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FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

As I was preparing this issue, Matchroom Multisport announced that Tyler Styer would be the third member of Team USA for this year's Mosconi Cup. I can't think of anyone any more deserving than Tyler. In addition to being arguably the backbone of the team last year, his recent win at the Kremlin Cup indicates that his game is possibly even stronger this year. Congrats to Tyler.



Later this month is the International 9-Ball Open in Norfolk. Remember to check into AzBilliards for online brackets and real time scoring all week long.

I also want to give a shout out to Melinda Bailey for her great interview with Cristina Schneider this month. One of the big advantages in an online publication like this one, is that page count is not a concern. It would be hard for a print publication to devote that much space to an interview like this one, but it is really a very enlightening interview when it comes to the differences between US and European pool and what it is like to live the life of a pro player.

Until next time.

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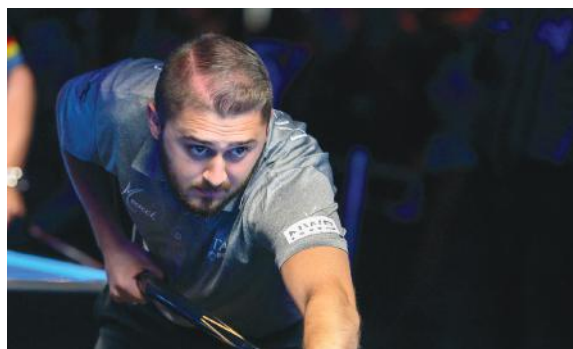
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Do It Again



JERRY BRIESATH

Let's talk about good attitude, where it comes from and how you can increase your confidence at the table.

Confidence, as defined by Webster's is a "feeling of assurance, especially of self assurance." It is that little voice inside you that say "Hey, I can do that!". But how does that little voice know you can do that? Confidence comes from past successes. In other words, when you come to the table, see the shot you must make and the resulting position you must obtain. You use your recall to remember a similar shot situation that you completed successfully. Chances are with the knowledge that you have made the shot previously, you will have the confidence to do so again.

Through the years, I have been able to witness many players, from beginners to pros, use the best practice technique for mastering that

much-needed confidence. The technique is called, very simply, "Do It Again". The way it works is this; when you miss a shot that you really should make at your skill level, set it up and shoot it again until you can execute it to your satisfaction four out of five times.

When you miss key shots or position play during a match that you feel you should have made, remember them so you can "Do It Again" in your practice sessions. This may seem like simple common sense to you, but it is easy to make excuses to ourselves by saying "that one is an easy shot. I should have made it" and forgetting it.

Now think about the last 30 games that you lost. How many of those

were lost because your opponent made a spectacular shot and how many of those were lost because of some easy shot you missed that could have been corrected in your "Do It Again" practice sessions?

Practicing those missed shots that you are supposed to make at your skill level allows you to build those little positive memories in your brain that the little voice can recall back to you and give you confidence.

Good Luck — Jerry

BE PATIENT WITH WISDOM WHEN IT COMES TO POOL SUCCESS

The Sports Doc - Dr. CHRIS STANKOVICH
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Wisdom is defined as the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment. Wisdom accumulates over time as we age, meaning that as we live and learn more in life, we become wiser.

This message, while seemingly simple on the surface, can mean a lot – especially for pool players looking to master the game.

A race to be the best

Many young pool players jump into the sport head first – they buy a cue they like, practice the game whenever they can, and play in local tournaments to gauge their game against others. This energy and excitement is quite normal, of course, but where things can get frustrating for players is when they don't see an immediate "pay off" for all their time and money invested in pool. Herein is where wisdom is important and can really help players become more realistic with their game.

Whenever you play against an old veteran at your local pool hall, remind yourself of all the time and energy he or she has put into the game – including money games, tournaments, and leagues. While you might be a sharper shot-maker, the wiser player has learned so much about the game that he or she might not even have to attempt as many tough shots as you. In other words, the veteran player has developed the wisdom needed to successfully run balls and do so without

regularly needing to make hero shots to save the run.

Where wisdom really helps

In my experience perhaps the best example of the power of wisdom has to do with resiliency. What this means is that wise players "have been there before" when it comes to being behind in matches, snookered in-game, and left to figure things out after chunking an easy shot. Rather than slamming their stick and losing their cool, the wise player reminds himself that he's been here before, and he knows how to handle the situation. When players think like this, their confidence increases, focus becomes sharp, and mental toughness strengthens. The inexperienced player still developing wisdom doesn't quite think like this, and as a result often misses shots and loses games he or she shouldn't.



You can't FF wisdom, but you can embrace it

While it is true that you can't fast-forward life experiences, you can capitalize on them when they occur. For example, when you lose a big game rather than become angry and tell yourself you're terrible; try to instead take a moment to think through what just happened, where you made mistakes, and what you will do differently the next time you are in a similar situation. You don't need to enjoy losing, but you can think about it in a rational way so that you continue to develop wisdom – and eventually win more games.

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UNWANTED VARIABLES

ANTHONY BEELER

Pool is a complex game to master because the technical aspects of the game are not simple to execute subconsciously. However, the more you can reduce the variables, the simpler the game of pool becomes, and the easier it is to play the game with a positive attitude.

In fact, most beginners try to figure out things on their own. Some are too proud to seek help and it's that kind of spirit that often leaves them playing pool at the same "speed" for many years. There are some things players can control and some things they cannot. This month let's examine the variables we can control.

STRATEGY is the art of playing a game within your limitations. Generally speaking, pool players are limited by both their physical and technical abilities. During a game, you have to be realistic about your playing ability. You should know what you can and



Jerald Clem and Anthony Beeler
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can't do. Everyone has a unique set of talents and being able to manage those talents is an important part of the game. However, sometimes our ego gets in the way. It's that little voice that tells you that you can play like Earl Strickland even though you really can't. You know—the same voice that tells us that we would look really cool cutting the nine ball backward into the corner pocket rather than playing a simple safe. Great players know that if they try to run out before the time is right, the game usually ends in disaster. Be realistic with what you can actually do and as Dirty Harry would say, "A man's got to know his limitations."

HEALTH is also very important and this aspect requires us to exercise regularly. It also requires us to eat healthy foods and follow a strict diet. Being in good physical condition is an important part of performing well. It helps us to remain positive and gives us that extra edge we need to repeat a quality pool stroke over and over again, especially near the end of the tournament when most players are getting physically tired. Today, the best players in the world are "athletes." They understand the importance of being in shape. It wasn't that way fifteen years ago, but today you generally have two options: get in shape or suffer the consequences.

MENTAL GAME is another variable that we can control. It is a known fact



that having a positive attitude affects the chemistry in our brain and allows us to think and perform on a higher level. In order for us to do that, players should consider "reprogramming" their mind so it can better optimize their physical abilities. Three ways to reprogram your mind include the use of hypnosis, positive affirmations, and subliminal messaging.

Hypnosis is the use of hypnotherapy by a licensed potential. It is a form of mental training for the subconscious mind. Hypnotherapy can enhance your performance on the pool table by transforming negative thoughts into positive ones. Hypnotic suggestion often has a positive effect on the way players think and perform during high-level competition.

Positive affirmations work to reprogram our route guidance system, which significantly affects our performance on the pool table. The idea here is that your brain is going to talk to you, so you might as well train it to talk to you in a positive way. You can practice positive self-talk by making up a list of things you want to believe about yourself (see the appendix for an example). Once the list is made, you can train yourself by repeating

(out loud) each of the statements on a daily basis.

Pool is a mentally draining game that can change your attitude from one

ball to the next. How you react will ultimately affect your performance. In the words of Thomas Paine, "The real man smiles in trouble, gathers strength from distress, and grows

brave by reflection." Yes, pool is an emotional roller coaster, but a positive attitude will allow you to remain optimistic even in the face of adversity.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

"Man often becomes what he believes himself to be. If I keep on saying to myself that I cannot do a certain thing, it is possible that I may end by really becoming incapable of doing it. On the contrary, if I have the belief that I can do it, I shall surely acquire the capacity to do it even if I may not have it at the beginning."

-Mahatma Gandhi

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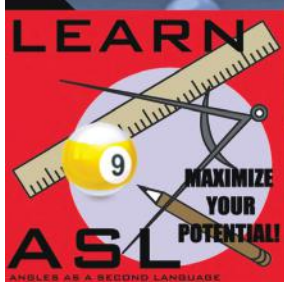


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Melinda Bailey

Cristina Schneider **IN HER OWN WORDS**



Cristina (De La Garza) Schneider moved to Switzerland with her son, Little Marco, in 2011. Before moving to another country, she was a Texas girl who moved her way up onto the WPBA Tour (as a player and also Board Member), all the while being a success in her job away from the pool table.

She discusses how different pool is in Europe, shares some amazing insight into her personal life, and you will be surprised by this interview. Her openness and candor is eye-opening.

Q: Where did you grow up?

I was born and raised in Austin, TX, spent most of my life in Austin except for when I went to school. And now my time overseas.

Q: What is your degree in and where did you get it?

As a child I always excelled in Math & Science so I initially was really focused around those subjects. I left my high school 2 years early to go to an exclusive early college entrance program called the Texas Academy of Math & Science (TAMS). This was a tough decision for me because sports were always a huge part of my life, so I had to make the decision to give up varsity sports and abandon my chances of sports scholarships to pursue engineering early. I'm thankful I did, though, because I met some amazing life-long friends at that school and it was also there that I was first introduced to pool. I later on changed my major from Mechanical Engineering to Mathematics and Business Admin-

istration. I attended college at University of North Texas, which is where TAMS was located.

Q: Where do you work and how long have you been there?

I am an HR Manager at INTERSPORT International Corp. in Bern, Switzerland where I have been for 2 years. After 8 years in Switzerland, I am finally returning to Texas where I will be working as an HR Business Partner and Organizational Development Manager at H-E-B's headquarters in San Antonio, TX. Before coming to INTERSPORT, I was a Global Project Manager in other large international companies, most projects were around Talent Development and HR Information Systems. The jobs were quite demanding with lots of international travel and crazy hours which were not so practical when we were planning to have a second child [with her husband, Daniel], so I consciously took a step back to work on having a second child.

Q: What job did you have in the U.S.? Did you find a job right away in Switzerland?

I was working in Diversity & Inclusion (D&I) in the US, but also in the professional development area. I had to

completely transition from what I was doing before because they don't have D&I topics very much here, or it's just starting to come. The first few years I stayed at home with little Marco and tried to learn the local language. Once it was clear to me that Marco's father and I would not work out, I urgently looked for a job because I wanted to be able to support myself when we split up. I moved into more of a project management role and relied more on my technical background. My first job in Switzerland was in the Learning & Development department at Swarovski where I did the e-learning platform implementation for their retail staff world-wide. After that I moved into more strategic HR Roles leading Future of Work projects and now in my current job, leading the Employer Branding and Talent strategy for INTERSPORT.

Q: How and when did you start playing pool?

