood for us in Hebrews 10:19-22 and Leviticus 17:11 and as the Chief Shepherd in Psalm 23:1 and John 10:1-10.

Cue Ball Placement: Cue ball in hand as shown in diagram about a diamond width from object ball 6 in the diagram which is to be contacted first.

Object Ball(s) Placement: The 3 ball is placed first along the long centerline of the

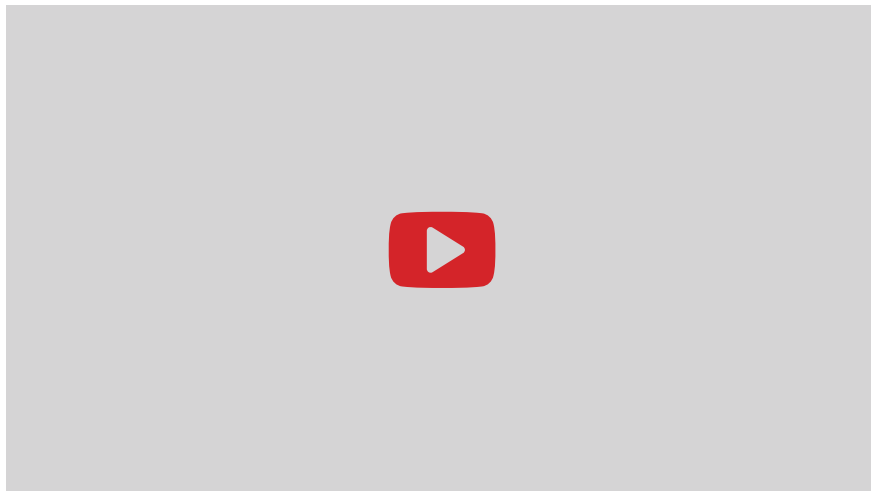


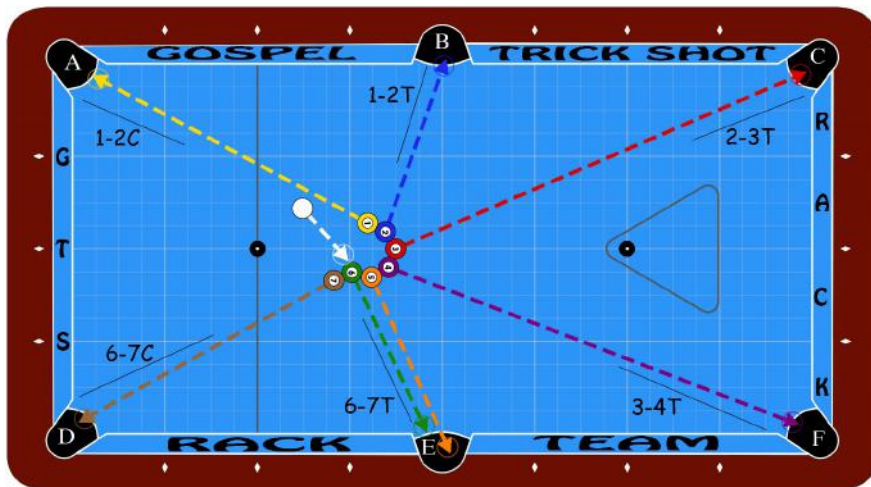
table and one-half diamond back from the side pocket line. The 2 ball is frozen to the 3 with the 2-3 tangent line as indicated. The 1 ball is frozen to the 2 with the 1-2 centerline as indicated. The 4 ball is frozen to the 3 with the 3-4 tangent line as indicated. The 5 ball is frozen to the 4 with the tangent line as indicated. The 6 and 7 are set as a pair to reflect both the tangent and centerline positions.

Objective: Aim your cue stick to hit the cue ball in the center with no side spin. Aim the cue ball thru the 6 ball to the left pocket point of the side pocket. Do not put draw on

the cue ball because it will draw back into the 1-2 path.

Special Notes: The explanation of the shot in the video relates to the Scriptures mentioned in the article above.

Crowd Reactions Through the Years: The first time this was used as a Gospel Trick Shot was at the 2022 Derby City Classic at the Southern Indiana Hotel and Casino in the Gospel Trick Shot Booth. The 31 second video was immediately posted up on the GTSRACKRooms Facebook page and had hundreds of views before the event ended!





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Jayson Shaw Comes Back for Seventh Turning Stone Classic

Article by AzB Staff - File photos courtesy of ERWIN **DIONISIO** and KARL **KANTROWITZ**

Three players were entered in the Turning Stone Classic XXXIV with six career wins under their belt. Mother Nature eliminated one of those players when Shane van Boening had his flight to Syracuse canceled on him.

Johnny Archer fell to tough competition down the stretch, but “Eagle Eye” Jayson Shaw shook off a late loss (and extended periods sitting in the chair) to notch his record seventh Turning Stone Classic title on January 9th at the Turning Stone Casino in Verona, NY.

After what might have been considered a slow start in the first two rounds, Shaw found his stride and was cruising along until his fifth-round match against Earl Strickland. These two players have had some classic confrontations on the tables at Turning Stone in the past, and this meeting was another great match. Strickland won the lag and took complete control. Fifteen minutes after the lag,

Strickland was coming to the table to break with a 5-0 lead.

Shaw finally found some daylight after winning a safety battle with Strickland in rack six, and he yanked control of the match back. Doing Earl one better, Shaw won six straight racks for his first lead at 6-5. Shaw broke dry in the twelfth rack and Earl raced to the hill at 8-6. Strickland’s break abandoned him in the fifteenth rack when he broke dry and he never got another

chance at the table as Shaw ran that rack and the next two to stay on the winner’s side with a 9-8 win.

The slow start from the Strickland match seemed to repeat itself in Shaw’s next match, a battle with Kuwait’s Abdullah Al Youssef. Al Youssef had a very respectable 17th place finish in the International 9-Ball Open last October and he was looking for another one here this week. He looked in a prime position to upset Shaw as he raced to a 5-1 lead. Al Youssef pushed his lead to 8-3 before breaking dry and giving Shaw a last chance at the table. As he did against Strickland, Shaw took full advantage of that op-



Jayson Shaw

*Fedor Gorst came up a couple racks short*

another safety battle on the one ball in rack twenty-three before running out for the 13-10 win and his seventh Turning Stone Classic Title.

When asked about the multiple come-from-behind wins at this event, Shaw said he wasn't phased sitting in the chair. "I knew I was playing well, but I wasn't getting a chance. That's tough when you know you aren't making any mistakes. You just have to wait for your chance". It was possible that having come from behind in early matches left Shaw feeling even more confident when he had his late match opportunities. "I've been there so many times and won from there. As long as I am controlling the table, I have a chance" he said.

For Shaw, the win was the perfect way to let the pool world know that he was officially back, after focusing on his pool room over the last year or so. "I'm trying to start off strong this year. Working at the pool room for six months and not practicing took its toll and I lost that buzz that I had". Now that the pool room is under control and does not need his constant attention, it is a source of confidence instead of stress for Eagle Eye. "I feel so much more at ease now. I don't feel like pool is everything. When it's your job to win tourneys, there is a little more stress. I don't feel that anymore" Shaw explained.

portunity and ran out the set against Al Youssef for another 9-8 win.

Next up for Shaw was World 9-Ball Champion Fedor Gorst for the hot-seat. Gorst took early control of this match with a 3-0 lead, but Shaw was able to stop the bleeding earlier this time and clawed back within one rack at 4-3. Just like Shaw had forced his opponents to sit in the chair and watch him run out in past matches, Gorst returned the favor and sat Shaw down for five straight racks on his way to a 9-3 win over Shaw for the hot seat.

The semi-final match was a rematch with Al Youssef after he eliminated Mika Immonen in 4th place. Al Youssef outdid his earlier 5-1 lead over Shaw in their first meeting of the week and quickly held a 5-0 lead over Shaw in their rematch. That lead was short-lived, with Shaw winning six of the next seven racks to tie things at 6-6. Al Youssef regained the lead at 7-6 but would not win another rack, losing three tough racks to Shaw for a final 9-7 scoreline.

The final race to 13 rematch against Fedor Gorst started with Shaw winning the first two racks for his first early lead in four matches. Shaw scratched on his break in rack three and watched Gorst run four straight racks for a 4-2 lead. Shaw scratched on the break again in rack eight and

Gorst ran another two racks for a 6-3 lead. Gorst wowed the crowd with a jump shot on the one ball in rack ten and ran another two racks for an 8-3 lead.

Gorst made an uncharacteristic mistake in rack twelve, scratching on a 4-ball, and Shaw ran out to trail 8-4, but Shaw couldn't make a ball on the break in rack thirteen and Gorst pushed to another five rack lead at 9-4. Another unusual mistake by Gorst in rack fourteen let Shaw to the table and again he came back from a five-rack deficit to take the lead at 10-9 and then 11-9. Shaw scratched on the break for the third time in rack twenty and like he had the other times, Gorst ran out for an 11-10 scoreline. Shaw won a short safety battle on the one ball to take the hill at 12-10 and won

*Abdullah Al Youssef gave up two 5-0 leads to Shaw*



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SHAW Breaks ***14.1 WORLD RECORD*** ***With 714 Ball Run***

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In March of 1954, Willie Mosconi ran 526 balls during an exhibition match in Springfield, Ohio. After pocketing that 526th ball, the great Mosconi unscrewed his cue and called it a day. Sixty-five years later, that record was broken by US Open 9-Ball

Champion John Schmidt when he ran 626 balls during an attempt to break the longstanding record. Less than three years later, the bar has been set even higher after “Eagle Eye” Jayson Shaw ran 714 on January 18th as part of the Legends of Pocket Billiards

14.1 High Run challenge at the Street Lights Billiards Academy in Alexandria, Virginia.

Legends of Pocket Billiards founder Bobby Chamberlain was the man to make all of this happen, as he com-



bined his love for 14.1 Straight Pool with an assist from Street Lights owner Deon Chapman. “I love pool itself. I’ve been wanting to put something together special for 20 years” said Chamberlain. “I’ve played a lot of straight pool. What would happen if we let top players finish their runs and really see what they can do. Other events always got stopped because of time constraints. So let’s see what happens if these runs had the chance to continue. Mosconi used to run 100 or 150 in an exhibition and then quit. What could he have ran if he had a chance to continue all of those runs” he continued.

The final part of the challenge came together with local player Deon Chapman opened up his private academy, The Street Lights Billiards Academy. “I finally had a facility to get it done” said Chamberlain. With Chapman on board for “whatever you want to do”, Chamberlain started reaching out to players.

Shaw was not the first top pro to visit Street Lights Billiards Academy to take a swing at breaking Schmidt’s record. Shane van Boening was the first when he spent a week in Virginia shooting for the record back in November. The best that the South Dakota Kid could do though, was a run of 308.

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Russian World Champion Ruslan Chinahov was next and he also came up short, not able to score a run higher than 300 in November.

Earl Strickland combined exhibitions with attempts to break the record over five days, but could only manage a run of 238 balls.

Jayson Shaw was scheduled to give it a try back in December but taking his place as Most Valuable Player at the Mosconi Cup again was a higher priority. “I saw Shane and Earl try it, and Bobby was asking me to go. I didn’t have time after Mosconi Cup so I canceled the trip” said Shaw. After seeing Chamberlain in January at the Turning Stone Classic, Jayson re-scheduled a five-day attempt to break the record.

“I wanted to play for 10 days, but I only had 5 days with Derby coming up” Shaw explained. “I was trying to play 12-13 hours a day to get it done.

On the first day, I had over five 200 ball runs. Lots of big runs, but I kept getting stuck in weird situations. I’d get jammed in the stack or stuck on a ball” he said.

Shaw said he started seeing things more clearly on day two and he started running balls like he knew he was capable of, but he still kept coming up short. The longest run that Shaw could muster over his five days was 407 balls and Shaw had to get back home. “He was done trying,” said Chamberlain. “We went to eat and Jayson said he thought he was close but he didn’t want to miss getting his daughter to school.”