While I was at that math and science academy, I was there with many other kids aged 14-18. Because we were all minors, we had strict policies about curfew and which hours we needed to be in our dorm rooms because it was a residential program (similar to a boarding school), but it was on a college campus going to classes with all the normal college kids. The only entertainment we had in the dorms were pool tables and TV, so that is how I started.

At first it was just to pass the time and do something social with the other kids. But when I realized our University had a club team that traveled and competed against other universities, I decided to start playing with the club. As an underage kid, it was a great excuse to have weekends away, partying on other college campuses, and it was all paid for by the university :) After college, I moved back to Austin and happened to be asked to join an APA team one night while I was out



Cristina & Daniel Schneider

with other friends. I started playing in leagues and then eventually played on the ladies Tour in Texas (what was then the Hunter Classics Tour), which is how I got my start on the Women's Professional Billiards Association (WPBA).

Q: What did you do to elevate your game?

For the first years, pool was really just recreational to me. I used it to get out of the dorms in college and go on trips with some friends so I didn't really "train." Also when I played APA, it was really just an excuse to have a night out with friends. But then when I started seeing the Hunter Classics and Fast Eddies Tours coming through town, I was hooked and wanted to get better. I started taking lessons regularly with Rod Gustafson, which was the first big step in my development. His way of teaching fits really well with my analytical brain and he really helped me develop my skill set and my mental game. Since moving to Switzerland and seeing how differently the Europeans approach the training aspect of pool, I have more regular trainings. My husband, Daniel Schneider, was the trainer for our Junior team for quite a long time so I would help him out as well and learned a great deal through him. I have also taken some set courses from other trainers like Alex Lely. He is hands-down one of the best coaches out there that can help elevate anyone's game, even the highest level pros can benefit from him.

Q: You played on the WPBA Pro Tour. Was that a goal of yours to be a pro?

Yes, playing on the pro tour was always a goal of mine since the moment I started playing on the regional tours. It was so much a goal, that I put other things in my personal life on hold for that goal. At one point I had a very serious boyfriend who really tried to be supportive of my pool life. Although



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he did his best to accept this part of my life, he was always uncomfortable with how many men were in the sport. It was coming close to Valentine's Day and I had the feeling that he might propose to me on that day. But in the back of my mind, I knew he was not the one I wanted to be with long-term and I was not ready to start focusing on that next chapter of my life (marriage, kids, family, etc.) because I still had things I wanted to fulfill with pool. I knew that if I moved on before achieving those goals, that I wouldn't ever get there. Coming from a Mexican family, I always wanted to have a big family and looked forward to having my own kids. But I also knew that I would put them before everything when that time came. I remember my exact words to this boyfriend being "I only have a few more years to be as selfish as I want and focus only on my goals" and that I was not ready to give that up yet. So, I broke up with him before he had the chance to propose because I didn't want to be in the situation to say no. It was the best decision I ever made because what happened from there is a series of big events that brought me to my family today, and I'm so thankful for what I have now! At the time I felt like it was a bit cruel to

openly admit that I wanted to be selfish but looking back, it couldn't have happened any other way.

Q: I really appreciate and love your honesty about your goals at that time; not many women are that honest. Tell us about your time when you were a Board Member of the WPBA. What was that experience like?

I loved serving on the board of the WPBA and being involved in the events. It was at a time where we still had ESPN contracts but were struggling with dwindling numbers of events each year. It was also a learning experience for me personally though because it was the first time in my life that I had to prove myself to be taken seriously with regards to my intelligence or business acumen. Our board was always comprised of either players or avid business men who support the sport. Outside of pool, I had always advanced easily in business or in school so I never had any trouble proving myself. But being seen as the player side of that equation and not the business expert side, I really found it hard to navigate how to implement a sustainable business plan. Because I was friends and fans

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of the players that were also board members, I felt uncomfortable with pushing too much in some areas and difficult to navigate the history of certain relationships. In hindsight, I really wish I had pushed harder to go for some of my more extreme ideas because I think this was a crucial time that we really needed an overhaul.

Q: What about Broadcasting the WPBA on TV?

Exactly my point. I personally think that year, and the ones that followed shortly after, were really the make or break years for the tour. The business model at the time really relied on site sponsorships and paid advertising during the broadcasts so most of the board's efforts were focused on finding more vendors and side sponsors. The broadcasting deals are a big part of what makes Matchroom events profitable and I wish I would have pushed harder in that direction. Many people in the pool industry had the false misconception that the WPBA had to pay ESPN for airtime and this was not exactly true. We were given the airtime, up to a certain number of hours per year, and we were obligated to fill those hours with events. Our financial responsibility laid in providing the filming ourselves so we actually funded the arena set-up and filming, but not the broadcasting hours. In return, ESPN also provided a certain number of commercial spots during our airtime that were then "sold" to our tour sponsors.

Q: What were some of your ideas?

Well, in addition to the ESPN broadcasting deals, I was trying to push more into reconnecting with our old contacts for selling broadcast rights abroad (replays of our broadcasts to other international networks) because in the past this represented a huge amount of money for the WPBA and we had lost this at that point. I was also trying to push in the direc-



Marco, Xander, Daniel and Cristina (Family Picture)

tion of updating the broadcast style to move into a more reality show style filming, more about the players and the personalities, showing the personal backstory more than the actual play-by-play, but that was really too far outside of everyone's comfort zone. I tried to bring in other on-air talent for the commentating and hosting by partnering with known personalities that could bring more viewers from their fan base outside of the pool industry, but the board felt too much loyalty to the people we have always used. At the end of that year, I moved to Switzerland and it would have been too hard to stay involved from there so I regretfully had to resign. I wish I would have had a few more years on the board and perhaps could have had more influence. The WPBA will always have a special place in my heart and I still have hope it will someday grow back to what it was.

Q: You had your first child and also moved to a new country all in the same year. The move was pret-

ty tough as you left all your friends and family behind to move to a new country. How was that experience and why did you move?

Yes, Little Marco was born in February 2011 and I moved to Switzerland so we could be with his father 8 months later. From the very beginning it was an unhealthy and volatile relationship but I always had in my mind that I should be with my son's father. We tried to make it work but I was really unhappy in my first years in Switzerland. It was constant fights and many days alone with just me and little Marco. Although this was a really lonely experience, the part I was really thankful for was the 1-on-1 time with Little Marco. I have such a great bond with him because I was able to be home with his so much in the first years of his life, so I would do it all again. Looking back, I of course should have seen signs that we were not fit for each other but I will never regret coming to Switzerland. After a very long separation and divorce

process, I have my current husband and meeting him was like nothing I had ever experienced before. They say when you know, you know...and I knew from day one we were supposed to be together. He is an amazing father and husband and in our 5+ years together we have never had a fight. We of course don't agree on everything, but we have such a respectful way of dealing with each other's opinions that it never turns into a personal attack. Maybe it's because we are both HR professionals and are used to being the mediators in conflict situations, but it definitely works for us.

Q: So, what are the 3 biggest things people would be surprised to hear about Switzerland?

- 1) It's NOT Sweden...haha...it's amazing to me how many Americans confuse the two. My mom is still sometimes convinced I am in Germany because we speak German here.
- 2) It's one of the safest countries in the world. This is the part I fear the most about moving back to the US. My kids grew up in an environment where 4 years olds walk to and from school unaccompanied, my 8-year-old can run to the store for me by himself, and they learn independence at a very young age. It will be a hard transition for them to have to learn to be cau-

tious of strangers and know to stay close to me in public places. I'm extremely worried about the mental implications of my older one suddenly having to do active shooter drills in schools because this is such a foreign concept to them.

- 3) It's also one of the most expensive countries in the world. A combo at McDonald's can easily cost you \$12-\$15 and pool in the city will cost you \$22-\$25/hour. But at the same time, the guy serving you the hamburger at McDonald's is easily making over \$20/hour (their minimum wage is roughly \$4000/month), so the buying power here is also really high. Getting into the mindset of higher prices and higher wages was really tough in the beginning.

Q: Wow, the second and third items are unheard of in the U.S.! Besides your family, what top three things do you miss most from Texas?

- 1) Definitely the pool scene. Women's pool in Switzerland is non-existent by comparison. We have less than 15 players in the entire country that show up for the "Big" events and because I am not Swiss, I am not eligible to qualify for the European Championships so I don't often play in the women's events. For many years I

would play in the men's division for the Swiss Championships simply to have a more varied experience rather than playing the same people every week.

- 2) The sun and the warm weather! The snow here is beautiful but I miss the Texas Heat. The gloomy, grey skies sometimes take a toll on me mentally here.
- 3) Mexican Food! We have some places that call themselves Mexican restaurants, but it's not even close. I only go for the Margaritas, but I still miss my Mexican Martinis!

Q: I can't even get good Mexican Food when I travel some places in the U.S., so I understand! Tell us how the Europeans and United States pool players view pool differently? Let's start with, what is a Club?

There are many differences between pool in Europe (and Switzerland in particular) and the U.S. The first big difference is how they are organized. You don't have options for multiple league systems here. Everything is run through the country's federation (which is the main governing body of pool in that country) and all activities have to be organized through a pool club that has a membership in that federation. Some clubs have a deal with a public pool hall that is their main playing location and some are independent and rent their own space only for their members. When I first arrived in Zurich, I was in a private club where I paid a monthly fee and each member receives a key to the center where you can go at any time day or night. The food and drink is on an honor system and you just mark down what you take and pay monthly. Once I moved to Bern, I joined the club that my husband plays in and this is based in a public pool hall so we just have discounts on hourly pool fees and special club nights where the entire club comes to practice together.

Michaela Tabb interview at Mosconi Cup 2009



Q: Can you talk more about the ‘Federation’ you mentioned?

The Swiss federation (and the member clubs) is highly organized and extremely advanced in terms of technology and equipment. Every tournament that takes place in Switzerland must be registered through the federation and players earn points towards their national ranking with each and every tournament they play, even a small 8-player weekly tournament. All tournaments are managed through a great online tournament software system and connected to real-time scoring. Many clubs invest in ipads which they use for all events (even the small weekly ones) where anyone at home can see real-time scoring of each and every match, as well as the overall brackets and the spectators at the venue can see the score board on the ipads. On the other side, all clubs must pay the federation a small per-player fee for each tournament (even the small ones) for their services. But this money is then used to fund the big national events and pays the travel and costs for those that qualify for the European Championships. Some countries even take it one step further and provide stipends for players that achieve certain levels at the European or World Championships levels. For example, the Netherlands offers a monthly stipend for the following year if a player receives a medal at the European Championships or the World Championships in any discipline. This basically provides them a modest “salary” for pool and allows them to focus more on their training without the added burden of needing to work full-time on top of their training.

Q: That is a very different pool culture compared to the U.S.! What about the Juniors Program over there?