“I couldn’t keep going. My body was sore. I thought maybe I just need to come back another time” said Shaw. Stopping for dinner on the way home, Shaw had what would be an important conversation with his wife Ara. “I felt like I was right there. I thought when I get to 30, it will all change” he reached out to Chamberlain to try one more day. “Jayson texted and said he wanted to try it for one more night. I couldn’t stand it. He wanted to run 500”

Shaw ran eleven racks in his first attempt (154 balls) but missed his break ball. Then it happened. “I didn’t know he was keeping track, but when he made 527 he stopped and celebrated,” said Chamberlain. “I was just worried that I might have kept the wrong score. I hoped he would just keep running. Jayson knew it and he was the one who celebrated”. “I was always keeping track of the score. Even if I don’t want to see it, it’s right there at my feet. I saw it every time I walked back to the chair,” said Shaw.

The list of runs leading to the 714



14.1 Straight Pool Challenge

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As the balls kept falling, the records were toppled. “626 was not his only target,” Chamberlain said.

“At 680 or 690, the way the balls were opening up, I thought I could run 1,000,” said Shaw. “I had already beat all the numbers that were out there. There was no pressure and I was free stroking. I broke the balls open at 714 and the cue ball went through the stack, bottom rail, and the length of

the table to scratch. If that doesn't go, who knows what I could run”.

Shaw commented after he got back home and got his daughter to school, “I don't think it has really sunk in what I did. I felt drunk after I finished. It feels like it was five days of torture. I have blisters on my fingers and my feet, and I slept for twelve hours when I got home”.

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Chamberlain has made a public statement regarding the video of this amazing run: “We have a perfect unedited original high-definition recording that is secure and ready for the BCA to validate and certify, this is our first objective. Once that task is complete, we will look at the best options to showcase this world record-breaking run to the world.”

Chamberlain says that Shaw's record-breaking run is not the end of his 14.1 challenge. He has Fedor Gorst scheduled for March and says he has interest from Darren Appleton and Corey Deuel. “Filler wants to play for 2-3 weeks,” he says. “And I have put out feelers to Niels and Thorsten” Until then though. Chamberlain says he is “Happy for Jayson and for the pros getting interested in straight pool again”.



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GORST Repeats As **ARCADIA ARIZONA** **OPEN CHAMPION**

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Last July, Fedor Gorst helped to kick off the first-ever Arcadia Arizona Open, the first of four events in the newly-created U.S. Pro Billiard Series, by posting an undefeated record and taking down eventual U.S. Pool champion Carlo Biado in the finals.

Six months later, the Arizona Open was back – kicking off the first of six tournaments being held in the United States by equipment manufacturer Predator Group and CueSports International in 2022 – and so was Gorst. The 21-year-old delivered a similar result as he did last summer, as he battled his way back from the one-loss side of the bracket to defend his title, holding off a fierce battle by Filipino Roland Garcia in straight sets, 4-3, 4-2.

With the victory, Gorst earned \$25,000 and automatic entry into the 2023 World 10-Ball Championships in Las Vegas.



Fedor Gorst

After his opening break shot of the championship match resulted in an effective spread of the balls, the young man from Moscow appeared positioned to draw first blood but missed a routine 7 ball in the corner pocket. He would tie the match at a game each when his opponent failed to pocket a ball on the break in the next game, then tacked on another rack when Garcia missed the 1 ball on a jump shot. The Filipino would claim two of the next three games thanks victorious safety exchanges and appeared to be in position to steal the first set but struggled with cue ball positioning down the stretch and missed the 8 ball, allowing Gorst to steal the set, 4-3.



Mieszko Fortunski

The second set tilted in Garcia's favor early, after Gorst missed the 1 ball in the first game and the Filipino knocked in a combination on the 10 ball then broke and ran to build a 2-0 advantage. Momentum shifted in the

third game when Garcia scratched on the break, allowing Gorst to climb onto the scoreboard and then tie the match when his opponent misplayed the 6 ball. The Russian then used a break-and-run to take his first

lead but failed to pocket a ball on the break in the next rack. Looking to tie the match and send it to a sudden death shootout, Garcia attempted a table-length jump shot to pocket the 1 ball and missed, leaving a wide-open table for his opponent. Gorst calmly pocketed the remaining balls to repeat as Open champion.



Francisco Sanchez Ruiz

Gorst, who opened his day with straight set victories against Ralf Souquet in the round of 16 and Kang Lee in the quarterfinals, needed to beat Mieszko Fortunski of Poland in the semifinals to secure a spot in the championship. Fortunski, who is routinely reaches the late stages of big events, was undefeated through the first three days and had already disposed of World Pool Champion Albin Ouschan in the quarterfinals. After the 29-year-old Fortunski swiped the first rack of the first set, Gorst rattled off three straight wins thanks to a dry break and a missed shot by his opponent. Fortunski won a safety exchange to cut the deficit to 3-2 but failed to pocket a ball on the break in the sixth game, handing Gorst the table and a combination shot on the 10 ball for the match-winner.

Arcadia Arizona Open

The second set was all Gorst, who took advantage of multiple misses by his opponent to build an early 2-0 advantage. The young Russian forfeited the table in the third game when he missed the 7 ball but his opponent would miss the ball as well, allowing Gorst to climb to within one game of another trip to the finals. The former World Pool champion capped off the set with a winning combination shot on the 10 ball, defeating Fortunski 4-2, 4-0.

The Russian earned the victory despite struggling with his breaking throughout the final day, failing to pocket a ball on the break three times against Fortunski and twice in the finals against Garcia.

The Russian suffered his lone defeat in the event to Spain's Francisco Sanchez Ruiz, who finished tied for third after losing in a semifinal shootout to Garcia. The Filipino displayed complete control during in the opening set against the Spaniard, as he mixed in a couple of run outs along with a San-

“ AFTER GARCIA HAD MADE HIS EIGHTH STRAIGHT SHOT, SANCHEZ RUIZ STRUCK THE CUE BALL AND WATCHED AS THE 10 BALL RATTLED IN THE POCKET'S JAWS AND THEN POPPED OUT, GIVING GARCIA THE VICTORY. ”

chez Ruiz miss to pitch a 4-0 shutout. Sanchez Ruiz found his bearings in the following frame, building a 2-0 advantage thanks to a much-needed break-and-run before scratching on the break in the third game. Garcia won three straight games thanks to a break-and-run and a missed cut shot on the 1 ball by his opponent in the fifth game. After Garcia executed tough cut shots on the 3 and 4 balls in the sixth rack, it appeared that his victory might be a foregone conclusion – until he missed the 5 ball in the corner pocket. Sanchez Ruiz cleared the remaining balls to tie the score at 3-3, then used a bank shot on the 1 ball in the seventh game to run out the rack, win the set, 4-3 and force a shootout.

As the crowd at Casino Del Sol gathered around the arena, the spot shot competition turned into two players who challenged each other to blink, with each pocketing four straight balls without a miss. When the cue ball was moved back a diamond and the format switched to sudden death, the balls continued falling into pockets as if almost routine. After Garcia had made his eighth straight shot, Sanchez Ruiz struck the cue ball and watched as the 10 ball rattled in the pocket's jaws and then popped out, giving Garcia the victory.

Find the Final Arcadia Arizona Open draw on the Predator US Pro Billiard Series FargoRate's dedicated page

The Predator US Pro Billiard Series returns to action next month with the Apex Wisconsin Open, which will be held in conjunction with the CSI Wisconsin State Championships February 9-12 at Ho-Chunk Gaming in Wisconsin Dells.

The Arcadia Arizona Open was streamed for free all week on Billiard TV and the World Billiard TV YouTube channel.

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Albin Ouschan

Earns AzB Player Of The Year Award

Article by AzB Staff / Photo courtesy RICK SCHMITZ

When it comes to naming an AzBilliards Player of the Year, the race usually comes down to 2-3 players and then various things like tournament performances, total earnings and head to head records for the year come into play.

Once in a while though, one player's year is just so far above and beyond his peers that naming him as the Player of the Year is like a hanging 1-9 combo with ball in hand.

Albin Ouschan's 2021 kicked off with an emotionally draining win at the inaugural Championship League Pool Event in March. After eight days of pool, Ouschan stood victorious over a field of top talent.

After lackluster finishes at the World Cup of Pool and World Pool Masters, Ouschan brought his "A-Game" to the Marshall Arena in Milton Keynes England where he won his second World Championship at the WPA World Pool Championship.

If two major titles weren't enough to cement his spot as Player of the Year, Ouschan then went on to go undefeated through a brutal field of talent at the 2021 International 9-Ball Open in October. Then for "icing on the cake", Ouschan went ahead and helped Team Europe retain the Mosconi Cup.

When asked about his year in review, Ouschan admitted that something about the major titles helps to bring out his best game. "I feel different at major tournaments. I have a different mindset sometimes. I know it's totally wrong but it gives me that final push at

events like the World Championships or the International 9-Ball Open. On that stage, it was by far my best performance".

Ouschan looked back on that first event and what he took from the experience. "I definitely learned something. It was a roller-coaster tournament. I went through every stage of performance and emotions throughout the eight days. I learned a lot from that and I learned a lot about myself during that tournament".

Ouschan is excited about all of the events on the calendar for 2022 and says he has plans to compete in every major event that he can.

Ouschan was presented his Player of the Year award at the Arcadia Arizona Open in Tucson Arizona earlier this month.

Unfortunately, the lack of women's events during 2021 made it impossible to name a Women's Player of the Year.

As always, AzBilliards thanks Aramith and Simonis for their invaluable support with this award and for creating this unique award.



Supporters Come Together To Assist Orcollo

The pool world was stunned early this month when the news broke that World Champion Dennis Orcollo had been “deported” to the Philippines and was facing a five year ban from entry back into the United States.

Orcollo had been stopped at the Los Angeles airport, on his way back into the states from the Philippines, on his way to Alabama for a tournament. After being questioned for thirteen hours, Orcollo was told that his tourist VISA had been flagged because of how many times he had visited and stayed in the United States.

The support that friends, family and fans have shown for Orcollo is no surprise, considering his status in the global pool scene. While many online expressed their thoughts on how to help Orcollo, one group of supporters has banded together to work with an immigration attorney to try to assist Orcollo. The group, formed by Roy Francisco, consists of Roy, Mike Hoang, Jay Helfert, Carlos Sanchez, Phil MMP, Joseph Long, Doug Beasley, Carl Bolm and others has reached out to Norma Henning, the owner of the Henning Law Firm. “I knew everyone would want to help, but they all needed to come together. I talked to all of his sponsors and backers and brought them all together as one group to try to get this done” said Francisco.

Henning is already hard at work with Helfert and Hoang to help Orcollo with his situation. “Visa rules are complicated, and the consequences even of innocent misunderstandings can be severe. Dennis has historically

used a ‘visitor visa’ to enter the United States. That visa allows professional athletes to participate in competitions and collect prize money but it is not really meant for the super successful who enter so many competitions that they end up visiting a little too much. We’re preparing an application for a visa that better matches his outstanding background and gives

him more flexibility. And we hope that the US government will waive the five year bar because Dennis’ return to the United States – with the correct visa – is very important to the sport” said Henning when contacted.

One way that fans can help to show their support for Orcollo is with an on-line petition at change.org.



Roy Francisco and Dennis Orcollo

HOLLINGSWORTH, MARTINEZ And MEYMAN Win Their Divisions At JIC Season 2, Stop #1

Vonderau and Mast capture 13 & Under titles

“Last year was practice,” said Ra Hanna of On The Wire Creative Media and tour director of the Junior International Championships, sponsored by Viking Cues, which began its second season last weekend (Jan. 14-16). In a snowstorm.

“Practice is over now.”

The weather had an impact that forced Hanna to cut it short. His concern for the safety of his junior competitors, as well as the family members who’d

helped get them to Roanoke, VA, led to squeezing play in all five of the JIC divisions into two days, instead of three. That same weather led to flight cancellations that pinned Hanna in Roanoke until Wednesday.

“The safety of the players and their families was what was most important,” he said, noting that a cycle of soft snow and freezing temperatures had made the roads “like an ice-skating rink.”

Courtney Hairfield, Kennedy Meyman and Noelle Tate



The event, now officially known as the Junior International Championships, sponsored by Viking Cues, drew a total of just over 100 entrants, across its five divisions (with some cross-over between divisions), to Wolf's Den in Roanoke, VA. Hanna had expected more and was convinced that in the absence of the weather, there would have been more.

Returning to compete in the JIC's second season were the winner and runner-up of 2021's 18 & Under Championship finals, Landon Hollingsworth and Joey Tate, who finished 1st and 2nd in Season 2/Stop #1's 31-entrant Pro Am Division. They did not fare as well in the 18 & Under division, finishing 4th (Hollingsworth) and in the tie for 17th place (Tate). The 18 & Under Boys division was won by Lazaro Martinez, who went undefeated, downing Niko Konkell, who'd lost to him in the hot seat match and returned from a victory over Garrett Vaughan in the semifinals, to be defeated a second time.

In the absence of 2021's 18 and Under Girls' Champion, Tatum Cutting (who has turned 19), the young woman she shut out in the championship finals of that division in October, Kennedy Meyman, got 'right back on the horse,' so to speak. Meyman lost her opening



Niko Konkell, Lazaro Martinez and Garrett Vaughan

match in the 11-entrant, 2022 division opener, but rallied to win six in a row and then, down Courtney Hairfield in the finals.

The 13 & Under divisions, which drew 17 boys and 9 girls, saw the emergence of a new(er) rivalry and the renewal of an old one. Eddie Vonderau and Grayson Vaughan battled twice for the boys' title; hot seat and finals. Vonderau downed Vaughan both times to claim that title.

And in the 13 & Under Girls' division, it was storied JIC rivals, Sofia Mastand Skylar Hess, who, like Vonderau and Vaughan, battled twice for the event's

division title. After each was awarded a bye in the opening round of play, they met in what was the first match for both of them. They came within a game of double hill, but it was Hess who edged out in front to send Mast to the loss side 7-5. Mast breezed through her first three rounds on the loss side by an aggregate score of 21-4. In the quarterfinals that followed, Noelle Tate (sister to Joey) put up a fight that earned her more racks against Mast than her first three loss-side opponents, combined. Mast advanced 7-5 to the semifinals, where she defeated Savannah Easton, appearing in her first JIC event, 7-4.

"That was one of the surprises of the event," said Hannah. "(Easton) beat out some of the top girls in that division (Franki Spain, Raygen Wilson & Skylynn Elliott) to finish third in her first event."

So, once again, it was Mast and Hess squaring off against each other; a matchup that occurred in the quarterfinals of the 18 & Under Girls Championship last October. Mast dominated the extended race-to-9, winning it 9-2 to claim her first, and likely, not her last 2022 JIC title.



Skylar Hess, Sofia Mast and Savannah Easton

Junior International Championship

If it ain't broke . . .

There are differences in this second JIC season, but they're about some minor additions and an expectation level being fostered by Hanna and the crew of folks who helped him last year and continue to do so this year. Kory and Trena Wolford, owners of Wolf's Den, are among them.

Viking Cues has joined as a sponsor, and as such, will contribute to prizes, a scholarship to be awarded to the player who receives the tour's Brendan Crockett Sportsmanship Award, aspects of the tour's day-to-day operations, and when appropriate, unspecified equipment. Hanna noted that Dynaspheres "stepped up," as did Mike Littman with Littman Lights. The tour is working with DigitalPool this year, which will feature what Hanna described as a "custom environment" with the expected brackets, updated division rankings, player profiles and live scoring.

"The players themselves are going to be doing the live scoring from their smart phones," said Hanna. "They'll be uploading scores to that site in real time."

"We're looking at a shot clock on the big tables," he added of one other embellishment they'll be considering bringing, literally, to the tables. "Modeling the atmosphere to that of the professionals, so that (the players) won't be 'deer in the headlights' out in the world."

"We're also going to be sponsoring some of the players going into Pro events throughout the year," he added. "It'll be up to the player to decide which Pro event they might want to attend, whether it be Turning Stone, or the Super Billiards Expo. (The tour) will be off in April and we're going to send a nice little contingent. With four of the divisions, a representative from each division would be nice."

The plan is to provide the junior players with more than just an opportu-

nity to compete throughout the year, but to provide them, as well, with the tools necessary to compete against increasingly difficult competition in what could well be difficult venues.

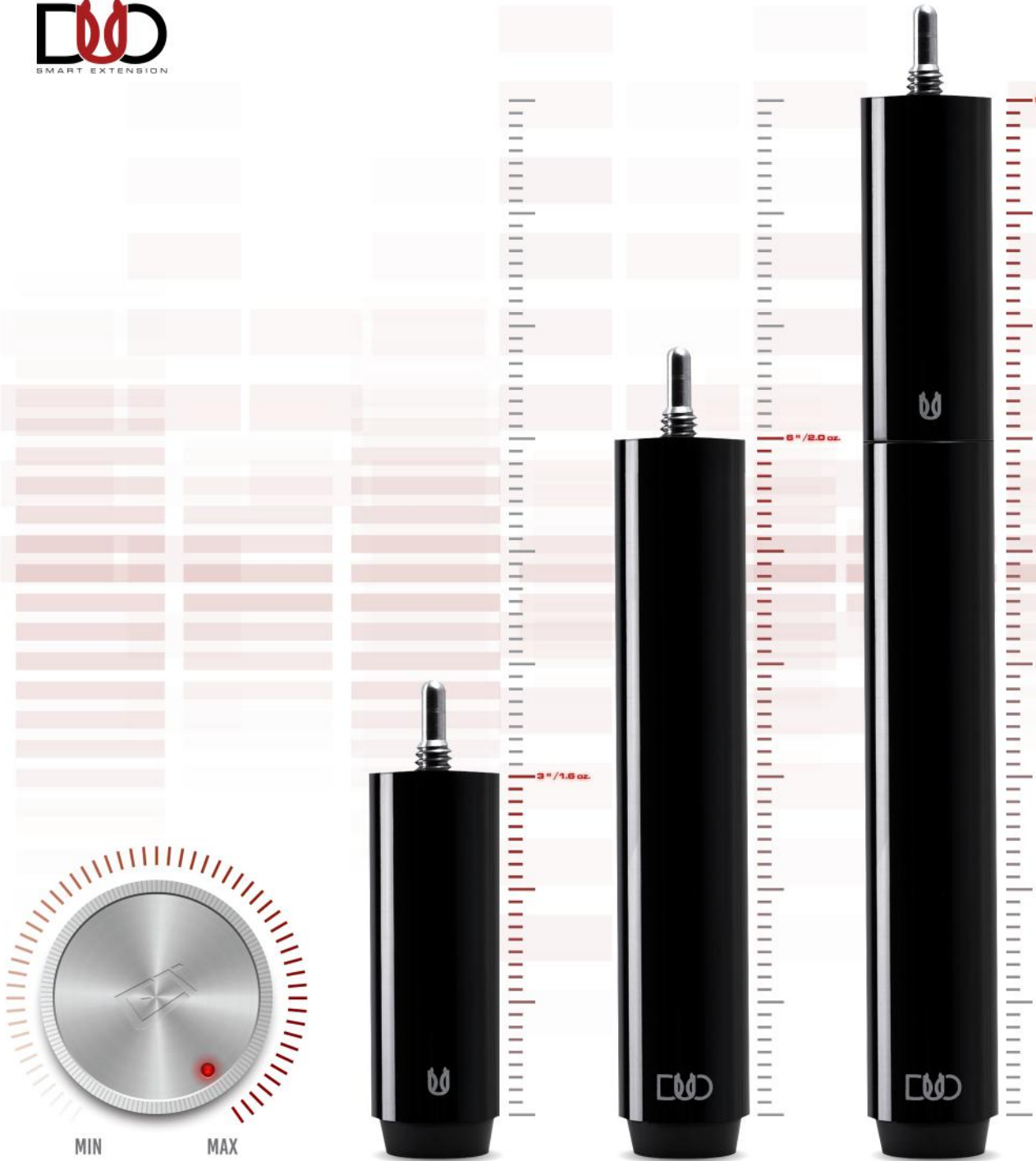
"I don't want them complacent," said Hanna. "I want them to know that there's always going to be someone coming for you and that things aren't always going to be perfect; not the balls, not the tables, not the general environment."

"I want to go to war with this group," he added. "The make-up of this group is the right combo to succeed; we've got everything – gunslingers, mercenaries, the quiet types. We're going to make some noise this year."

The Junior International Championships, sponsored by Viking Cues, will hold the second stop of its second season on the weekend of Feb. 11-13. It will be hosted by Diamond Billiards in Cape Coral, FL.



Grayson Vaughan, Eddie Vonderau and D'Angelo Spain



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This year’s voting committee is comprised of pool media representatives, professional players, the people and other esteemed members of the community.



MATCHROOM

Matchroom was founded in 1982 and has since become one of the world’s largest suppliers of sports programming. Their portfolio includes everything from darts to golf, fishing to gymnastics. The pool division is headed by Emily Frazer under “Matchroom Multi Sport”. She is very much synonymous with the Matchroom brand in the pool industry. It’s only fitting to see Emily and Matchroom at the #1 spot! Hosting the Mosconi Cup, World Cup of Pool, World Pool Masters, US Open, and soon the World Pool Championship in such a flawless manner, and continuing to push to make each event better and better, is quite an accomplishment!



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CSI

CueSports International (CSI) is an international pool league and event leader. They are currently comprised of three divisions: CSI leagues, CSI events and CSI media. CSI Leagues manages the BCA Pool League and USA Pool League, CSI Events produces numerous amateur and professional events around the globe and CSI Media creates live streaming and digital content. Through its vision and strategic alliances, CSI is playing a big role in shaping the future of pool.

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7. CUE IT UP

A newcomer to the list, charging in straight at a solid 7th place! Cue It Up is a billiard and pool podcast that promote pool, billiards, and snooker worldwide. Their mission with the podcast is to inform the listener to all that is going on in the greater pool world with easy to listen to audio similar to that of any other sports talk show. The Cue It Up podcast is firmly cemented as the world’s #1 podcast in the sport of billiards. Neight Mindham is spearheading the podcast, but he has good help from both Mike Howerton, Jim Telfer, Molina Mike and others.

8. BCA

The BCA Pool League is a league membership organization that allows pool leagues around the world to “Be Part of Something Bigger.” An existing league can join the BCA Pool League and still maintain complete local control. There is no required format, fee structure, rules, etc. The League Operator is free to structure the league to suit the players and simply join the BCA Pool League.

9. SHARIVARI

When searching for an online pool coach there is no way to miss “Sharivari” and his YouTube channel, where his subscriber count has grown by a whopping 130,000 new subscribers in just the last year (!), and he currently has 233,000 subscribers. In just two years, the young instructor from Germany has become the most well-known pool coach in the world and his instructional pool videos have amassed more than 31 million views worldwide (20 million views in 2021 alone). What stands out in the Sharivari videos is his ability to communi-

cate rather complicated concepts in a simple comprehensive manner. Combined with outstanding video quality and remarkable skills on the table, it’s no wonder this online pool coach is so popular!

10. NIELS FEIJEN

Niels Feijen (born 3 February 1977, The Hague) is a Dutch professional pool player, from the Hague. His nickname is “the Terminator”. In 2014 he won the WPA World 9-ball championship. Niels has naturally also numerous other titles to his name. Over the last year, Niels has focused a lot on his YouTube channel which now already has over 31,000 subscribers and almost 2 million views. His hard work on his channel is probably what landed him a spot on this list. Niels was also doing expert commentary during the 2021 Mosconi Cup, although, he would probably have preferred to have been on the other side of the camera.

11. WPA

The WPA (World Pool-Billiard Association) is the international governing

body for pocket billiards. The group was formed in Germany in November of 1987, as a result of the efforts of the European Pocket Billiard Federation. The WPA is also one of the three member organizations of the World Confederation of Billiards Sports (WCBS), representing the billiard disciplines of pool, snooker and carom. The WCBS is the international umbrella organization that is a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

12. FLORIAN “VENOM” KOHLER

Florian “Venom” Kohler (sponsored by Cuetec) not only speaks 3 languages fluidly, holds a black belt in Judo, but he is also the world’s most recognized person with a cue stick! Florian is listed in the “Guinness Book of Records” for numerous feats. He has an extraordinary blend of unique billiard talent and spectacular shot execution. Venom is no doubt trick shot pool at its best. In terms of followers, he is miles ahead of the curve. With almost 1,1 million subscribers

on YouTube, accumulating a total of a massive 229 million views (20 million views in 2021 alone), his spot on our list is well deserved!