One thing I love about the European and Swiss systems is the support for the juniors. In most countries there



Left to Right: Marco Steiner, Daniel Schneider, Cristina Schneider, Christine Feldmann, Michael Schneider

are various programs organized to help promote juniors progressing in the sport. In Switzerland, many of the clubs have junior training programs where the club designates a junior trainer and they have weekly or 2X weekly practices. Juniors are members in the club just like the other members and they have their own tournament series’ to play in which qualify them for the Swiss Championships. Through this, they also qualify for the European Championships. There are set rules about what percentage of the federation’s money has to be devoted to the junior programs. This is how my husband got his start in pool and I think it’s also why Europe has such a strong base of young players coming through the ranks in recent years. When my husband went through the junior system here, he qualified all the way through to the world championships in South Africa where he won the 3rd place medal. After this, he has been giving back by running our club’s junior programs for several years.

Q: And finally, is there a difference in regard to things like equipment and maybe mentality?

Switzerland is the land of high quality EVERYTHING and that doesn’t stop at the pool room. Pool is seen much

more like a sport in Switzerland (and Europe as a whole) than it is in the U.S., so it’s supported by the local sports government associations and the quality of equipment we play on is much higher than anywhere else I have played. I have never once seen a tournament run without the use of something like a Magic Rack and VERY rare to not have Aramith or Duramith tournament balls. The Swiss federation tries to be as fair as possible in all areas so the concept of handicapped tournaments would NEVER happen here.

The social aspect of pool is completely different here as well. I remember planning full weekends in the U.S. with my girlfriends for tournaments - where we would plan to arrive in town the night before to hang out and have drinks and dinner with all our local friends, and then stay until the end of the tournament to watch the finals, and also socialize after we are out of the event. In Switzerland, it’s much more of an individual mentality. You arrive right before the event starts and leave as soon as you are out. Even when people carpool, some will just take the public transit system home so they don’t have to wait for the ones they drove there with. With the exception of a few events which are much more socially focused, the Europeans

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approach pool much more like a sport and have more rigorous training regimens.

Q: Thank you for sharing all of that, very interesting differences. Btw, what has been your most coveted title or accomplishment?

The Women's BCA 8-Ball National Singles in 2009 is for sure the most profound memory for me. It was my first big title and it happened the same year that I broke onto the WPBA tour, so it was at a really pivotal time in my pool life and my personal life. But perhaps one of my favorite titles is when my team won the Swiss Team Championships. Switzerland has a very minimal number of female players and there is no team option for women there, so we either play a women's team against the men or play on mixed or all men's teams. In the US, I always had options of teams to play on, but coming to Switzerland I learned very quickly that the "good" teams didn't want females on them. People made excuses as to why they didn't have room on their team for me or tried to be nice about not taking me. As an outsider coming in, it was a bit difficult to break into the social circles here. But when I joined my current club I was really surprised and very thankful that they took me on their 1st team in the first year I joined them. We had 2 women on the team (definitely the most on any team that made it even close to winning a medal) and we ended up winning the finals in a shoot-out against a team that usually walks away with it quite easily each year. So it was a really exciting finish and a great team. I never really felt part of the pool scene here until I joined this club so that was also a defining year for me.

Q: What is your most memorable match?

My most memorable match was actually one that I lost! It was one of my

first WPBA events and I was playing on the TV Table against Karen Corr. It was the first tournament that we switched from Gold Crowns to Diamonds and Karen (being less familiar with Diamonds) helped me jump out to a big lead. I actually had not really noticed how much of a lead I had because I was so focused on the tables, but then I started to hear chatter from other players watching on. I was up 7-1 in a race to 9 and then this realization sort of caught me off guard. I started to feel the immense pressure and just struggled the rest of the match. Karen took full advantage of every mistake I made and ended up coming back and winning the match, but I learned a lot about myself in that match and it definitely helped me in future matches playing on bigger stages.

Q: Speaking of TV, you have been in front of the camera as a reporter, right?

Yes, I was a reporter for many pool outlets. I reported for InsidePool at various events, I worked for Predator and Kozoom at the Predator World 10-Ball Tour, I did daily recaps and interviews for Matchroom's online coverage at the Mosconi Cup when the U.S. won the title in 2009, and I also wrote instructional articles for APA's Poolplayers Magazine

Q: That's a lot! Btw, what is your favorite event to play in?

Well, it used to be the WPBA Championships at the Hard Rock because it was always a men's and women's pro event and I love the resort there. Always great fans and a time to celebrate with all my pool family before the end of the year. But since that one doesn't exist anymore, I would say the Texas Open and of course the BCA Nationals because it is the one time of year where our entire billiard family is under one roof and you have everything from amateur events to pro events and action matches inside and outside of the venue. My favorite to watch has always been and will always be the Mosconi Cup. The team dynamic and the atmosphere is unmatched!

Q: Who was a big influence in your pool game?

Obviously, Shane [Van Boeig] was a big influence. I was dating him in the year that I won my first WPBA qualifier and when I first earned my tour card. He just understands the game on such a different level than anyone else that playing and practicing with him helped my game immensely. Because no one wanted to gamble with him one-on-one, we often would play doubles money matches and through this I learned so much.

I have also learned quite a lot from Daniel in our time together. While Shane has been a natural talent from





Shane Van Boening interview for InsidePool at Derby City Classic 2009

a very young age and seems to have such a feeling for pool, Daniel has a much more methodical approach to the game which is much more in-line with me mentally and working with him over the years has helped me see many aspects of the game differently from my “American” education on pool.

Q: What else did you learn from dating a top pro?

Well, I met Shane at the right time in my life to redefine my goals. Before that, I really had aspirations of being a top pro, playing in world championships and the life on the road seemed so exciting. I loved doing it when I did, I love that I had opportunities to travel to so many amazing places playing pool and working for companies in the pool industry, but I wouldn't want to go back to it now. Dating Shane when I did showed me the reality of playing at that level. For a female pro, you would have to spend weeks or months in Asia each year because that is where the big events are and the big sponsorship money that allows you to do it for a living. That was not something I wanted long-term. I also saw how Shane really LIVED on the road. He spends less than a few weeks each year at his house in South Dakota and his closest friends are his opponents,

the people he competes against for his livelihood. It's a very lonely lifestyle and there would be no room for family and kids in a life like that. So for me it was really eye-opening and helped me let go of some aspirations I had previously had. I did get some invites to world championships and some of the opportunities I sought out before, but now I only do pool as a fun thing.

Q: What a perspective to get to see first-hand! That's extremely eye-opening. Your husband's experience with goals are similar to yours?

Yes, my husband was a bit more similar to me in that he focused really hard until he achieved his first real goal in pool (Medal at a World Championships) and then he transitioned to focusing more on his education and getting a good professional base in the business world. We travel to fun destinations if a tournament is in Cyprus or Amsterdam, for example. But I never want to be in the situation where I have to travel constantly to earn enough points for something. Daniel on the other hand, now that he has built up his education, professional experience and our kids are a bit older now, he will now go back to focusing more on pool and getting back into the international pool scene.

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

My goals now revolved completely around my family. I have reached what I wanted to in my professional business life and have a very comfortable life, and I did as much as I intended to do in pool and so I don't really have any aspirations of anything more for that realm. So from here, I want to provide my kids with the best experiences and opportunities possible. I want them to experience both their Swiss and their American cultures and learn the importance of family, like my parents taught me. It's important to me also that they can travel a lot in their life because I think exposing them to different cultures really helps shape a child's perspective and of course some of this travel can be paired with pool experiences :)

In closing: I met your family in 2011 and I can see their influence on you and I know they are so very proud of you. As am I! And again, I so much appreciate you doing this interview and for taking the time to share so many of your life lessons with us! Your openness and honesty about these topics are pretty rare, and a lot of people will relate and learn from your words. So, thank you, Cristina!

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



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

Van Boening Over Strickland **for Turning Stone Title**

They say that in order to win most tournaments, a player requires a little bit of luck. While Shane Van Boening has never relied on luck to win a tournament, it didn't hurt to have the pool gods pulling for him in the finals of the Joss NE 9-Ball's Turning Stone Classic XXXII at the Turning Stone Resort & Casino on August 22nd - 25th.

Van Boening, who was already the winner of four previous Turning Stone Classic titles, looked to be in his usual form through two days of matches, notching wins over Jed Jecen, Johnny Archer, Canada's Danny Hewitt and Brent Boemels. Day three brought Van Boening an entirely different challenge, by the name of Earl Strickland. Strickland

always plays well in front of the fans at Turning Stone, but this time he was displaying a level of confidence that was even higher than his usual game. The expected "back and forth" of the two stars exchanging table runs didn't really get started until Strickland already held a 5-0 lead. That proved to be too much for even Van Boening to come back from as Strickland sent

The South Dakota Kid to the left side of the board 9-5. Van Boening took the loss in stride and got this trek through the left side of the bracket started by eliminating Len Gianfrate 9-4 to earn him his place on the Sunday schedule.

The winner's side on Sunday dawned with Strickland set to face off against Germany's Thorsten Hohmann and



Shane Van Boening



Jayson Shaw taking on American Brandon Shuff. Shuff was turning in another strong Turning Stone performance at this one, but he fell to Shaw in a tight 9-7 match on Sunday morning. Meanwhile, Strickland was sending Hohmann to the one loss side in an even tighter 9-8 match. With those close matches, the match for the hot-seat between Strickland and Shaw was expected to be a real battle. Strickland though, had other ideas. If it was possible for him to look even stronger than he did on Saturday against Van Boening, Strickland accomplished that feat with game to spare. This time, he held a 5-0 lead before Shaw could even attempt to pocket a ball. Strickland pushed that lead to 7-0 before Shaw could pocket a 9-ball and then finished Shaw off 9-1.

Van Boening advanced through the one loss side with wins over Ra-

phael Dabreo, Shuff and Thorpe to face Shaw in the semi-final match. It wasn't the expected Jayson Shaw that showed up for this match though, as Shaw seemed to be shell-shocked from the loss to Strickland. That less than expected game, combined with Van Boening's momentum, lead to a one sided 9-4 Van Boening win and a third place finish for Shaw.

The race to thirteen finals between Strickland and Van Boening was long enough to see both players exchanging momentum and going on multiple rack runs. Van Boening fought his way out to an early 6-2 lead, before Strickland took control and clawed his way back to a 7-7 tie. Strickland took his first lead at 8-7 and lead by two at 9-7 before Van Boening won four in a row for an 11-9 lead. Strickland then knotted things at before Van Boening took the hill at 12-11. That was when that aforementioned intervention from

the pool gods happened. Strickland played a great safety to leave Van Boening locked up, facing the possibility of a hill-hill match if he left Strickland any shot. The vast majority of kicks by players, at a match of this level, are controlled and calculated shots. They are kicking with a purpose in mind. Then there are the kicks like this one. Van Boening lined up the angle on the kick and stroked it hard. Hard enough to strike the intended ball and get the 9-ball rolling the length of the table and into the corner pocket to give him a 13-11 finals win over Strickland.

The title is Van Boening's fifth Turning Stone Classic title, one less than both Johnny Archer and Jayson Shaw. The win was worth \$8,000 for Van Boening, with Strickland settling for a disappointing \$5,000 in second place prize money.

APA Members Take Center Stage In Las Vegas

Nearly \$1.3 Million Awarded at World's Largest Pool Tournament

LAKE SAINT LOUIS, MO (Sept. 10, 2019) — Vegas has long been a hot-bed for some of the most famous names in entertainment. Names like Sinatra, Elvis, Celine, Britney.

But in August, it was APA members, from all walks of life, taking center stage in Sin City. An estimated 18,000 people from across the globe came to Las Vegas to compete on amateur pool's biggest stage at the APA World Pool Championships. This year's poolplaying-paradise offered nearly \$1.3 Million in cash to top finishers.

Finalists battled their hearts out in six different championship events that were live streamed in a completely redesigned PoolDawg Championship Arena.

In addition to 10 days of nearly round-the-clock tournament ex-



APA World 8-Ball Champions
K-9 of Kansas City, MO



APA World 9-Ball Champions
Seven and a Timmaay of Hiram, GA

citement, APA members had the chance to rub elbows with the likes of “The Black Widow” Jeanette Lee, Internet Trick Shot Sensation Florian “Venom” Kohler and billiard Hall of Famer “Dr. Cue” Tom Rossman. Other pro players spotted at the APA World Championships included Mosconi Cup MVP Skyler Woodward and Team USA teammates Shane Van Boening, Billy Thorpe and Corey Deuel.

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

In the 720-team 8-Ball World Championship, K-9 of Kansas City, Mo., defeated No Excuses of Hickory, N.C., in a nail-biter to take home \$25,000 in cash and the championship title. As Runners-Up, No Excuses received \$15,000 in prize money. The 8-Ball World Championship can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_xH1d5OwD1E.

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

In the 520-team 9-Ball World Championship, it was Seven and a Timmaaay of Hiram, Ga., defeating Burn It Down of Joilet, Ill., in the finals. Seven and a Timmaaay took home \$15,000 in 1st Place prize money. As Runners-Up, Burn It Down received \$7,000 in cash. The 9-Ball World Championship can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvXcr1LGKcQ>.



Jack & Jill 8-Ball Champions
Double Trouble of Poconos, PA

“ IN THE JACK & JILL DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP, WHICH ALSO INCLUDED 256 TEAMS, IT WAS DOUBLE TROUBLE OF POCONOS, PENN., WINNING \$3,500 IN THE FINALS WITH A VICTORY OVER LUCKY SLICE OF MIAMI, FLA. ”

The 9-Ball Championship was held Aug. 13-17, with each team competing in a modified single-elimination format that ensured each team played at least twice before elimination. All national qualifiers received a minimum

of \$350, with the top 8 teams winning at least \$2,000.

After winning their divisions in weekly APA 8-Ball and 9-Ball League play and then placing in World Qualifiers throughout the United States, Canada and Japan, teams consisting of five to eight players qualified to compete in the 2019 APA World Championships.

In the Team Captains Championship that included 375 teams, Suspect & Bad Decisions of Shreveport, La., defeated Make It Happen Cap’N of Fort Worth, Texas to take home \$10,000 in prize money. As Runners-up, Make It Happen Cap’N took home \$5,000. The Team Captains Championship can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PplUtpyup44>.

The finals of the Masters Championship featured reigning champions Hugh & the Hustlers of Wallingford, Conn., successfully defending their title against Who’s Who of Saginaw,



Ladies 8-Ball Champions
Apocalypsticks of Chicago, IL



*Masters Champions
Hugh & the Hustlers of Wallingford, CT*

“ THE FINALS OF THE MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP FEATURED REIGNING CHAMPIONS HUGH & THE HUSTLERS OF WALLINGFORD, CONN., SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDING THEIR TITLE... ”

Mich. Hugh & the Hustlers took home \$10,000 in 1st Place prize money, while Who's Who received \$5,000 as Runner-Up in the 256-team event. The Masters Championship can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dPFyuXmKHjo>.

In the finals of the 256-team Ladies 8-Ball Championship, it was Apocalypsticks of Chicago, Ill., defeating Femmes Fatales of Commack, N.Y., to win \$10,000 in 1st Place prize money. As Runners-Up, Femmes Fatales received \$5,000 in cash. The Ladies 8-Ball Championship can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5g9TK0W5r0o>.

In the Jack & Jill Doubles Championship, which also included 256 teams, it was Double Trouble of Poconos, Penn., winning \$3,500 in the finals with a victory over Lucky Slice of Miami, Fla. Lucky Slice received \$2,300 as Runner-Up. The finals of the Jack & Jill Doubles Championship can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZfoRbvScA0>.

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

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

The APA produces four major tournaments each year—the APA World Pool Championships, the APA Poolplayer Championships, the APA Junior Championships and the U.S. Amateur Championship—that, together, pay out nearly \$2 Million in cash and prizes annually with an additional \$20+ million awarded locally in travel, prizes, player benefits and cash!

The APA and its championships are sponsored by Aramith, Action Cues, PoolDawg and Valley-Dynamo.

For more information on the APA World Pool Championships, visit the official APA website at www.poolplayers.com.



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2019 Team 8-Ball Championship Finals
Team "No Excuses" vs. "K-9"



2019 Team 9-Ball Championship Finals
"Seven and a Timmaaay" vs. "Burn It Down"



2019 APA Team Captains Championship



2019 APA Masters Championship
"Who's Who" vs. "Hugh & The Hustlers"



2019 APA Ladies 8-Ball Championship
"Femmes Fatales" vs. "Apocalypsticks"



2019 Jack and Jill Championship Finals
"Lucky Slice" vs. "Double Trouble"

LET THE KIDS PLAY

1st Junior Invitational 9-Ball Partners with International 9-Ball Open

Pat Fleming (Accu-Stats Productions) and Ra Hanna (On The Wire Creative) are thrilled to announce the first Junior Invitational 9-Ball Championship (JIC), to be held in conjunction with the International 9-Ball Open, Nov. 1-2, 2019, at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, Va.

The four-player event will take place in the Simonis-Aramith Arena and will be livestreamed.

“We are excited to showcase the Junior Invitational during the International,” said Fleming, owner and producer of the major pro 9-ball championship. “There is nothing quite like giving these young adults much-needed exposure and a chance to compete and have a great time. These young players bring a level of commitment, comradery and talent that we can all be proud of.”

“I’m so proud of our junior players, it’s about giving them the platform they need to succeed,” said Hanna, who will co-produce the junior event with Fleming. “The JIC was born out of one mission: to provide a high-level platform for young cueists to learn how to navigate the high pressures of competitive cue sports.”

The JIC will feature 2019 Billiard Education Foundation Junior National

Champions Kaiden Hunkins (18-Under Boys) of Waukesha, Wis., and Kodi Allen (16-Under Boys) of Tampa, Fla., as well as Junior National runners-up Lukas Francasso-Verner (18-Under Boys) of Wallingford, Conn., and Matthew Wiseley (16-Under Boys) of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

“We hope to grow this event every year, and we are looking forward to expanding every year,” added Hanna.

For more information about the event and sponsorship opportunities, contact:

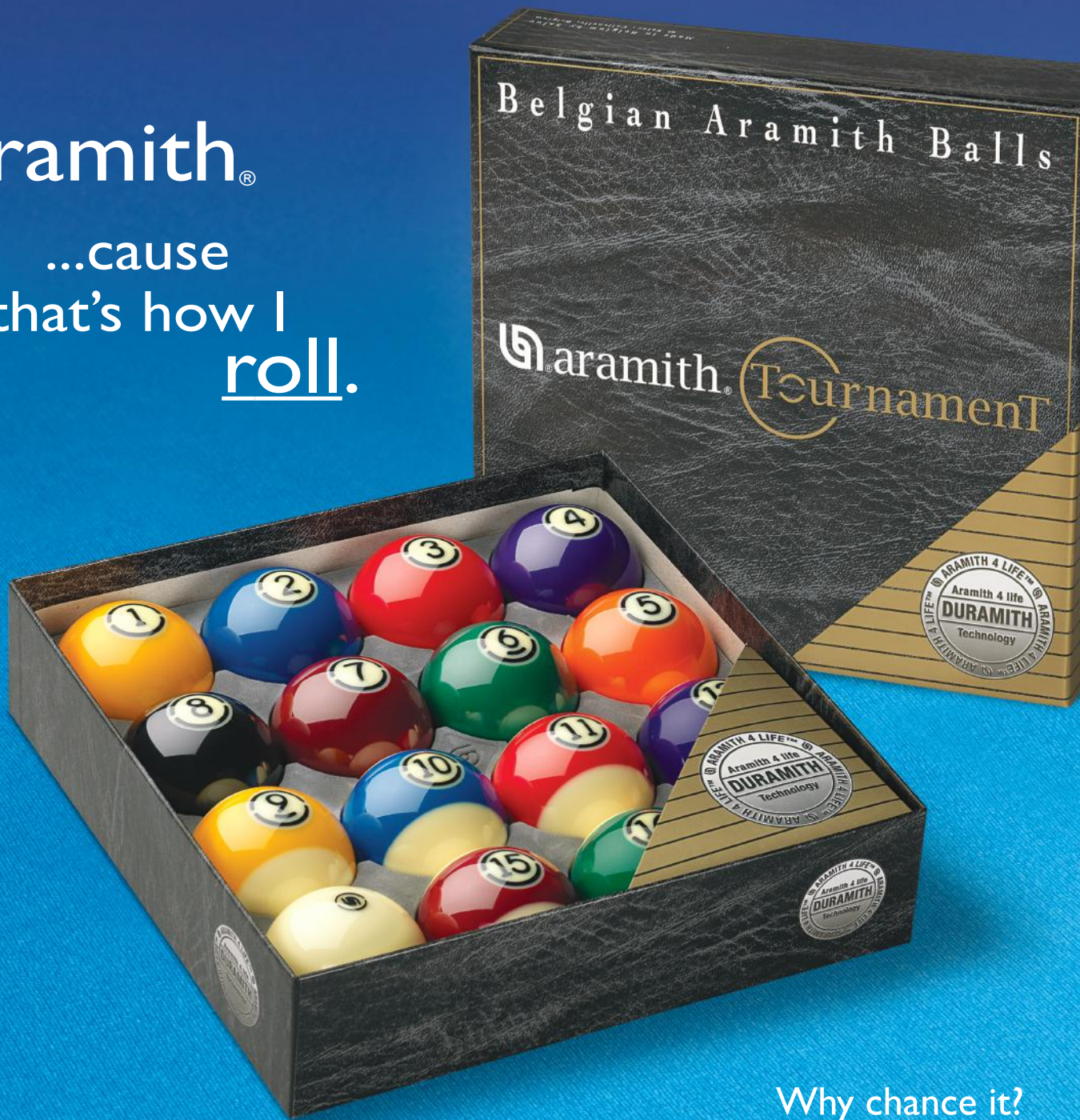
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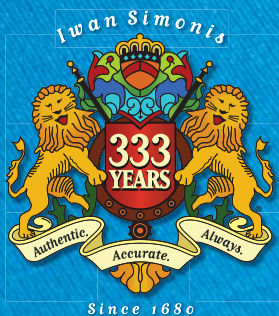
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WOODWARD WINS 11 ON THE LOSS SIDE, double dips Roberts in finals of 46th Annual Texas Open

There's nothing that'll let the air out of a competitive pool balloon faster than an early loss in a tournament with a lot of entrants. In a 128-entrant bracket, for example, a loss in the second round will almost double the number of matches you have to play to claim the event's title.