13. AZB FORUM

Founded in 1998 by Mike Howerton, AzBilliards (AzB) was originally intended to be an online news source for Arizona pool players. It quickly spread, however, to national and then international coverage of all the cue sports. With tournament reports, results, photo galleries, and brackets from the last twenty years (and growing), AzBilliards has become a historical snapshot of the game of professional pool. The AZB forum is by far the most visited in the pool world. With hundreds of thousands of threads, millions of posts, and approaching 100K members, it’s no wonder they claimed their place on this list.

14. SHANE VAN BOENING

Shane Van Boening (sponsored by Cuetec) is a player who does not

need any introduction. Van Boening, known as The South Dakota Kid, is currently one of the most recognized and respected players in the world. With no less than 5 U.S. Open 9-ball titles to his name, as well as over \$2,000,000 in career earnings, he is without a shadow of a doubt a candidate for the “G.O.A.T” title. Shane has competed on 14 straight US Mosconi Cup teams and is a favorite to win any event he competes in. The titles under Van Boening’s belt are too many to list in this short space. A true gentleman and sportsman on and off the tables.

15. LIL’CHRIS

Your average guy with a hobby and passion to teach. A passion that helps you become a better pool player. Lil’Chris is considering as one of the top online pool coaches in the world. His YouTube channel has almost 75,000 subscribers and over 7 million views as of January 2022, thus making him one of the biggest influencers in pool.

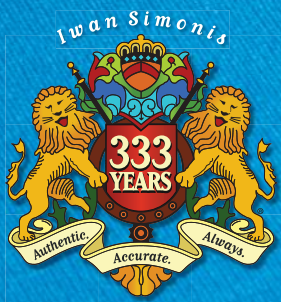
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Matchroom Confirms Bumper 2022 Nineball Schedule

Matchroom is delighted to present the 2022 Nineball schedule sanctioned by the World Pool-Billiard Association with for the first time ever the inclusion of tournaments promoted by some of the most established and professional event organisers in Diamond Billiards, Pat Fleming, the EuroTour, and more.

Seeding for tournaments in 2022 will be based off the Matchroom Nineball World Rankings as decided by the Rankings Committee who will continue to monitor the status throughout 2022 to ensure they fairly reflect performance.

The 2023 rankings will take shape from the first tournament on the 2022 schedule with Diamond Billiards' Derby City Classic, Nineball event in Kentucky, USA on January 26. After the conclusion of the Nineball tournament, the 2023 rankings will start to take shape and be available to see at www.matchroompool.com

Matchroom's first tournament of the season will be the newly named Premier League Pool from February 13, to February 20 at the Morningside Arena in Leicester. Premier League Pool will be a non-ranking event where 16 players will compete in a league format with a prize fund of \$100,000 with a guaranteed payout for last place of \$2,500 and the winner taking home \$20,000. It will see the top 12 players on the Matchroom Nineball World Rankings plus four wild cards invited.

The EuroTour will have five events on the schedule starting with the Lasko

Open (February 26-28) in Lasko, Slovenia.

The first Blue Ribbon (an event with over \$300,000 in prize money) tournament of the season follows with the World Pool Championship from April 5-9 with World No.1 Albin Ouschan out to defend his title in a fierce field of 128.

After the World Pool Championship, the EuroTour visits Treviso for the first of two Treviso Open tournaments from April 29 to May 2.

Alexander Kazakis will head to Gibraltar for the World Pool Masters (May 5-8) as the defending champion with the top 20 players on the Matchroom Nineball Pool World Rankings, along with four wildcards invited. Tight pockets, an elite field, and a bruising single-elimination format means only a player at the very top of their game can walk away with the World Pool Masters title.

The first-ever UK Open Pool (May 17-22) will follow with a bumper field of 256 out to claim the inaugural crown and a slice of the \$200,000 prize pot. With an entry fee of only \$250, it offers the perfect opportunity for a breakout star to make their mark and stake their claim on the Nineball World Rankings.

Entries will open for the UK Open on Friday, January 14 at 2 pm UK time.

The World Cup of Pool (June 13-18) is one of Pool's most unique events and Germany will be out to defend their title at the Brentwood Centre in Essex, England.

There's a EuroTour doubleheader in June and August with trips to Salzburg, Austria and Petrich, Bulgaria on June 24-27 and August 6-8 respectively.

The US Open Pool Championship will return to the Harrah's Resort, Atlantic City from October 10, to October 15 with reigning champion World No. 2 Carlo Biado looking to take home one of the biggest titles on the schedule once again.

At the conclusion of the US Open Pool Championship, both Team USA and Team Europe will know their first three players for the Mosconi Cup with both teams taking the top two players off the 2023 rankings along with a wildcard each.

Pat Fleming's International Open Nineball tournament (30-5 November) will feature for the first time where Ouschan will look to replicate what was an incredible year in 2021.

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2022 SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	PROMOTER	EVENT STATUS
26-29 January	Derby City Classic 9-Ball	DIAMOND	Ranking Event \$77,500
13-20 February	PLP PREMIER LEAGUE POOL	nineball.	Non-Ranking \$100,000
26-28 February	Lasko Open	EURO TOUR	Ranking Event \$45,600
5-9 April	WORLD POOL CHAMPIONSHIP	nineball.	Major \$325,000
29-2 May	Treviso Open	EURO TOUR	Ranking Event \$45,600
5-8 May	WORLD POOL MASTERS	nineball.	Non-Ranking \$100,000
17-22 May	UK OPEN	nineball.	Major \$200,000
13-18 June	world cup of pool	nineball.	Non Ranking \$250,000
24-27 June	St Johann im Pongau Open	EURO TOUR	Ranking Event \$45,600
6-8 August	Petrich Open	EURO TOUR	Ranking Event \$45,600
10-15 October	US OPEN: POOL CHAMPIONSHIP Harratt's ATLANTIC CITY	nineball.	Blue Ribbon \$300,000
30-5 November	International 9-Ball Open	Accu-Stats	Ranking Event \$114,000
15-20 November	EUROPEAN OPEN	nineball.	Major \$200,000
25-27 November	Treviso Open	EURO TOUR	Ranking Event \$45,600
30-3 December	MOSCONI CUP BALLY'S LAS VEGAS	nineball.	Non-Ranking \$225,000

Another new event promoted by Matchroom will take place in Germany with the European Open (November 15-20) with an open field of 256 set to battle for the first-place prize of \$30,000.

At the end of the European Open, the 2023 rankings will be known with the final two players for both Europe and the USA's Mosconi Cup rosters to be announced with one further player coming off the rankings for each side and one further wild card by both respec-

tive captains. The final EuroTour to feature on the calendar will be in Treviso (25-27 November).

The 2022 Mosconi Cup (November 30-5) promises to be one of the spectacles of the year as the USA look to bounce back on home soil at Bally's Resort, Las Vegas after just missing out 11-7 at Alexandra Palace in 2021.

All tournaments on the schedule where needed will be seeded based on

the 2022 Nineball World Rankings. See the Nineball Information Pack here with all the information you need to know about each event including entry criteria's and more.

See more as Matchroom launches the Nineball Pool World Rankings at <https://www.azbilliards.com/matchroom-launch-global-nineball-ranking-system-for-pool/>

MATCHROOM LAUNCH GLOBAL NINEBALL *Ranking System For Pool*

Matchroom is thrilled to announce the inauguration of the Nineball World Rankings. The rankings will become the cornerstone of the game globally to recognise Nineball as the primary discipline of pool, sanctioned by the World Pool-Billiard Association.



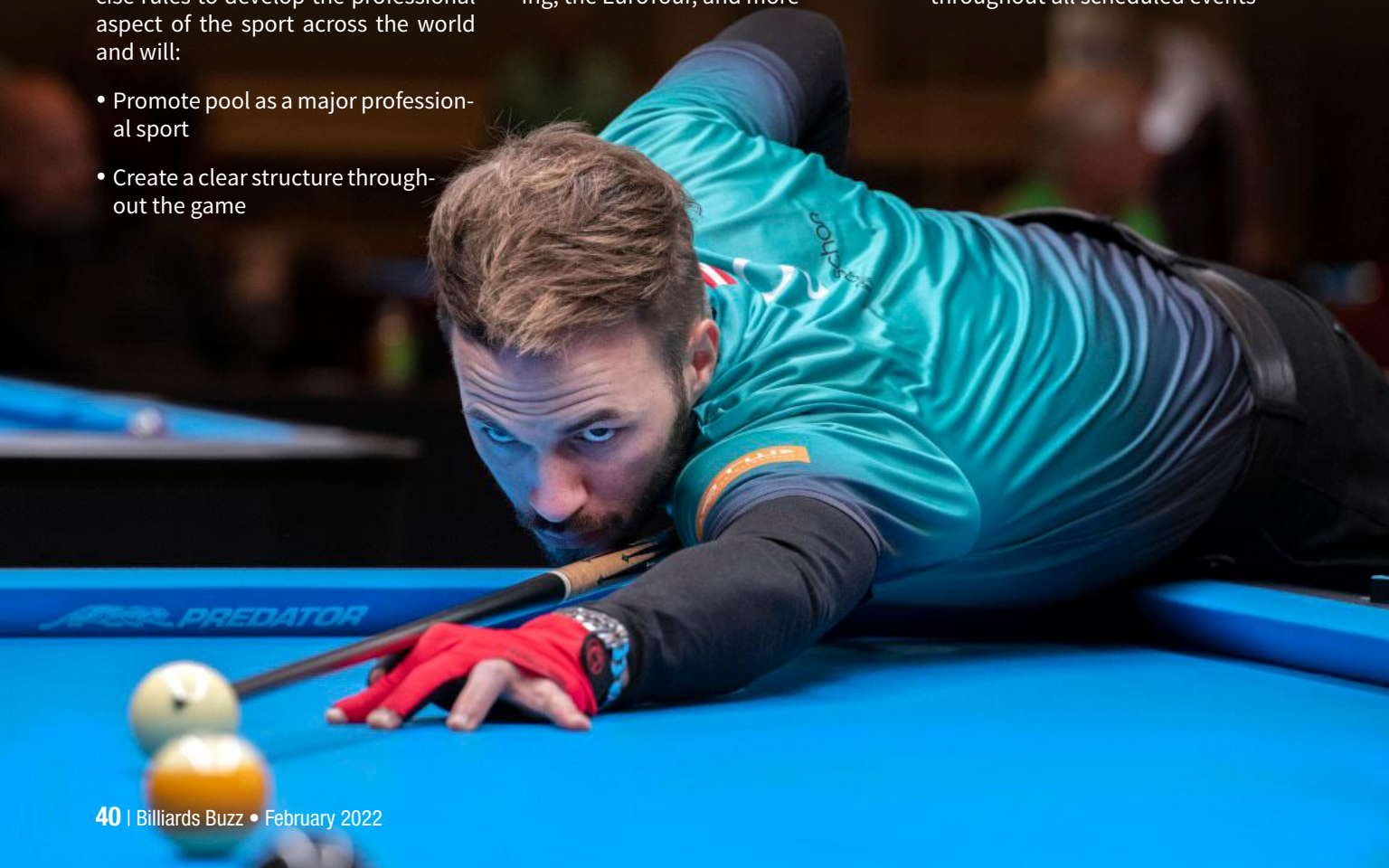
The establishment of the Nineball World Rankings propels Matchroom's further commitment to the growth of pool globally.

The Matchroom Nineball World Rankings will promote clear, fair, and concise rules to develop the professional aspect of the sport across the world and will:

- Promote pool as a major professional sport
- Create a clear structure throughout the game

- Form qualification for all Matchroom promoted events
- Feature Nineball events outside of Matchroom events, including established and professional event organisers of Diamond Billiards, Pat Fleming, the EuroTour, and more

- Be open to all ambitious players worldwide whilst establishing a fair platform for women in the sport
- Produce fair seeding from rankings throughout all scheduled events



Matchroom’s recent expansion into Open fielded Nineball events is with the aim to increase participation numbers on the professional side of the sport and across the world, with further additions to the roster: US Open, UK Open, and the European Open. Field sizes of 256 players, guaranteed prize money, and now a seeding structure, as well as ranking points earned, strengthens Matchroom’s commitment to the sport of Pool.