The winner and runner-up in such an event will have been there the same amount of time, but one of them will have played a lot more pool.

At the \$4,000-added, Open 9-Ball Division of the 46th Annual Texas Open, held over Labor Day weekend (Aug. 28-Sept 2) that drew 128 entrants to Skinny Bob's Billiards in Round Rock, TX, Josh Roberts played seven matches to claim the hot seat. He did not win the eighth match he needed to claim the title. Sky Woodward, though, patched

up the 'balloon' that had burst in the second round, and ended up playing 15 matches; two on the winners' side, 11 on the loss side and two in the true double elimination final that earned him the event title.

It was a very busy weekend in Round Rock. In addition to the Open 9-Ball Tournament, there was a 9-ball mini tournament (Wednesday night), a Jack 'N Jill Scotch Doubles tournament that drew 16 teams (Thursday night), a Banks Ring Game (Friday night), in conjunction with the start of

the Open 9-Ball), and a Women's Open event (started Saturday night; separate story) that drew 32. It should be noted that the Jack N' Jill Scotch Doubles title was shared by two teams; Co-tournament director James Davis, Sr. and long-time doubles partner Jennifer Kraber and a team made up of the Open winner (Woodward) and the Women's event winner (Ming Ng).

Woodward's winning campaign in the Open event opened on a promising note with a shutout over Donald Rock, but ran right into a double hill match



Skyler Woodward (Erwin Dioniso)

against Alex Calderon, which shifted Woodward's work to the loss side of the bracket. Roberts, in the meantime, worked his way through his first four opponents (Steven Butler, Jeremy Diggs, Tommy Vega and Ryan Hsu) by an aggregate score of 36-6. And then, like Woodward, Roberts ran into Alex Calderon, who battled Roberts to a deciding 17th game. Roberts dropped the final ball and advanced to a winners' side semifinal against Justin Espinosa.

Meanwhile, John Gabriel, who'd defeated Kenneth Greer, Tommy Sanders, Al Mason and survived a double hill battle against Robb Saez, downed Ernesto Bayaua in a winners' side quarterfinal to draw Kevin Guimond in the other winners' side semifinal.

Roberts got into the hot seat match with a 9-3 win over Espinosa. Gabriel joined him after sending Guimond to the loss side 9-6. Roberts chalked up what proved to be his last match win

with a 9-3 victory over Gabriel and waited in the hot seat for Woodward to finish his 11-match, loss-side winning streak.

It was Justin Espinosa who drew Woodward on the loss side. At that point, Woodward had already won eight of his 11 loss-side matches, including, most recently, victories over Bayaua and Hsu, both 9-3. Kevin Guimond drew Sean Black, who was on a loss-side run comparable to Woodward's. Black had lost his opening round match and embarked on a nine-match winning streak that eventually earned him the second-most wins in the event. He'd most recently eliminated Steve Sheppard 9-5 and spoiled any hopes Woodward was

entertaining about a rematch against Calderon, by defeating Calderon, double hill.

Black's loss-side streak came to an end when Guimond eliminated him 9-6. Woodward's continued with his third straight 9-3 win, this one over Espinosa to advance to the quarterfinals.

Woodward chalked up two more 9-3 wins to earn a shot at Roberts in the hot seat. He downed Guimond in the quarterfinals and Gabriel in the semifinals. He chalked up his 6th 9-3 win in the opening set of the true double elimination final. He broke the pattern and won the second set 9=7 to claim the event title.

Co-tour directors James Davis, Sr. and John Palmore thanked Sue and John Cielo and their Skinny Bob's Billiards staff, as well as Sleep Inn, Mints Amusement, and James Hanshew. They also acknowledged Ray Hansen and his PoolActionTV crew for the live stream of the event throughout the long weekend.

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Ng goes undefeated to win Women's Open Division of 46th Annual Texas Open

The two finalists at the \$1,000-added Women's Open Division of the 46th Annual Texas Open were coming off recent victories. Ming Ng had chalked up a win on the Gulf Coast Women's Regional Tour in June, while her finals opponent, Taylor Hansen had won a Division I Pro event on the North American Pool Tour (NAPT) in mid-August.

It was the second time in a little over two weeks that 20-year-old Taylor Hansen squared off against an opponent who'd been competing as long as she'd been alive. In August, Hansen defeated Eleanor Callado in the finals of the NAPT's 4th Summer Classic. This time, though, the veteran prevailed. Ming Ng went undefeated through the field of 32, meeting and defeating Hansen in the finals to claim the event title.

Though Ng had a pair of relatively easy opening matches in this event, downing Nicole McDaniel and Tracie Voelkerling, both 7-1, things tightened up pretty quickly. Robyn Petrosino managed more racks against her than Ng's first two opponents combined (three), as Ng advanced to a winners' side semifinal against Chris Fields. Ellen Robinson, in the meantime, who'd been challenged, double hill, by Courtney Peters in the opening round, shut out Michelle Abernathy in the second and sent Teresa Garland to the loss side 7-3 in the third, faced Taylor Hansen in the other winners' side semifinal.

Both matches for advancement to the hot seat match went double hill, as did the hot seat match. It was Ng and Robinson who advanced as Hansen and Fields moved to the loss side. Ng claimed the hot seat, double hill, over Robinson and waited on Hansen's return.

On the loss side, Chris Fields picked up Liz Galvan, who'd been defeated

by Julia Rapp in the event's opening round of play and was in the midst of a five-match, loss-side winning streak that was about to end, and had most recently included victories over Teresa Garland, double hill, and Kim Pierce 7-5. Taylor Hansen drew Jennifer Kraber, whom she'd faced at the end of the Texas Open's Women's 10-Ball ring game. Kraber and Hansen ended up splitting 1st and 2nd in that event. In the Women's event, Kraber had been sent to the loss side by Chris Fields, double hill, in a winners' side quarterfinal and then eliminated Ni-

cole McDaniel 7-3 and Robyn Petrosino, double hill, to draw Hansen.

Fields advanced to the quarterfinals 7-2 over Galvan and was joined by Hansen, who'd defeated Kraber 7-5. Hansen then shut Fields out, advancing to a rematch against Robinson in the semifinals.

Hansen defeated Robinson 7-3 and came within a game of forcing a deciding match in the finals against Ng. Ng, though, edged out in front and won it 7-5 to claim the 46th Annual Texas Open Women's title.

Co-tour directors James Davis, Sr. and John Palmore thanked Sue and John Cielo and their Skinny Bob's Billiards staff, as well as Sleep Inn, Mints Amusement, and James Hanshew. They also acknowledged Ray Hansen and his PoolActionTV crew for the live stream of the event throughout the long weekend.



Orcollo and Gomez **repeat as winner and runner-up** **at 29th Houston Open**

Dennis Orcollo and Roberto Gomez repeated their performance at the 28th Houston Open by finishing as winner and runner-up at the 29th Houston Open, held this past weekend (Sept. 7-8).

Gomez decided to spice things up this year. Instead of advancing to a winners' side semifinal, being sent to the loss side (by Francisco Bustamante), winning three there and challenging Orcollo in the finals as he did last year, Gomez lost his second match to Orcollo 9-2 and then proceeded to win 11 on the loss side to meet Orcollo in the finals. That part of their 2018 meeting stayed the same, albeit with Gomez chalking up a few less racks (9-6 in 2018, 9-2 in 2019). The \$7,500-added event drew 93 entrants to Legends Billiards in League City, TX.

Orcollo was awarded an opening round bye and sent Gomez on his loss-side journey in the second round, before navigating his way through two straight double hill wins over Sajal Ghimire and Josh Roberts. He then defeated John Morra 9-3 to arrive at a winners' side semifinal against what Legends Billiards co-owner and tournament director Mindy Cohen called a "blast from the past," an older Filipino player, Edgar Acaba.

Robb Saez, in the meantime, who'd finished in the tie for 7th place last year, when defeated by Warren Kiamco, followed an opening round bye with victories over Ray Hansen, Manny Chau, Jerry Alvarez and Leon Contreras, before squaring off in the other winners' side semifinal against Alex Calderon.

Orcollo downed fellow countryman Acaba 9-5 and in the hot seat match faced Saez, who'd sent Calderon west 9-6. Orcollo then sent Saez off to the semifinals 9-4 and waited in the hot seat for Gomez to finish his somewhat epic loss-side journey.

With six notches on his loss-side belt, Gomez defeated Leon Contreras 7-1 and chalked up a surprising strong victory against Josh Roberts 7-3 to draw Acaba in his first loss-side match. Calderon drew John Morra, who'd defeated Brian Sanders 7-3 and Jerry Alvarez 7-5 to reach him.

Gomez and Calderon advanced to the quarterfinals on the heels of identical 7-5 victories over Acaba and Morra, respectively. And then, building momentum, Gomez chalked up loss-side win #10, eliminating Calderon 7-4.

Gomez reduced his opponents' number of racks by an additional one, as he spoiled Saez' bid for a rematch against Orcollo 7-3 in the semifinals. In a 'dèjà vu all over again' scenario, Gomez and Orcollo greeted each other as finalists at the Houston Open for the second straight year.

Second verse, same as the first. Gomez needed to defeat Orcollo twice. He only chalked up two racks in the first set, eliminating the need for a second. Orcollo walked away with his second straight Houston Open title.

In addition to paying out the top 24 finishers in the event, the Houston Open paid \$150 to the top female finisher in the event, which proved to be three women who tied for the prize. They were all from the same family and split the money – Madonna Springs, Gayla Toms and Shyenne Toms (age 12).

Co-owners of Legend Billiards and tournament directors Mindy Cohen and Ted Dean thanked their entire staff for their cooperation and assistance during the weekend run of the tournament, as well as Jerry Olivier Cues for contributing the \$1,200 cue that got raffled and was won by Elizabeth Sturges. Cohen and Dean also thanked Ray Hansen and his entire PoolActionTV staff for streaming selected matches of the event all weekend.

Dennis Orcollo, Legends co-owner and tournament director Mindy Cohen & Roberto Gomez



Matchroom Pool And Saluc To Launch 'Tournament Black' Balls At Partypoker Mosconi Cup

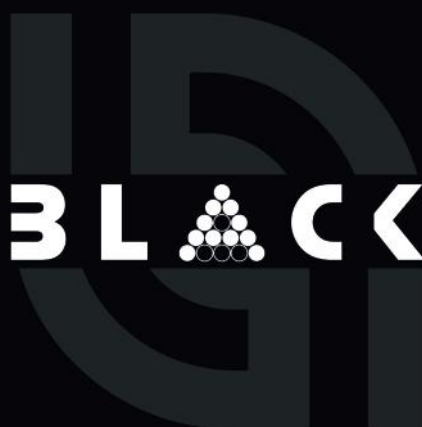
Matchroom Pool and SALUC are excited to announce a groundbreaking new set of Aramith tournament balls will be launched and used in play at the 2019 partypoker Mosconi Cup.

With the eyes of the pool world set to be focussed on Mandalay Bay Resort, Las Vegas this November 25-28 for the most anticipated event of the year, Aramith's 'Tournament Black' ball set will debut on the biggest stage in 9-ball.

Matchroom and SALUC have a long-standing relationship dating back to the 1990s, over which time Aramith Pro-Cup balls have become the industry standard. Earlier this year Matchroom and SALUC agreed a three-year extension of their current partnership and began working together to create the 'Tournament Black' set, which will be used at this year's partypoker Mosconi Cup and all future Matchroom Pool events, including the 2020 US Open 9-Ball Championship.

Yves Bilquin, COO of SALUC, said: "Aramith have created a brand-new ball set design coupled with the ultimate quality. We are thrilled to have collaborated with Matchroom to also find a new colour scheme that will enhance the viewers' experience.

"Matchroom have always excelled in the promotion of the most prestigious



pool events worldwide, amongst other sports. As the best and oldest billiard ball manufacturer we are very proud to continue and strengthen a partnership of more than twenty years and offer the pool community a groundbreaking new product of unrivalled quality that will bring the game to the next level for viewers and players alike.

Emily Frazer, COO of Matchroom Multi Sport, said: "2019 has been the start of a very exciting time in 9-ball for Matchroom Pool; each of our events more magnificent and successful than the last.

"As our events grow, our partnerships grow and it is great to have such a long-standing and strong working relationship with Aramith.

"As a team we have come together and created a new design for Matchroom Pool events and our TV broadcast whilst keeping in line with the upmost quality in which SALUC are regarded so highly for.

"The 'Tournament Black' set will be launched at this year's partypoker Mosconi Cup at Mandalay Bay and what better event to display our new masterpiece as well as some other 'outside the box' changes. How exciting!"

The 2019 partypoker Mosconi Cup will take place at Mandalay Bay Resort, Las Vegas this November 25-28. Tickets are available now at www.mosconicup.com. Prices start at \$48 per day with season tickets at \$161 silver. Gold seating is now sold out. VIP Platinum packages are available priced \$225 per day or \$950 for all four days and include a breakfast buffet, unlimited drinks, VIP seating in the front three rows and much more.

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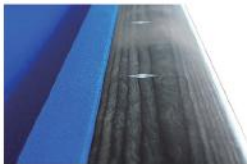
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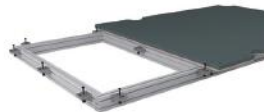
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US Open 9-Ball Championship Field Full At 256

The 256-player field for the 2020 US Open 9-Ball Championship is now full, with over seven months still to go before the event takes place at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino Convention Center, Las Vegas.

A waiting list is now available at matchroompool.com. Anybody wishing to enter the US Open 9-Ball Championship can sign up for free to join the waiting list with any spots which become available offered on a first-come, first-serve basis to players on the list. In addition, players can still enter Official Qualifying Events to win their place in the field for the \$375,000 event, which takes place April 13-18 2020.

Emily Frazer, COO of Matchroom Multi Sport, said: "As anticipated, we have set an all-time record and sold out the 256 player US Open 9-ball Championship field in just 17 days. With 40 players already on the waiting list, this event is in huge demand.

"\$375,000 prize money, 256 players, staged at the iconic Mandalay Bay Resort, full TV production broadcast to over 100 countries worldwide – the sheer coverage that players receive from participating in a Matchroom event has now increased tenfold. The adrenalin of playing among the best-of-the-best in a 33-table arena; cou-

pled with the hope and determination of making it to the last-16 must be fiercely set in the sights of all the players who have signed up.

"It's our second year taking on the US Open 9-Ball; with just over seven months to go, we can now turn our attention to the event specifics and spectators – this event will be impressive, fun and full!"

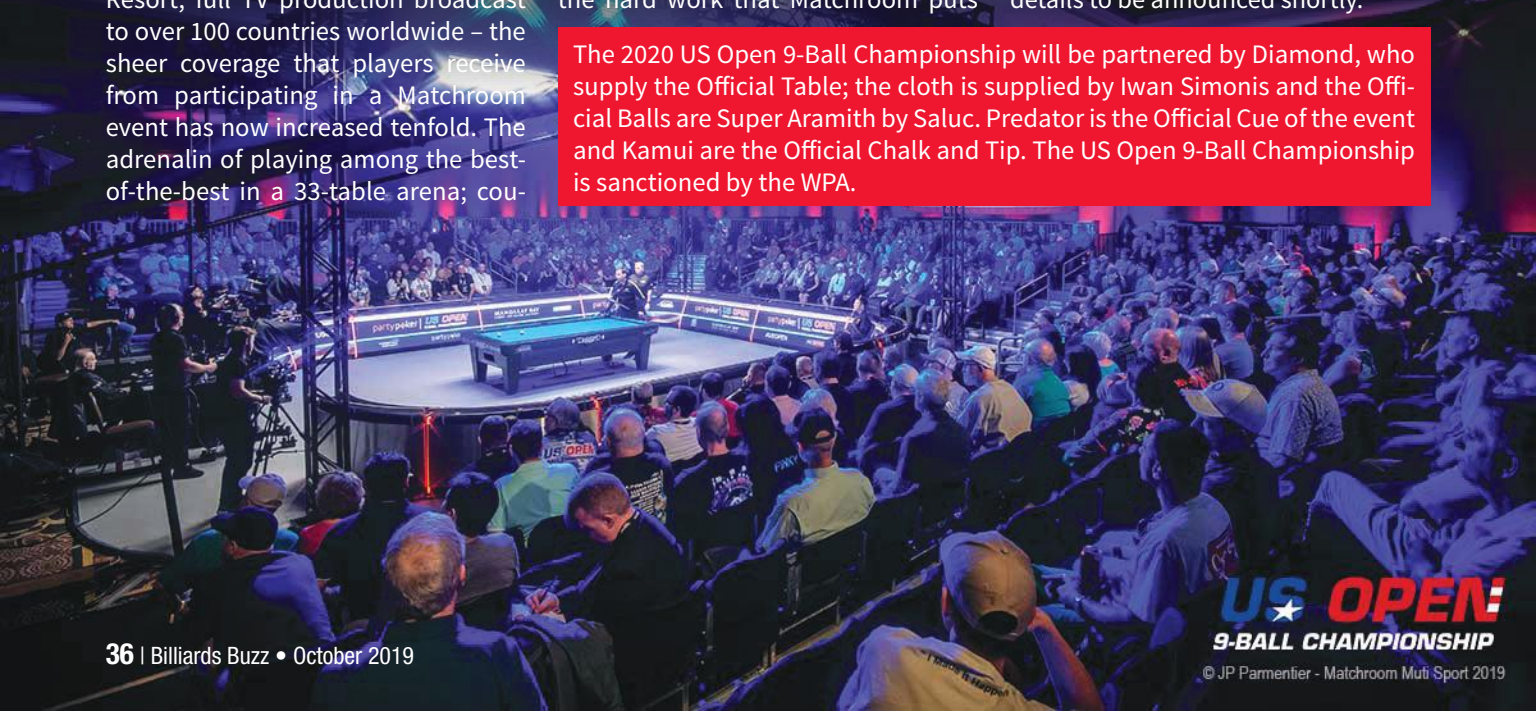
Brady Behrman and Shannon Paschall added: "We knew and trusted that the only way for pool to elevate and the US Open to continue to grow was through the eyes of Matchroom Sport. Our father and founder, Barry Behrman, is the happiest man in heaven. The field being full with 256 players from around the world, the largest prize fund ever and eight months ahead of time is a grand testament to the hard work that Matchroom puts

in to ensure the very best for players, fans and the entire industry."

Promoted by Matchroom Multi Sport, the 2020 US Open 9-Ball Championship will take place from April 13-18 at Mandalay Bay Resort, Las Vegas. Boasting a \$375,000 prize fund, players will battle it out over three days of double elimination in the 33-table Diamond Arena until the last 16 players are left standing. From there, the action moves to single elimination and onto the global TV stage as the remaining 16 compete to become US Open 9-Ball Champion. The double elimination draw will be made in the spring.

Spectator tickets will go on sale to Matchroom Pool Club members on Friday, September 13 and general sale on Monday, September 16 with full selling details to be announced shortly.

The 2020 US Open 9-Ball Championship will be partnered by Diamond, who supply the Official Table; the cloth is supplied by Iwan Simonis and the Official Balls are Super Aramith by Saluc. Predator is the Official Cue of the event and Kamui are the Official Chalk and Tip. The US Open 9-Ball Championship is sanctioned by the WPA.



US OPEN 9-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP: Tickets On Sale Sept 25

Matchroom Pool Club pre-sale opens Monday, September 23

With seven months until the 2020 US Open 9-Ball Championship, Matchroom Multi Sport is pleased to announce spectator tickets will go on general sale on Wednesday, September 25 with Matchroom Pool Club subscribers gaining pre-sale access on Monday, September 23.

The M Life and AXS pre-sale will open on Tuesday, September 24.

Tickets during all sales period will go on sale at 10am PST with both pre-sale windows closing at 10pm PST on September 24.

General sale tickets will be available via www.matchroompool.com. Pool Club subscribers will receive an email containing their pre-sale ticket link at 10am PST on September 23. Matchroom Pool Club is free to join at [http://](http://www.matchroompool.com/pool-club/)

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Ticket prices start from \$11 per session for the single elimination TV stage and \$21 per day during the double elimination stage.

A range of ticket packages are available including a three-day double elimination pass at \$59, a three-day single elimination pass priced \$67 and a six-day event pass offering access to every session of play for \$105.20.

All tickets are subject to booking and processing fees.

Gold Plus tickets are also available for the single elimination stage. Gold Plus tickets include seats within the front three rows where you'll benefit from the added comfort of wider, cushioned seating. Plus, enjoy unlimited beer, wine, select brand spirits and soft drinks served at the dedicated Gold Plus bar. Gold Plus customers will also receive a complimentary souvenir programme.

Gold Plus tickets are priced \$135 (plus \$5 booking fee) per day or \$375 (plus \$12 booking fee) for all three days of single elimination action (April 16-18).

The US Open 9-Ball Championship returns to Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino Convention Center from April 13-18, 2020 with Germany's Joshua Filler defending his title. The 256-player field is already full with the world's best set to take center stage in Vegas in the \$375,000 tournament.