Matchroom President Barry Hearn said: “We are going to make Pool a major global sport and together we’re going to show what can be achieved and what dreams can be created for the players all around the world already playing this wonderful game.”

“For the first time, you have a major global company looking after players and making sure the opportunities are second to none. Get involved either as player or fan. We need everyone to pull in the same direction and under Matchroom’s leadership Nineball Pool will shock the world over the next few years.”

“The game needs to make that quantum leap into the big time and Matchroom are ready to take it there in 2022. This is going to be electric.”

From January 2022, the Matchroom Nineball World Rankings will:

- Feature the primary rankings list of an initial Top 32 ranked players with a top-up of a further 8 players, this list will be used throughout the 2022 events for qualification and seeding to the Matchroom Nineball schedule of events
- Feature the secondary rankings list of live actual ranking points of prize money earned that will come into effect December 2022 as well as contribute towards the Mosconi Cup 2022 team qualification

- Feature 8 Matchroom promoted events
- Have a Rankings Committee who together initiated the official Top 32 of players and will continue to monitor the status of the primary rankings throughout 2022 to ensure they fairly reflect performance

Matchroom Multi Sport Managing Director Emily Frazer explained: “Finally players have a clear and transparent entry system to the biggest staged events in the world. With the support of the WPA, the Nineball world rankings is the perfect opportunity to bring together the whole pool community. It is time we create structure and organisation in this sport.”

“This announcement of structure is exactly what the sport of pool has needed to push forwards and commercialise. Now there will be a clear structure on our website, that will be detailing our schedule of events, how you qualify, how you earn ranking points, and when the cut-off is. Tournament seedings is a key part of the

Nineball world Rankings; an advantage and benefit to the players is to be ranked in events on order of merit.”

“In the last couple of years, we have gone from three events to eight in 2022. It was vital and integral to the sport of pool for us to bring the pool community together and to work with other event organisers as part of our Nineball World Rankings. Thanks to the likes of Diamond Billiards for the Derby City Classic. Pat Fleming for the International Open. EPBF President Gre Leenders for the EuroTour to create a bigger ranking system for our players.”

“In 2022, we are bringing you a total of \$1.7million of prize money. What a journey we are on and what a journey we are starting. This announcement of the Nineball World Rankings is exactly what pool has needed to turn this into a global recognised sport. This is the motivation that every single person that loves this game just as much as we do to pick up a cue and start playing. This is time for everyone in the community to come together and professionalise this sport.”



MATCHROOM 9 BALL WORLD POOL RANKINGS

2022 RANKINGS

1 Albin Ouschan (AUT)

2 Carlo Biado (PHI)

3 David Alcaide (ESP)

4 Shane Van Boening (USA)

5 Max Lechner (AUT)

6 Aloysius Yapp (SIN)

7 Naoyuki Oi (JPN)

8 Ko Ping Chung (TPE)

9 Wu Jiaqing (CHN)

10 Joshua Filler (GER)

Industry

From December 2022, the Matchroom Nineball World Rankings will:

- Be formed on prize money won at events with ranking status set out as part of the Matchroom Nineball Schedule
- Be based on a 2-year rolling period to ensure a fair sample size
- Be displayed on the Matchroom Pool website throughout 2022 and see how it will impact the 2022 Mosconi Cup

Ranking status will be awarded by prize money and therefore events will be categorised into the below tiers, this will establish a clear Tour for the players to participate in:

Event Status (subject to change and review on a yearly basis)

- **Blue Ribbon > \$300,000 +**
- **Major Events > \$150,000 – \$299,999**
- **Ranking Events > Up to \$149,999**

The Matchroom Nineball World Rankings are open to any tournament recognised by Matchroom and given the approval of Matchroom and sanction of the WPA. To be a part of the rankings, tournament organisers must follow the overall standards set out by the Matchroom Nineball World Rankings to raise the profile of the sport. Whilst this will be flexible for 2022, the aim will be to standardise the professional rules of the game of

Nineball producing fairness for players throughout all organised events as well as generating an easy understanding of the game: increasing awareness across the globe.

The 2022 Matchroom Nineball schedule will begin with the Diamond City Classic 9-Ball on January 26 promoted by Diamond Billiards before Matchroom's first-ever Premier League Pool at the Morningside Arena, Leicester in England from Sunday, February 13 to Sunday, February 20.

Read more on Premier League Pool replacing Championship League Pool and how it works at <https://matchroom-pool.com/news/premier-league-pool-to-replace-championship-league-pool-explained/>



The full 2022 Matchroom Nineball Schedule can be found in full at <https://matchroompool.com/world-rankings/>



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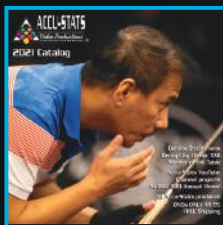
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The Kremlin Cup & National Billiards League

Join Matchroom Nineball World Rankings

Matchroom Nineball is delighted to announce the addition of the Kremlin Cup to the Nineball World Rankings alongside two events from the USA's National Billiards League (NBL), globally expanding the Nineball schedule.

The Kremlin Cup is one of the most prestigious tournaments on the calendar and is set to switch from 10-ball to 9-ball, following the Matchroom Nineball World Rankings announcement and will be showcased this year in Moscow, Russia August 23-28. It will see 198 players competing for a guaranteed prize fund of \$50,000 with the tournament open to all and an entry fee of only \$150 for over 18 and \$100 for under 18.

The Cup is known as one of the biggest on the WPA calendar with players traveling from all over the world to Russia to compete with previous winners including World No.2 David Alcaide, current World Pool Masters Champion Alexander Kazakis and two-time Mosconi Cup winner Tyler Styer of the USA.

The National Billiards League, also set to make the switch from 10-ball to 9-ball, is ever growing in the USA with two tournaments joining the schedule as Ranking Events rewarding placement on the Nineball World Rankings.

NBL will host two Sandcastle 9-Ball Open tournaments that will contribute towards the Nineball World Rankings offering an opportunity for players stateside to make their mark on the rankings as well as offer the opportunity to grow themselves.

Matchroom Multi Sport Managing Director Emily Frazer said: "It is overwhelming and motivating to have such a high stature tournament in the Kremlin Cup to first off make the switch in discipline to Nineball and join our global rankings. The decision shows a huge commitment to both the sport and our plans for Nineball over the coming years and I hope it motivates others to also see the benefit. The Kremlin Cup has received approximately 100 players in the past but can accommodate up to 200, and we hope with this announcement, we can work together with the organisers and push the field to sell out just like our Open events."

"We are glad to announce that the Kremlin Cup will be included in the prestigious Matchroom Nineball World Rankings. It is a great honor for us to be on the list of the best international tournaments. We look forward to the arrival of the best athletes from all over the world to Moscow with great impatience." – Evgeny Ivanov, President of Moscow Union of Billiard Sports, the organiser of a Kremlin Cup.

"The NBL coming on board is a fantastic opportunity for players stateside to



make their presence known in the game on the Nineball World Rankings and the opportunity to qualify for the 2022 Mosconi Cup at Bally's Las Vegas, November 30-3 December. We would like to thank Ed Liddawi at the NBL for their support in the rankings."

"I've always stood for cross-promotion of the sport in the American billiards industry as well as creating a clearer structure for American players in the US for qualification into the Mosconi Cup and I'm excited to see many of us working together to provide multiple opportunities for the players to earn World Rankings in their own backyard," said Frazer.

"As the NBL focuses on 8 & 10-Ball events for American residents only, I'm proud to announce the inaugural 2022 Sandcastle 9-Ball Open commencing June 3-5 which is open to players from all around the World. There will also be a Sandcastle US Open 9-Ball warm-up event October 6-8 just days before the US Open and only 90 minutes away from Atlantic City to offer even more events to the players and help save them travel expenses between venues," said Ed Liddawi, NBL Founder & CEO.



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New Logo And Prize Fund Increase For The EURO TOUR IN 2022

With the EPBF's Euro Tour series entering its 31st year, it is the longest running 9-ball pool tour in the world. Having already paid out several millions in prize money over the years, the Euro Tour has increased the prize fund for 2022 from 228,000 Euro to 270,000 over the six tour stops.

The winners at each event will now trouser €6,000 as their reward while beaten semi-finalists will pick up a cool €3,000 euros.

EPBF President Gre Leenders said, "With the launch of the Live TV Project, the step to increasing the prize

money is a logical one. We try to increase the value of the Euro Tour every year and it says enough that the Euro Tour is entering its 31st year.

"The cooperation with Matchroom Multi Sport will also give the EuroTour an extra boost so that the prestige

of the Euro Tour will increase even more."

With the live broadcast of the Euro Tour semis and finals scheduled in 2022, it is another indication of where the Tour is heading and to launch the new era, a new Tour logo has been designed and implemented.

David Morris, IBPF President said, "The old logo had stood the test of time, and it really was a great logo. We didn't want to lose the identity of the old logo which was tricky, but we found a great young designer in Croatia who provided us with a fresh new update, keeping the old at heart. I'm very pleased with the result and hopefully the players and fans will like it too."

The 2022 EuroTour season gets underway with the Dynamic Billard Lasko Open in Slovenia from February 25-28 and registration is open for all participants at www.epbf.com

For more information and scheduled dates, check out the EPBF website or contact the EPBF press office at press@epbf.com



The Longoni 9-Ball League Launches In 2022

Longoni, the premier Italian cue company, has recently announced the launch of their scotch doubles 9-ball league for 2022 involving the best athletes on the Euro Tour. Starting in February, the Longoni 9-Ball League will be played on the eve of each Euro Tour event, involving the highest-ranked players from the Euro Tour overall rankings.

With a total of 12 teams competing, 11 countries have been selected for the inaugural Longoni 9-Ball League based on current Euro Tour rankings. The onus is on the players to perform on the Euro Tour to make their respective teams. Each team will consist of the two highest-ranked players from that nation at the time of each Longoni 9-ball League match. With the Euro Tour rankings ever-changing, it's possible that more than two athletes will participate as a team during the League's season.

The 12th team Italy, were selected by Longoni for the inaugural year and Pierluigi Longoni, Director General of Longoni, said, "The Longoni company is enthusiastic to see this new project coming to life. We have been collaborating with the EPBF for many years, priorly with the homologation of the

Prostar tables, then as a sponsor of the EuroTour.

"Our goal has always been to create an international pool circuit associated with our own brand where players from different countries could participate together: The Longoni 9 Ball League is matching our expectations and we are excited to see the start in Slovenia. This is the first year of the project but we would like to make it grow in the coming years, making it a must for the European pool scene."

Each tournament will see participating countries drawn into four groups of three and the group winners will progress to the semi-finals. The four countries finishing last in their respective groups will be relegated and replaced by four new countries. Athletes will win a share of the total prize money for each match they play with the

winning team collecting a possible 4,500 Euros for playing 4 matches.

"This new event brings the top players together competing as a team, and with no entry fees or extra travel costs, it's a big win for the athletes. It will bring more excitement to the Euro Tour rankings as each player's results could determine if they make the next team, it will be interesting to see this develop," said David Morris, IBPF President.

The twelve teams forming the inaugural Longoni 9-Ball League will be from players highest ranked from the following countries: Albania, Austria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Serbia and Spain.

The draw for the inaugural event will take place in Lasko, Slovenia on 25th February with the first group matches taking place the same evening. Where to watch the matches live and further information will be coming soon. Check out the event information on the Longoni 9-Ball League's Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/Longoni-9-ball-League-104306765481649>

For more information and scheduled dates, check out the EPBF website or contact the EPBF press office at press@epbf.com



Introducing First 12 Players Of Premier League Pool

The first 12 players for the inaugural Premier League Pool at Stadium MK, Milton Keynes from Monday, February 14 to Monday, February 21 have been confirmed off the Nineball World Rankings with four further players due to join the field as wild cards.