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BCA Hall of Fame Banquet Tickets Available

Tickets are now available for the 2019 BCA Hall of Fame Banquet scheduled for Friday November 1st as part of the International 9-Ball Open at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, Virginia.

The annual Hall of Fame Banquet experience is unlike anything that pro pool fans can experience. For one night, the top names in the game drop their killer instincts and celebrate each other's accomplishments. With this year's induction

of Alex Pagulayan, there is no telling what will happen when he has a live mic in a room full of his peers. Alex will celebrate alongside his co-inductees, Greg Sullivan of Diamond Billiard Products as well as the memory of the promoters of the Johnston City

Hustlers Jamboree and the Stardust Open, George and Paulie Jansco.

Tickets are \$55 each, with a discounted rate of \$400 for a table of eight tickets. They are available online at <http://usbma.com/halloffame2019/>



Alex Pagulayan (Shirley Ang - WPS)



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Loree Jon Hasson (formerly Loree Jon Jones) began playing billiards at the age of 4 at her home in Garwood, New Jersey.

Recognizing her talent, her father built wooden boxes around the table so she would be the correct height for him to teach her the sport. Her father was her instructor, and her mother became her daily practice partner. She ran her first rack of balls at age 5. Hasson performed her first three trick shots at age 6 in Chicago at a men's World Straight Pool tournament. After making them, she knew at that moment she would be playing for the rest of her life. At age 11, she became a pro

player with the Women's Professional Billiard Association (WPBA) and came to be known as "Queen of the Hill."

Aged 15, she won the World Straight Pool Tournament, becoming the youngest player, male or female, ever to win a world title, a feat noted by the Guinness Book of World Records. From 1979 to 1993, she won many tournaments, including her third WPBA National Championship and US Open Championship. When she won the WPA World Nine-ball Championship, she had held every title possible in women's professional pool. Her greatest victories are eight World Championships, three National

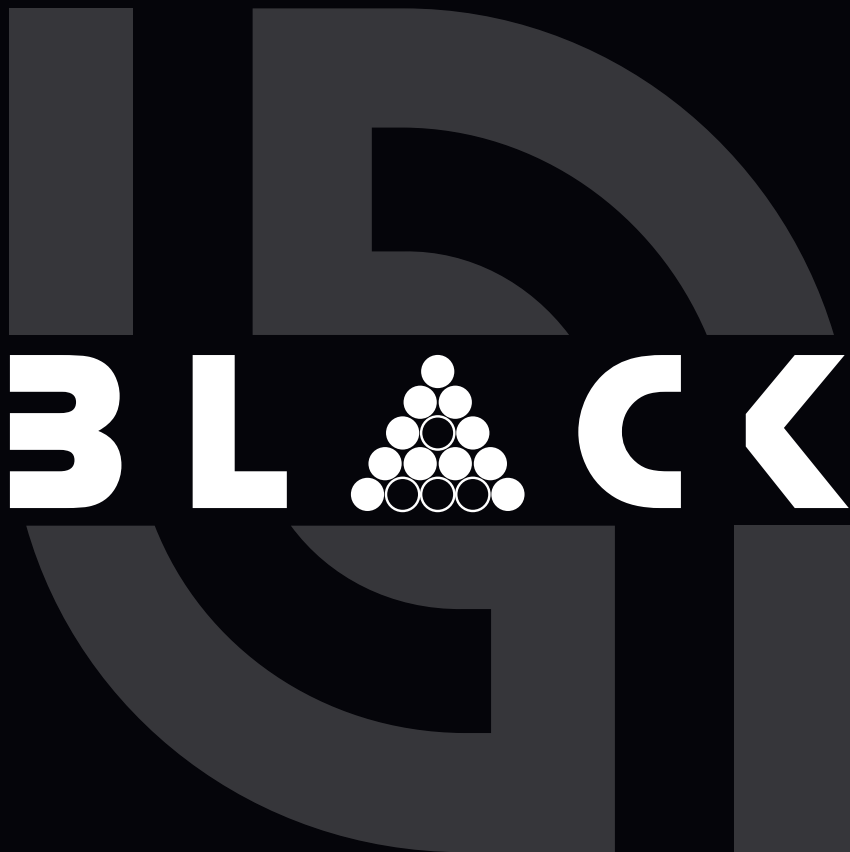
Championships, and three WPBA US Open titles. At the time of her 2002 induction into the Billiard Congress of America Hall of Fame, and 2008 Women's Professional Billiard Association Hall of Fame, she held over 50 major titles, and over the course of her career was recognized five times as "Player of the Year" by Pool & Billiards Magazine and Billiards Digest. Coming out of retirement and making a comeback she recently won the 2017 Diamond Pro Women's 9 ball Championship.

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OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

Joss Tour 2019-2020 Stop 3

10/05 - 10/06

East Ridge Billiards
Rochester, NY
Website: <http://www.joss9balltour.com>

Va State 8-Ball Championship

10/12 - 10/13

Q-Master Billiards
Virginia Beach, VA
Website: <http://www.actionpooltour.com>

Midwest Ladies Regional Tour 2019 Stop #4

10/12 - 10/12

Cushions Billiards & Lounge
Westerville, OH
Website: <http://www.midwestladiesstour.com>

Joss Tour 2019-2020 Stop 4

10/12 - 10/13

Utica Billiards On The Boulevard
Utica, New York
Website: <http://www.joss9balltour.com/>

6th Annual Steinway Classic

10/15 - 10/17

Steinway Billiards
Astoria, NY
Website: <http://www.predatorproam-tour.com/index.asp>

Jerry Olivier Ladies Tour 2019 Stop 6

10/19 - 10/20

Fast Eddie's Sports Bar & Grill
Embassy Oaks, TX
Website: <http://www.obcuestour.com>

John Babravich - Jim Romanowski 9-Ball Open

10/19 - 10/20

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

2019 American Straight Pool Championship

10/22 - 10/26

Q-Master Billiards
Virginia Beach, VA
Website: <http://www.americans-traightpool.com>

2019 Coupe du Quebec Women's Division 1 Pro Event

10/24 - 10/27

Dooly's
Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec
Website: <http://www.playnapt.com/>

Northern Virginia Amateur Tour Stop

10/26 - 10/27

Brews & Cues
Glen Burnie, Maryland
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/267290537455630>

Joss Tour 2019-2020 Stop 6

10/26 - 10/27

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

The International 9-Ball Open

10/28 - 11/02

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel
Norfolk, Va
Website: <http://www.international-9ballopen.com>

Joss Tour 2019-2020 Stop 6 1/2

11/02 - 11/03

Diamond Billiards Bar & Grill
Rochester, NY
Website: <http://www.joss9balltour.com/>

Predator Cues British 9-ball Championship

11/02 - 11/03

Escape Pool Bar
Barnsley, S. Yorkshire
Website: <http://www.bwppa.com/>

The Perfect Storm Open 2019

11/07 - 11/10

The Spot
Nanuet, New York

Northern Virginia Amateur Tour Stop

11/09 - 11/10

7 Billiards
Gaithersburg, Maryland
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/267290537455630>

31st Ocean State 9-Ball Championship

11/09 - 11/10

Snookers - Sports Billiards, Bar & Grill
Providence, RI
Website: <http://www.joss9balltour.com>

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White Diamond Super 9-Ball Extravaganza

11/09 - 11/10

White Diamond Billiards
Lafayette, LA

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2019

11/16 - 11/17

Racks Billiards
Sanford, Florida
Website: <http://www.sunshinestate-proamtour.com/>

Action Pool Tour 2019 Stop 11 Open Division

11/16 - 11/17

Diamond Billiards
Midlothian, VA
Website: <http://www.actionpooltour.com>

Jerry Olivier Ladies Tour 2019 Season Finale

11/16 - 11/17

Legends Billiards
League City, TX
Website: <http://www.obcuestour.com/>

All Japan Open Championship 2019

11/18 - 11/24

Archaic hall
Amagasaki-city

Mosconi Cup XXVI

11/25 - 11/28

Mandalay Bay
Las Vegas, NV
Website: <http://www.matchroompool.com/page/MosconiCup/Home>

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11/28 - 11/30

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Tourney Results

08/28 - 09/02

46th Annual Texas Open - Open Division

Skinny Bob's Billiards

- Round Rock, Texas
 1 Skyler Woodward \$4,400
 2 Josh Roberts \$2,500
 3 John Gabriel \$1,500
 3 Kevin Guimond \$1,500
 5 Sean Black \$630
 5 Justin Espinosa \$630
 7 Alejandro Calderon \$450
 7 Ryan Hsu \$450
 9 Steve Sheppard \$320
 9 James Davis Jr. \$320
 9 Ernesto Bayaua \$320
 9 Denny Sneed \$320
 13 Junior Jueco \$240
 13 Jonathon Demet \$240
 13 Brian Sanders \$240
 13 Billy Dyke \$240
 17 Ryan Lane \$200
 17 Robb Saez \$200
 17 Nash Peterson \$200
 17 Manny Chau \$200
 17 Jason Dutchover \$200
 17 James Davis Sr \$200
 17 Blaine Barcus \$200
 17 Bernard Walker \$200
 25 Tommy Tokoph \$175
 25 Sky Massengill \$175
 25 Marlan Isbell \$175
 25 Jude Rosenstock \$175
 25 Chris Rickman \$175
 25 Chris Gentile \$175
 25 Al Mason \$175
 25 Tommy Vega \$175

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46th Annual Texas Open - Ladies Division

Skinny Bob's Billiards

- Round Rock, Texas
 1 Ming Ng \$880

- 2 Taylor Hansen \$580
 3 Ellen Robinson \$440
 4 Chris Fields \$290
 5 Jennifer Kraber \$220
 5 Liz Galvan \$220
 7 Kim Pierce \$145
 7 Robyn Petrosino \$145

08/31 - 09/02

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2019 Stop #13 Eastern States Championship Open Pro Division

Steinway Billiards

- Astoria, NY
 1 Jeremy Sossei \$1,300
 2 Joe Korsiak \$800
 3 Jonathan Smith \$600
 4 Tony Robles \$400
 5 Del Sim \$150
 5 Michael Yednak \$150

08/31 - 09/02

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2019 Stop 13 Amateur Division Eastern States Championship

Steinway Billiards

- Astoria, NY
 1 Gary Bozigian \$1,600
 2 Matt Klein \$1,200
 3 Tony Ignomirello \$900
 4 Ryan Dayrit \$550
 5 Alberto Estevez \$350
 5 Ambi Estevez \$350
 7 Amanda Andries \$275
 7 Max Watanabe \$275
 9 Miguel Laboy \$200
 9 Yomaylin Feliz-Forman \$200
 9 Jonathan Martinez \$200
 9 Luis Ortiz \$200
 13 Julien Tierney \$125
 13 Corey Avallone \$125
 13 Annie Flores \$125
 13 Brandonne Alli \$125

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Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Speak Eazy Billiards