World No.1 Albin Ouschan will lead the field with a total prize fund of \$100,000 on offer with first place taking home \$20,000 and a minimum of \$2,5000 guaranteed with the likes of the USA's Shane Van Boening, Singapore's Aloysius Yapp, Japan's Naoyuki Oi, Kuwait's Omar Al-Shaheen and 2021 Mosconi Cup MVP Jayson Shaw part of the line-up.

Four wild cards will make up the 16 players as they compete in a league format. It will be a non-ranking event broadcast worldwide across two tables. Fans in the USA will be able to watch live on DAZN and in the UK on FreeSports. New broadcasters are being added daily but find out where to watch in your country so far here.

The below 12 earned their entry off the Nineball World Rankings

1. Albin Ouschan (AUSTRIA)
2. David Alcaide (SPAIN)
3. Shane Van Boening (USA)
4. Max Lechner (AUSTRIA)
5. Aloysius Yapp (SINGAPORE)
6. Naoyuki Oi (JAPAN)
7. Joshua Filler (GERMANY)
8. Eklent Kaçi (ALBANIA)
9. Alexander Kazakis (GREECE)
10. Omar Al-Shaheen (KUWAIT)
11. Jayson Shaw (SCOTLAND)
12. Oliver Szolnoki (HUNGARY)

Premier League Pool Format

- All 16 players face each other once across the first five days of play
- After day five, the bottom 6 in the League Table are eliminated
- The remaining 10 players face each other again across days six and seven before 4 more players are eliminated
- The remaining 6 play each other once more on day eight before the top four contend the playoffs
- All group matches race to 5, alternate break
- A win will give a player a point on the league table
- After points, the table will be determined by Rack Difference then Racks Won followed by Head-to-Head record if nothing can split players.





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Ten Spots Remain For **USBA World Cup**

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The USBA field for the Las Vegas World Cup is rounding out. The USBA has selected Mazin Shooni, Frank Torres and Raymon Groot to participate in the tournament. With their selection, ten spots remain for USBA players.

These will be determined on March 25 and 26 at two qualifying tournaments to be held in Las Vegas prior to the start of the World Cup.

Three players selected by USBA

Shooni and Torres are past USBA national champions. Groot finished second in the 2020 USBA national tournament. All three have extensive international playing experience, with Torres' second place finish in the 1987 World Championship being the most-notable highlight. They join nine other USBA players who have been selected to play in the tournament.

Two players have been selected by Predator, the host organizer for the World Cup, as its wildcards: Pedro Piedrabuena and Hugo Patiño. Pie-

drabuena finished first in the 2021 USBA national tournament. Patiño is a four-time USBA national champion. The USBA had previously selected the following players based on their top-eight placement in the 2021 National tournament: Tae Kyu Lee, Young Kyu Lee, Edward Gomez, John Park, Miguel Torres, Kang Lee, and Eric Kwon.

The Las Vegas World Cup, scheduled from March 27 to April 2, 2022 at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino, is one of eight similar tournaments on the UMB calendar for 2022. Each tournament is limited to 149 players.

Ten to be determined at qualifying tournament

Players interested in obtaining more information about playing in the qualifying tournaments should contact

Ira Lee via his email: iralee3c@gmail.com. Details about the tournaments, including the format and entry fee, will be announced shortly.



Mazin Shooni



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Entries Sell Out In Under An Hour

Player entries for the first-ever UK Open Pool Championship have sold out in under an hour with 256 spots quickly snapped up ahead of the inaugural tournament from May 17-22.

A prize fund of \$200,000 will be on offer as 256 players battle it out to become the inaugural winner of the UK Open Pool Championship with the Major Event contributing towards the newly announced Matchroom Nineball World Rankings.

World No.1 Albin Ouschan will go into the tournament as a red-hot favourite with the likes of World No.3 David Alcaide, World No.4 Shane Van Boening, and World Cup of Pool winner Joshua Filler set to feature in what promises to be a special week of action.

Matchroom Multi Sport Managing Director Emily Frazer said: "We cannot wait to see all 256 players at the inaugural U.K. Open later this year. It is fantastic to see such a big appetite for a brand-new event that we will be bringing. We have seen lots of different players from around the world signing up including snooker players on the World Snooker Tour. With \$200,000 on the line, it could really be career-changing for some of the entrants. We're excited to see the action unfold and will be able to give information on spectator tickets soon"

The brand-new UK Open Pool Championship will bring 256 of the world's best players to the UK. Lending its format from the US Open Pool Champi-

onship, the UK Open will see players fight through a seeded double elimination stage led by the top 32 on the Nineball World Rankings. Only the last 16 will make it through to the straight knockout stage.

Players wishing to play the event can join the Waiting List. If places become available in the 2022 UK Open Pool Championship, players will be contacted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For any queries regarding player entries, please email pool@matchroom.com.

See more on the newly announced Matchroom Nineball World Rankings and Schedule at <https://matchroompool.com/world-rankings/>



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Tourney Results

Jan 01 - Jan 02

Invasion of the Triangle Event

Brass Tap Billiards

Raleigh, NC

- 1 BJ Ussery \$2,000
- 2 Mike Davis \$1,200
- 3 Landon Hollingsworth \$760
- 4 Barry Mashburn \$560
- 5 Jesus Atencio \$400
- 5 Mark Bolton \$400
- 7 Dylan Letchworth \$250
- 7 Graham Swinson \$250
- 9 Brady Norris \$150
- 9 Jeff Underwood \$150
- 9 Joey Tate \$150
- 9 Steven Page \$150

Jan 02 - Jan 02

Mezz Cues LA 9-Ball Series Stop

Gladi8or Billiards

Los Angeles, California

- 1 Joshua Farris \$500
- 2 Tony Garcia \$300
- 3 Chris Wedekind \$220
- 4 Kevin Nakamura \$150
- 5 Geno Cardenaz \$100
- 5 Rhino Lay \$100
- 7 Gigi Callejas \$65
- 7 Johnny Tang \$65

Jan 04 - Jan 09

Iron City Open 2022 Open 9-Ball

Iron City Billiards

Birmingham, Alabama

- 1 Tony Chohan \$4,200
- 2 Josh Roberts \$2,350
- 3 Skyler Woodward \$1,600
- 4 Manny Chau \$1,200
- 5 Manny Perez \$645
- 5 Roland Garcia \$645
- 7 AJ Jones \$360
- 7 Sergio Rivas \$360
- 9 Eric Opitz \$250

- 9 Jason Foutch \$250
- 9 Kenny Price \$250
- 9 Marcus Byrom \$250
- 13 Bobby Stovall \$200
- 13 Joselito Martinez \$200
- 13 Kenneth Brisbon \$200
- 13 Wai Pang \$200
- 17 Daryl Guess \$150
- 17 Jake Weaver \$150
- 17 Jason Brown \$150
- 17 Jason Hill \$150
- 17 Jeff Jordan \$150
- 17 Lance Ireland \$150
- 17 Richard Andrews \$150
- 17 Wesley White \$150

Jan 04 - Jan 04

Iron City Open 2022 One Ball One Pocket Division

Iron City Billiards

Birmingham, Alabama

- 1 Josh Roberts \$1,420
- 2 Efren Reyes \$1,050
- 3 David Ferguson \$525
- 3 Tony Chohan \$525

Jan 05 - Jan 07

Iron City Open 2022 One Pocket Division

Iron City Billiards

Birmingham, Alabama

- 1 Josh Roberts \$11,000
- 2 Omar Al Shaheen \$5,700
- 3 Roland Garcia \$1,900

Jan 06 - Jan 09

Turning Stone Classic XXXIV

Turning Stone Casino

Verona, NY

- 1 Jayson Shaw \$8,000
- 2 Fedor Gorst \$5,000
- 3 Abdullah Alyousef \$3,600

- 4 Mika Immonen \$2,600
- 5 Earl Strickland \$2,000
- 5 John Morra \$2,000
- 7 Dave Dreidel \$1,600
- 7 Tyler Styer \$1,600
- 9 Demitrios Jelatis \$1,200
- 9 Hunter Lombardo \$1,200
- 9 Kevin West \$1,200
- 9 Thorsten Hohmann \$1,200
- 13 Bader Al Awadi \$850
- 13 Frankie Hernandez \$850
- 13 Joe Dupuis \$850
- 13 Pat Fleming \$850
- 17 Bucky Souvanthong \$550
- 17 Greg McAndrews \$550
- 17 Jeremy Sossei \$550
- 17 Lyn Wechsler \$550
- 17 Matthew Harricharan \$550
- 17 Michael Yednak \$550
- 17 Sourith Thammavong \$550
- 17 Tom Zippler \$550
- 25 Brad Guthrie \$300
- 25 Caroline Pao \$300
- 25 Holden Chin \$300
- 25 Jimmy Rivera \$300
- 25 Jonathan Smith \$300
- 25 Josh Thiele \$300
- 25 Reggie Cutler \$300
- 25 Shaun Wilkie \$300

Jan 08 - Jan 08

Garden State Pool Tour Amateur Stop

Shooters Family Billiards

Wayne, New Jersey

- 1 Justin Pelech \$500
- 2 Don Henriquez \$350
- 3 Clint Walker \$250
- 4 Sumit Bansal \$140
- 5 Dakota Zbuchalski \$100
- 5 Paul Wilkens \$100
- 7 Marc Lamberti \$70
- 7 Rick Rodriguez \$70

Jan 08 - Jan 09

Q City 9-Ball Tour 9th Annual Barbox Championship

Break and Run Billiards

Chesnee, South Carolina

- 1 Joey Tate \$1,500
- 2 Cole Lewis \$1,000
- 3 Jason Blackwell \$600
- 4 Haskell Brown \$380
- 5 Bill Fowler \$200
- 5 Steven Ellis \$200
- 7 BJ Hucks \$150
- 7 Justin Duncan \$150
- 9 Greg Dix \$100
- 9 Justin Knuckles \$100
- 9 Michael Rabon \$100
- 9 Randy Tate \$100

Jan 08 - Jan 09

Iron City Open 2022 Ladies Division

Iron City Billiards

Birmingham, Alabama

- 1 Monica Webb \$2,040
- 2 Kaylee McIntosh \$1,000
- 3 April Larson \$700
- 4 Ming Ng \$475
- 5 Jeannie Seaver \$280
- 5 Julie Cone \$280
- 7 Ashley Rice \$180
- 7 Debbie McIntosh \$180
- 9 Amanda Huff \$140
- 9 Louisiana Le \$140
- 9 Tam Trinh \$140
- 9 Terri Stovall \$140

Jan 12 - Jan 16

Music City Classic 2022 Ladies Division

JOB Billiards

Madison, TN

- 1 Nicole Keeney \$1,110
- 2 Edie Dean \$760
- 3 Julie Skripac-Cooper \$425
- 4 Laura Kanov \$300
- 5 Amanda Huff \$225
- 5 Amy Theriault \$225
- 7 Lisa Porter \$190
- 7 Michelle Dunn \$190
- 9 Christina Perlowski \$95
- 9 Janeen Lee \$95
- 9 Melissa Young \$95
- 9 Teresa Goff \$95

Jan 12 - Jan 16

Music City Classic 2022 Midnight Madness

JOB Billiards

Madison, TN

- 1 Jonathan Pinegar \$2,000
- 1 Shane Wolford \$2,000

Jan 12 - Jan 16

Music City Classic 2022 Open Division

JOB Billiards

Madison, TN

- 1 Shane Wolford \$4,000
- 2 Jonathan Hennessee \$2,600
- 3 Sergio Rivas \$1,650
- 4 Brian Bryant \$1,075
- 5 Josh O'Neal \$780
- 5 Michael Gann \$780
- 7 Billy Young \$470
- 7 James Davee \$470
- 9 Chip Gaither \$275
- 9 Chuck Raulston \$275
- 9 Jeremiah Brown \$275
- 9 Joey Yarborough \$275
- 13 Caleb Schumacher \$190
- 13 Lee Alford \$190
- 13 Manny Perez \$190
- 13 Ricky Taylor \$190
- 17 Gene Drerup \$130
- 17 Jeremiah Petty \$130
- 17 John Gabriel \$130
- 17 Kevin Ping \$130
- 17 Robert Wilkerson \$130
- 17 Rusty Jackson \$130
- 17 Scott Roberts \$130
- 17 Steve Hancock \$130
- 25 Carey Stringfield \$100
- 25 Christopher Martin \$100
- 25 David Matlock \$100
- 25 David Osman \$100
- 25 Lee Uhles \$100
- 25 Mark Nanashee \$100
- 25 Rick Chitwood \$100
- 25 Steve Cruse \$100