- Sanford, NC
 1 BJ Ussery \$600
 2 Scott Roberts \$400
 3 Tony Wall \$300
 4 Anthony Mabe \$100
 5 Gary South \$50
 5 Barry Mashburn \$50

08/31 - 09/01

SE Open 9-Ball 2019 Tour Stop

Miscue Lounge

- Fort Myers, FL
 1 Tommy Kennedy \$500
 2 Stephen Richmond \$300
 3 Willie McBride \$200
 4 Eric Huddleston \$100

09/01 - 09/08

2019 China Open Ladies Division

Shanghai

- Shanghai,
 1 Siming Chen \$36,000
 2 Rubilen Amit \$18,000
 3 Sha Sha Liu \$9,000
 3 Han Yu \$9,000
 5 Mu Yan Zhang \$5,400
 5 Kelly Fisher \$5,400
 5 Jasmin Ouschan \$5,400
 5 Chieh-Yu Chou \$5,400
 9 Chihiro Kawahara \$2,700
 9 Chezka Centeno \$2,700
 9 Xia Zhi Liu \$2,700
 9 Cheng Chin Ku \$2,700
 9 Xiao-Fang Fu \$2,700
 9 Yuki Hiraguchi \$2,700
 9 Chia Hua Chen \$2,700
 9 Qing Ning Huang \$2,700

09/01 - 09/08

2019 China Open Men's Division

Shanghai

- Shanghai,
1 Jia-Qing Wu \$40,000
2 Tony Raga \$20,000
3 Shane Van Boening \$10,000
3 Eklent Kaci \$10,000
5 Jian-Bo Fu \$6,000
5 Joshua Filler \$6,000
5 Carlo Biado \$6,000
5 Xiao Huai Zheng \$6,000
9 Johann Chua \$3,000
9 Ping-Chung Ko \$3,000
9 Haitao Liu \$3,000
9 David Alcaide \$3,000
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9 Mateusz Sniegocki \$3,000
9 Pin-Yi Ko \$3,000
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17 Chris Melling \$2,000
17 Zhen Qi Xue \$2,000
17 Chin-Shung Yang \$2,000
17 Cheng-Chieh Liu \$2,000
17 Seung Woo Ryu \$2,000
17 Jung-Lin Chang \$2,000
17 Yu-Lung Chang \$2,000
17 Ralf Souquet \$2,000
17 Jin-Hu Dang \$2,000
17 Fedor Gorst \$2,000
17 Naoyuki Oi \$2,000
17 Maximilian Lechner \$2,000
17 The Kien Do \$2,000
17 Casper Matikainen \$2,000
17 Niels Feijen \$0

09/07 - 09/08

2nd Annual Big Dawg Scotch Doubles

Stroker's Billiards

- Palm Harbor, FL
1 Kyle Bova \$500
1 Raymond Linares \$500
2 Mike Griffin \$337
3 Justin McNulty \$235
3 Rolando Aravena \$235
5 Sam Kanatar \$100
5 Brian McBride \$100
5 David Singleton \$100
4 Steve Knoll \$100

- 4 Trey Jankowski \$100
5 David Kennedy \$100

09/07 - 09/07

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Brown's Billiards

- Raleigh, NC
1 Kelly Farrar \$350
2 Scott Johnson \$200
3 Tanya Parsley \$110

09/07 - 09/08

2019 Houston Open

Legends Billiards

- League City, TX
1 Dennis Orcollo \$3,480
2 Roberto Gomez \$2,320
3 Robb Saez \$1,600
4 Alejandro Calderon \$1,160
5 John Morra \$740
5 Edgar Acaba \$740
7 Jerry Alvarez \$580
7 Josh Roberts \$580
9 Sean Black \$470
9 Brian Sanders \$470
9 Leon Contreras \$470
9 Barry Strickland \$470
13 Kevin Guimond \$360
13 Joey Bourgeois Jr. \$360
13 Jake Lebon \$360
13 Aaron Springs \$360
17 Kevin Gray \$150
17 Ryan Hsu \$150
17 Tommy Tokoph \$150
17 Joey Torres \$150
17 Nick Hood \$150
17 Mike Alonzo \$150
17 Ted Dean \$150
17 Jonathon Demet \$150

09/07 - 09/08

DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop #9

Snookered Billiards

- Frisco, TX
1 Tim Larson \$1,000
2 Jeremy Jones \$620
3 Denny Sneed \$500
4 Jesus Sorto \$420
5 TJ Davis \$300
5 Chris Gaither \$300
7 Greg Sandifer \$180

- 7 Mohammed Alrawi \$180
9 Amos Bush \$100
9 Gerardo Perez \$100
9 Crispian Ng \$100
9 Judd Hunter \$100
13 Jeff Georges \$80
13 Donny Weathersby \$80
13 Aryana Lynch \$80
13 Jamie Cummings \$80
17 Paul Kirch \$60
17 Matt Terry \$60
17 Rodney Williams \$60
17 James Talmon \$60
17 Jordan Gartenberg \$60
17 Greg Duarte \$60
17 Robin Barbour \$60
17 Tim Olsen \$60

09/07 - 09/08

New England 9-Ball Tour Stop 2019 Tour Championships

Bo's Billiards

- Warwick, RI
1 Tyler Boudreau \$4,200
2 Kyle Pepin \$2,200
3 Kevin Bauccio \$1,600
4 Justin Myers \$1,100
5 James Stonkus \$865
5 Cody Porter \$865
7 Lukas Fracasso-Verner \$665
7 Josh Caesar \$665
9 Javier Fantauzzi \$420
9 Casey Olivieri \$420
9 Ross Webster \$420
9 Gene Hunt \$420
13 Brian Tierney \$300
13 PJ Nicolosi \$300
13 Sal Midolo \$300
13 Chad Bazinet \$300

09/14 - 09/15

Action Pool Tour 2019 Stop 9 Open Division

Breakers Sky Lounge

- Herndon, Va
1 Shaun Wilkie \$900
2 R.J. Carmona \$475
3 Scott Haas \$250
4 Larry Kressel \$175
5 Nil Lim \$125
5 Ken Miller \$125

Monthly Results

- 7 Jimmy Jr Endara \$80
- 7 Reymart Lim \$80
- 9 Orlin Brizuela \$50
- 9 David Hunt \$50
- 9 Chris Bruner \$50
- 9 Steve Fleming \$50

09/14 - 09/15

JPNEWT Tour 2019 Stop #6

First Break Cafe

Sterling, VA

- 1 Caroline Pao \$700
- 2 Bethany Sykes \$400
- 3 Ada Lio \$300
- 4 Kia Sidbury \$150
- 5 Serafina Concannon \$100
- 5 Kelly Wyatt \$100
- 7 Anita Sowers \$60
- 7 Linda Haywood Shea \$60

09/14 - 09/15

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2019 Stop Amateur

CueBar Billiards

Bayside, NY

- 1 Miguel Laboy \$1,200
- 2 Julien Tierney \$850
- 3 Bianca Martinez \$500
- 4 Amanda Andries \$325
- 5 Yomaylin Feliz-Forman \$250
- 5 Erick Carrasco \$250
- 7 Brandonne Alli \$200
- 7 Abel Rosario \$200
- 9 Matt Klein \$140
- 9 Chris Kelly \$140
- 9 Greg Matos \$140
- 9 Corey Avallone \$140
- 13 Jaydev Zaveri \$100
- 13 Eugene Ok \$100
- 13 Jason Goberdhan \$100
- 13 Juan Melendez \$100

09/14 - 09/15

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop NC State 8-Ball Open

Randolph's Billiards

Hickory, NC

- 1 BJ Ussery \$900
- 2 Mike Davis \$600
- 3 Shannon Fitch \$360

- 4 Jason Evans \$200
- 5 Mike Bumgarner \$80
- 5 Justin Martin \$80

09/15 - 09/15

Tri State Tour 2019-2020 Stop

Clifton Billiards

Clifton, New Jersey

- 1 Ricardo Mejia \$500
- 2 Ilija Trajceski \$250
- 3 Bob Toomey \$175
- 4 Teddy Lapadula \$100
- 5 Mike Strassberg \$50
- 5 Luis Jimenez \$50

09/19 - 09/22

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- 1 Eleanor Callado \$3,500
- 2 Veronique Menard \$2,400
- 3 Gigi Callejas \$1,400
- 4 Tara Williams \$900
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- 5 Melissa Herndon \$675

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Predator Pro-Am Tour 2019 Amateur Stop #15

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

- 1 Lidio Ramirez \$1,300
- 2 Matt Klein \$900
- 3 Hannah Fields \$600
- 4 Luis Carrasco \$350
- 5 Ricky Geronimo \$275
- 5 Debra Pritchett \$275
- 7 Jason Goberdhan \$200
- 7 Bryan Toolsee \$200
- 9 Duc Lam \$150
- 9 John Stiles \$150
- 9 Ryan Dayrit \$150
- 9 KC Clayton \$150
- 13 Ron Bernardo \$120
- 13 Suzanna Wong \$120
- 13 Ron Gabia \$120
- 13 Eugene Ok \$120

09/21 - 09/21

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Atlanta, GA

- 1 BJ Ussery \$700
- 2 Bernardo Esteban \$500
- 3 Mary Rakin \$400
- 4 Jason Jones \$300
- 5 Kenny Nguyen \$200
- 5 Jeff Hooks \$200
- 7 Ron Gilbert \$100
- 7 Raed Shabib \$100
- 9 Elvis Newman \$40
- 9 Horace Godwin \$40
- 9 Sill Van Rooy \$40
- 9 Robert Hall \$40

09/21 - 09/22

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Break and Run Billiards

Chesnee, South Carolina

- 1 Mackie Lowery \$850
- 2 Travis Worden \$550
- 3 Joey Fox \$350
- 4 Clay Davis \$250

- 5 Sam Epps \$175
- 5 Aaron McClure \$175
- 7 Tommy Johnson \$110
- 7 Danny Jones \$110

09/22 - 09/22

Tri State Tour 2019-2020

BQE Billiards

Queens, NY

- 1 Pascal Dufresne \$400
- 2 Luis Jimenez \$200
- 3 Robert Calton \$100
- 4 Shweta Zaveri \$90

09/22 - 09/22

New England 9-Ball Tour 2019-2020 Stop #1

Crow's Nest

Plaistow, New Hampshire

- 1 Tyler Boudreau \$600
- 2 Buddy Oldham \$300
- 3 Mourad Idris \$220
- 4 Roger Vivier \$175
- 5 Tom D'Alfonso \$110
- 5 Chris Richard \$110



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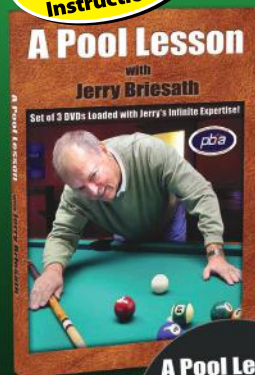
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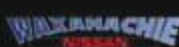
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