Jan 12 - Jan 15

Arcadia Arizona Open 2022

Casino Del Sol Resort

Tucson, Arizona

- 1 Fedor Gorst \$25,000

- 2 Roland Garcia \$15,000
- 3 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$7,500
- 3 Mieszko Fortunski \$7,500
- 5 Albin Ouschan \$3,000
- 5 Denis Grabe \$3,000
- 5 Kang Lee \$3,000
- 5 Michael Schneider \$3,000
- 9 Chris Reinhold \$1,000
- 9 Joven Bustamante \$1,000
- 9 Konrad Juszczyzyn \$1,000
- 9 Maximilian Lechner \$1,000
- 9 Naoyuki Oi \$1,000
- 9 Omar Al Shaheen \$1,000
- 9 Pijus Labutis \$1,000
- 9 Ralf Souquet \$1,000

Jan 15 - Jan 16

2022 Florida State Amateur 9-Ball Championship Second Chance

Zingales Billiards

Tallahassee, Florida

- 1 Jordan Burden \$800
- 2 Jason Jones \$500
- 3 Chris Campos \$350
- 4 Dave Uwate \$200
- 5 Billy Burke \$150
- 5 Denny Singletary \$150
- 7 Eric Renteria \$85
- 7 Javier Chirino \$85

Jan 15 - Jan 16

Q City 9-Ball Tour Scotch Doubles Event

Corner Pockets

Fayetteville, NC

- 1 Jason Holmes \$320
- 1 Sean Lee \$320
- 2 Joshua Shultz \$225
- 2 Tanya Willaford \$225
- 3 Allie Tilley \$125
- 3 Justin Knuckles \$125

Jan 15 - Jan 16

New England 9-Ball Tour 2021 Season Finale

Straight Shooters Family Billiards

Fall River, MA

- 1 Lukas Fracasso-Verner \$2,500
- 2 Robert Lewis \$1,500

- 3 Paul Kazalski \$1,025
- 4 Curtis Wright \$825
- 5 Chad Bazinet \$575
- 5 Tiffany Vuong \$575
- 7 David Ty \$375
- 7 John Vitale \$375

Jan 15 - Jan 16

2022 Florida State Amateur 9-Ball Championship

Zingales Billiards

Tallahassee, Florida

- 1 Justin Gilsinan \$4,000
- 2 Jerry Arvelaez \$2,700
- 3 Trenton White \$1,900
- 4 Rod Rentz \$1,300
- 5 Kelvin Holloman \$775
- 5 Nick Applebee \$775
- 7 Desi DeRado \$475
- 7 Josh Hillard \$475
- 9 Ben Smith \$300
- 9 Jesse Middlebrook \$300
- 9 Joselito Martinez \$300
- 9 Wesley White \$300
- 13 Jerry Clayman \$200
- 13 Kodi Allen \$200
- 13 Steve Foster \$200
- 13 Te Tang \$200

Jan 21 - Jan 29

Derby City Classic 2022 Bigfoot 10-Ball Challenge

Horseshoe Southern Indiana

Elizabeth, IN

- 1 Joshua Filler \$16,000
- 2 Fedor Gorst \$8,000
- 3 Jayson Shaw \$4,000
- 3 Mika Immonen \$4,000

Jan 21 - Jan 29

Derby City Classic 2022 9-Ball Banks Division

Horseshoe Southern Indiana

Elizabeth, IN

- 1 Fedor Gorst \$16,000
- 2 Jayson Shaw \$8,650
- 3 Tony Chohan \$6,250
- 4 John Morra \$4,000
- 5 Mieszko Fortunski \$2,750
- 5 Pijus Labutis \$2,750
- 5 Evan Lunda \$2,750

- 8 Tim De Ruyter \$1,750
- 8 Joshua Filler \$1,750
- 8 Anthony Meglino \$1,750
- 8 Billy Thorpe \$1,750
- 8 Skyler Woodward \$1,750
- 13 Carlo Biado \$1,000
- 13 Lee Vann Corteza \$1,000
- 13 Robert Frost \$1,000
- 13 Shannon Murphy \$1,000
- 13 Albin Ouschan \$1,000
- 13 Alex Pagulayan \$1,000
- 13 Josh Roberts \$1,000
- 23 Mark Slye III \$1,000
- 21 Louis Demarco \$550
- 21 David Alcaide \$550
- 21 Blaine Barcus \$550
- 21 Shawn Bell \$550
- 21 John Brumback \$550
- 21 Manny Chau \$550
- 21 Tim Diaz \$550
- 21 Marc Horsting \$550
- 21 Troy Jones \$550
- 21 Alexandros Kazakis \$550
- 21 Chris Reinhold \$550
- 21 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$550
- 21 Shane Van Boening \$550
- 34 Darrell Abernathy \$400
- 34 Dee Adkins \$400
- 34 Fabian Breuer \$400
- 34 Butch Brumback \$400
- 34 Dave Dreidel \$400
- 34 Mike Ford \$400
- 34 John Gabriel \$400
- 34 Neil Jacobs \$400
- 34 Mason Koch \$400
- 34 Corey Kotarba \$400
- 34 Kostas Koukiadakis \$400
- 34 Charles Mora \$400
- 34 Mike Pankoff \$400
- 34 Kevin Ping \$400
- 34 Christopher Tevez \$400
- 34 Bernard Walker \$400
- 50 L.V. Abernathy \$300
- 50 Omar Al Shaheen \$300
- 50 Jesus Atencio \$300
- 50 Justin Clark \$300
- 50 Justin Cone \$300
- 50 Kaelin Conkright \$300
- 50 Reggie Cutler \$300
- 50 Koka Davladze \$300
- 50 Michael Dietchman \$300
- 50 Michael Delawder \$300
- 50 Corey Eulas \$300

- 50 Dan Fisher \$300
- 50 Brett Hall \$300
- 50 Rob Hall \$300
- 50 Mario He \$300
- 50 Mika Immonen \$300
- 50 Billy Jackson \$300
- 50 Demitrios Jelatis \$300
- 50 Robert Jones \$300
- 50 Konrad Juszczyzyn \$300
- 50 Mike Laney \$300
- 50 Justin Martin \$300
- 50 Eli Mathews \$300
- 50 Matt McCall \$300
- 50 Mark Nanashee \$300
- 50 Naoyuki Oi \$300
- 50 Efren Reyes \$300
- 50 Sergio Rivas \$300
- 50 Can Salim \$300
- 50 Caleb Schumacher \$300
- 50 Shadi Shteivi \$300
- 50 Brandon Shuff \$300
- 50 Ralf Souquet \$300
- 50 Tyler Styer \$300
- 50 Chris Szuter \$300
- 50 Tommy Tokoph \$300
- 50 Shane Winters \$300
- 87 Earl Age III \$250
- 87 Bader Al Awadi \$250
- 87 Michael Almodovar \$250
- 87 Darren Appleton \$250
- 87 Joe Brown \$250
- 87 Clay Carman \$250
- 87 Joe Carnevale \$250
- 87 Gary Collins \$250
- 87 James Davee \$250
- 87 Max Eberle \$250
- 87 Roberto Gomez \$250
- 87 David Grossman \$250
- 87 Steve Hickman \$250
- 87 Samuel Kirby \$250
- 87 Mickey Krause \$250
- 87 Dimitris Loukatos \$250
- 87 John Lynch \$250
- 87 Steven Martin \$250
- 87 Richard Morawski \$250
- 87 Corey Morphew \$250
- 87 David Naiser \$250
- 87 Gary Norton \$250
- 87 Steve Parsons \$250
- 87 Jeff Pruitt \$250
- 87 Vincent Rochefort \$250
- 87 Terry Roe \$250
- 87 Anthony Shea \$250

87 Andrew Shultz \$250
87 Ray Shultz \$250
87 Justin Stewart \$250
87 Ricky Taylor \$250
87 Curtis Thornton \$250
87 Marco Vidal \$250
87 Arron Wolfrey \$250
87 Billy Young \$250

Jan 21 - Jan 29

Derby City Classic 2022 One Pocket Division

Horseshoe Southern Indiana

Elizabeth, IN

1 Fedor Gorst \$16,000
2 Josh Roberts \$9,000
3 Darren Appleton \$6,550
4 Denis Grabe \$3,200
4 Evan Lunda \$3,200
4 Jayson Shaw \$3,200
7 Jonathan Pinegar \$1,900
7 Joshua Filler \$1,900
7 Justin Hall \$1,900
10 Brandon Shuff \$1,200
10 Mario He \$1,200
10 Roberto Gomez \$1,200
10 Roland Garcia \$1,200
10 Shane Van Boening \$1,200
10 Tony Chohan \$1,200
16 Alexandros Kazakis \$700
16 Billy Thorpe \$700
16 Carlo Biado \$700
16 Chris Reinhold \$700
16 Hunter Smutney \$700
16 John Gabriel \$700
16 Lee Vann Corteza \$700
16 Robert Frost \$700
16 Tony Piazza \$700
25 Alex Pagulayan \$400
25 Anthony Meglino \$400
25 Danny Olson \$400
25 David Alcaide \$400
25 David Cole \$400
25 David Matlock \$400
25 Michael Dietzman \$400
25 Mika Immonen \$400
25 Patrick Roy \$400
25 Ralf Souquet \$400
25 Sergio Rivas \$400
25 Shannon Murphy \$400
25 Skyler Woodward \$400
25 Tyler Styer \$400

39 Adam Wheeler \$300
39 Blaine Barcus \$300
39 Can Salim \$300
39 Charlie Bryant \$300
39 Charlie Philippou \$300
39 Chris Szuter \$300
39 Corey Deuel \$300
39 Daniel Sardonicillo \$300
39 Dee Adkins \$300
39 Efren Reyes \$300
39 Justin Martin \$300
39 Louis Demarco \$300
39 Manny Chau \$300
39 Max Eberle \$300
39 Neil Jacobs \$300
39 Paul Age \$300
39 Rick Scarlato \$300
39 Rob Hart \$300
39 Shane Wolford \$300
39 Tim De Ruyter \$300
39 Tommy Tokoph \$300
60 Albin Ouschan \$250
60 Bader Al Awadi \$250
60 Barry Koller \$250
60 Ben Jones \$250
60 Billy Young \$250
60 Brandon Howard \$250
60 Chris Bosse \$250
60 Chuck Tarter \$250
60 David Grossman \$250
60 Dung Pham \$250
60 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$250
60 James Davee \$250
60 Jeff Melton \$250
60 John Clayton \$250
60 Johnny Willis \$250
60 Juan Guzman \$250
60 Kevin Forgette \$250
60 Konrad Juszczyszyn \$250
60 Mark Hosler \$250
60 Mark Nanashee \$250
60 Mark Osman \$250
60 Mason Koch \$250
60 Matt Daiber \$250
60 Maurice King \$250
60 Maximilian Lechner \$250
60 Michael Delawder \$250
60 Mickey Krause \$250
60 Reggie Cutler \$250
60 Rick Stanley \$250
60 Rob Hall \$250
60 Robert Jones \$250
60 Shawn Bell \$250
60 Thomas Kirsch \$250

Jan 21 - Jan 29

Derby City Classic 2022 9-Ball Mini

Horseshoe Southern Indiana

Elizabeth, IN

1 Louis Demarco \$800
2 Thomas Kirson \$400
3 Ruben Bautista \$250
3 Tyler Shultz \$250
5 Dale Ding \$125
5 David Grossman \$125
5 Rob Hart \$125
5 Steve Hickman \$125
9 Aaron Loords \$50
9 Adam Rohanna \$50
9 Brett Snowden \$50
9 Matt Nicholas \$50
9 Nick Rappley \$50
9 Patrick Nichols \$50
9 Randy Pohlmann \$50
9 Wolf Ghneim \$50

Jan 21 - Jan 29

Derby City Classic 2022 One Pocket Mini

Horseshoe Southern Indiana

Elizabeth, IN

1 Anthony Meglino \$800
2 David Grossman \$400
3 Felix Luna \$200
3 Frankie Ruiz \$200
5 Brett Underwood \$50
5 Dennis Wilson \$50
5 Jose Patino \$50
5 Neil Jacobs \$50

Jan 21 - Jan 29

Derby City Classic 2022 9-Ball Banks Mini

Horseshoe Southern Indiana

Elizabeth, IN

1 Corey Morphew \$800
2 Brett Hall \$400
3 Louis Demarco \$250
3 Michael Almodovar \$250
5 Curtis Thornton \$125
5 Earl Age III \$125
5 Gary Gullett \$125
5 Scott Cohen \$125
9 Ahmed Alsaedi \$50
9 Frankie Ray \$50

9 Neil Jacobs \$50
9 Rick Beams \$50
9 Rob Hart \$50
9 Rob Vogen \$50
9 Tim Diaz \$50
9 Tommy Stephenson \$50

Jan 21 - Jan 29

Derby City Classic 2022 Master of the Table

Horseshoe Southern Indiana

Elizabeth, IN
1 Fedor Gorst \$20,000
2 Jayson Shaw \$3,000
3 Joshua Filler \$2,000

Jan 21 - Jan 29

Derby City Classic 2022 9-Ball Division

Horseshoe Southern Indiana

Elizabeth, IN
1 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$16,000
2 Joshua Filler \$8,000
3 Roland Garcia \$5,800
4 Jayson Shaw \$3,600
4 Mario He \$3,600
6 John Morra \$2,400
6 Mika Immonen \$2,400
6 Shane Van Boening \$2,400
6 Shane Wolford \$2,400
10 Bader Al Awadi \$1,700
10 Carlo Biado \$1,700
10 David Alcaide \$1,700
10 Gerason Martinez \$1,700
10 Nick De Leon \$1,700
10 Omar Alshaheen \$1,700
10 Wiktor Zielinski \$1,700
17 Can Salim \$1,100
17 Christopher Tevez \$1,100
17 Danny Olson \$1,100
17 Fedor Gorst \$1,100
17 Pijus Labutis \$1,100
22 Alex Pagulayan \$700
22 Corey Deuel \$700
22 Daniel Sardoncillo \$700
22 Denis Grabe \$700
22 James Davee \$700
22 Jonathan Pinegar \$700
22 Lee Vann Corteza \$700
22 Marty Sawinski \$700
22 Max Eberle \$700
22 Mieszko Fortunski \$700

22 Jr, Mike Banks \$700
22 Naoyuki Oi \$700
22 Rick Stanley \$700
22 Roberto Gomez \$700
22 Thorsten Hohmann \$700
37 Alexandros Kazakis \$400
37 Chris Reinhold \$400
37 Demitrios Jelatis \$400
37 Dominic Brikho \$400
37 Donny Mills \$400
37 Fitim Haradinaj \$400
37 Jeff Beckley \$400
37 Josh Roberts \$400
37 Konrad Juszczyszyn \$400
37 Manny Perez \$400
37 Ralf Souquet \$400
37 Robert Frost \$400
37 Shannon Murphy \$400
37 Tyler Styer \$400
51 Abrin Schaad \$300
51 Alan Rolon \$300
51 Albin Ouschan \$300
51 Andrew Mackey \$300
51 Billy Thorpe \$300
51 Brian Francis \$300
51 Cleiton Rocha \$300
51 David Matlock \$300
51 Dee Adkins \$300
51 Derek Laprarie \$300
51 Dimitris Loukatos \$300
51 Ed Hancock \$300
51 Efren Reyes \$300
51 Evan Lunda \$300
51 Hunter Lombardo \$300
51 John Moody Jr. \$300
51 Julio Burgos \$300
51 Justin Martin \$300
51 Lloyd Moreland \$300
51 Mason Koch \$300
51 Matt Carman \$300
51 Matthew Gregg \$300
51 Mitchell Maynard \$300
51 Robert Patrick \$300
51 Robert Sopha \$300
51 Tim De Ruyter \$300
51 Tommy Tokoph \$300
78 Angela Janic \$250
78 Anthony Meglino \$250
78 Ben Jones \$250
78 Brad Barton \$250
78 Brett Underwood \$250
78 Chris Szuter \$250
78 Christopher Van Hoose \$250
78 Curtis Thornton \$250

78 David Walker \$250
78 Jesus Atencio \$250
78 John Gabriel \$250
78 John Moody Sr. \$250
78 Koka Davladze \$250
78 Louis Demarco \$250
78 Manny Chau \$250
78 Marc Vidal Claramunt \$250
78 Matt Ross \$250
78 Maximilian Lechner \$250
78 Michael Yednak \$250
78 Richard Andrews \$250
78 Richie Richeson \$250
78 Rob Hall \$250
78 Robert Hall \$250
78 Ruben Bautista \$250
78 Ruben Flores \$250
78 Sascha Trautmann \$250
78 Sergio Rivas \$250
78 Skyler Woodward \$250
78 Tony Chohan \$250
78 Troy Jones \$250
78 Tyler Shultz \$250

Jan 22 - Jan 22

Tiger Florida Tour 2022 Stop 1

Brewlands Bar & Billiards

Lakeland, FL
1 Sofia Mast \$600
2 Stephanie Mitchell \$400
3 Tracey Mullen \$200
3 Vanessa Seaver \$200
5 Helene Caukin \$100
5 Jessica Barnes \$100
5 Kaylee McIntosh \$100
5 Xare Qualis \$100

Jan 22 - Jan 22

Q City 9-Ball Tour Event

OverTime Bar & Grill

Columbia, SC
1 Larry McGee \$800
2 Chris Cricket \$550
3 Robbie Shelley \$350
4 Eddie Wahdan \$200
5 Larry David \$100
5 Marty Free \$100

Jan 22 - Jan 22

Predator Tri State Tour 2021 Stop

Clifton Billiards

Clifton, New Jersey
 1 Marc Lamberti \$600
 2 Jason Goberdhan \$320
 3 Linda Cheung \$200
 4 Bryan Jeziorski \$120
 5 Ray Marisette \$80
 5 Tom Crane \$80

Jan 23 - Jan 23

New England 9-Ball Tour 2022 Stop #1

Straight Shooters Family Billiards

Fall River, MA
 1 Jim Prather \$680
 2 Adam Blair \$420
 3 David Melancon \$300
 4 Steven Mantineo \$160

Jan 28 - Jan 28

Derby City Classic 2022 Bank Pool Ring Game

Horseshoe Southern Indiana

Elizabeth, IN
 1 Billy Thorpe \$8,000
 2 Skyler Woodward \$4,000

Jan 29 - Jan 30

2022 On the Ball Ladies Tour Stop 1

Big Tyme Billiards

Spring, Texas
 1 Courtney Peters \$800
 2 Teresa Garland \$640
 3 Terry Petrosino \$440
 4 Michelle Cortez \$320
 5 Angie Payne \$165
 5 Jennifer Kraber \$165
 7 Natalie Rocha \$85
 7 Shayla Neris \$85

Jan 29 - Jan 29

Q City 9-Ball Tour Event

Sonny's Billiards and Bistro

Princeton, West Virginia
 1 Daniel Adams \$850


2 Cole Lewis \$550
 3 Corey Morphew \$340
 4 Mike Clevinger \$250
 5 Scott Largen \$130
 5 Sean McGrady \$130

Jan 29 - Jan 30

Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2022 Stop 1

Bullshooters

Phoenix, AZ
 1 Rae Evans \$800
 2 Nina Tagley \$400
 3 Susan Mello \$250
 4 Jaye Succo \$150
 5 Jamie Hagerty \$100
 5 Leandrea Gaff \$100
 7 Colette Kruse \$75
 7 Veronica Poore \$75
 9 Amanda Pulley \$50
 9 Kennedy Meyman \$50
 9 Marcy Thomas \$50
 9 Maria Simonson \$50



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Upcoming Tournaments

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FEBRUARY

Cajun Coast Classic Action - Justin Hall vs Chip Compton

Feb 02 - Feb 03

Pool Do's Sports Bar
Morgan City, Louisiana

Fedor Gorst vs Alex Pagulayan 10-Ball Champions Challenge

Feb 02 - Feb 04

The Rack & Grill III
Aiken, SC

4th Annual Cajun Coast Classic

Feb 02 - Feb 06

Pool Do's Sports Bar
Morgan City, Louisiana

New England 9-Ball Tour 2022 Stop #1

Feb 05 - Feb 06

Snookers Pool Lounge
Providence, RI

Joss Tour 2021-2022 Stop 8

Feb 05 - Feb 06

Utica Billiards On The Boulevard
Utica, New York

Texas Open 10-Ball Tune-Up

Feb 05 - Feb 06

Skinny Bob's Billiards
Round Rock, Texas

Mezz Cues LA 9-Ball Series Stop

Feb 06 - Feb 06

Gladi8or Billiards
Los Angeles, California

Apex Wisconsin Open 2022

Feb 09 - Feb 12

Ho-Chunk Casino WI Dells
Baraboo, Wisconsin

2022 Junior International 9-Ball Championship Stop 2

Feb 11 - Feb 13

Diamond Billiards
Cape Coral, FL

2022 Maryland State Women's 9-Ball Championships

Feb 12 - Feb 13

Brews & Cues on the Boulevard
Glen Burnie, Maryland

Premier League Pool

Feb 14 - Feb 21

Milton Keynes, Bletchley

7th Texas Open 10-Ball Championship

Feb 16 - Feb 21

Skinny Bob's Billiards
Round Rock, Texas

Jay Swanson "Swanee" Memorial 9-Ball Tournament 2022

Feb 18 - Feb 20

Griff's
Las Vegas, Nevada

Northeast 9-Ball Open XXXIII

Feb 19 - Feb 20

Sharpshooters Billiards & Sports Pub
Amsterdam, NY

Capital City Pool Tour 2022 Event 1

Feb 19 - Feb 19

Breaktime Billiards
Cary, NC

New England 9-Ball Tour 2022 Stop #2

Feb 20 - Feb 20

Crow's Nest
Plaistow, New Hampshire

Tiger Florida Tour 2022 Stop 2

Feb 26 - Feb 06

Brewlands Bar & Billiards
Lakeland, FL

Bar Box Bonanza Series 1200 & Under Scotch Doubles 9-Ball

Feb 26 - Feb 27

Brews & Cues on the Boulevard
Glen Burnie, Maryland

2022 DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop 2

Feb 26 - Feb 27





















Stixx And Stones Billiards
Lewisville, Texas

Florida State Open 10-Ball Championship

Feb 26 - Feb 27

Zingales Billiards
Tallahassee, Florida

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	NAME	COUNTRY	\$ AMOUNT
	Fedor Gorst	 RUS	91.100,00 US\$
	Jayson Shaw	 SCO	30.450,00 US\$
	Joshua Filler	 GER	29.650,00 US\$
	Josh Roberts	 USA	25.170,00 US\$
	Roland Garcia	 PHI	24.545,00 US\$
	Franciso Sanchez-Ruiz	 ESP	24.300,00 US\$
	Tony Chohan	 USA	12.425,00 US\$
	Mieszko Fortunki	 POL	10.950,00 US\$
	Billy Thorpe	 USA	10.750,00 US\$
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THURSDAY DOORS OPEN 10AM AUCTION 11AM PLAY ASAP AFTER JACK AND JILL \$125 ENTRY PER TEAM 32 TEAM LIMIT DOUBLE ELIMINATION-RACES TO 7/7

\$10,000 ADDED 10 BALL OPEN

PLAYERS MEETING & AUCTION FRIDAY 8PM PLAY BEGINS 9 AM SATURDAY RACES TO 7/7 DOUBLE ELIMINATION ALTERNATE BREAKS FINALS ON MONDAY \$150 ENTRY (INCLUDES \$25 GREEN FEE) 128 PLAYER LIMIT

\$2,000 ADDED LADIES 10 BALL

PLAYERS MEETING & AUCTION SATURDAY 6PM PLAY ASAP AFTER \$100 ENTRY (INCLUDES \$25 GREEN FEE) RACES TO 7/7 DOUBLE ELIMINATION ALTERNATE BREAKS 32 PLAYER LIMIT

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RACES TO 8-FINALS 11

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