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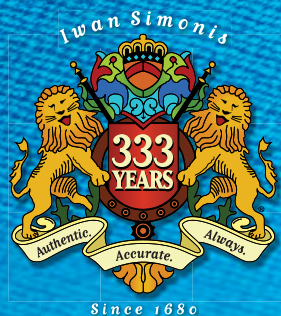
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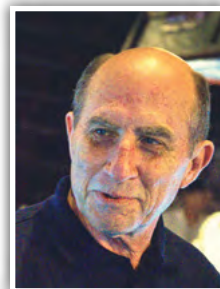
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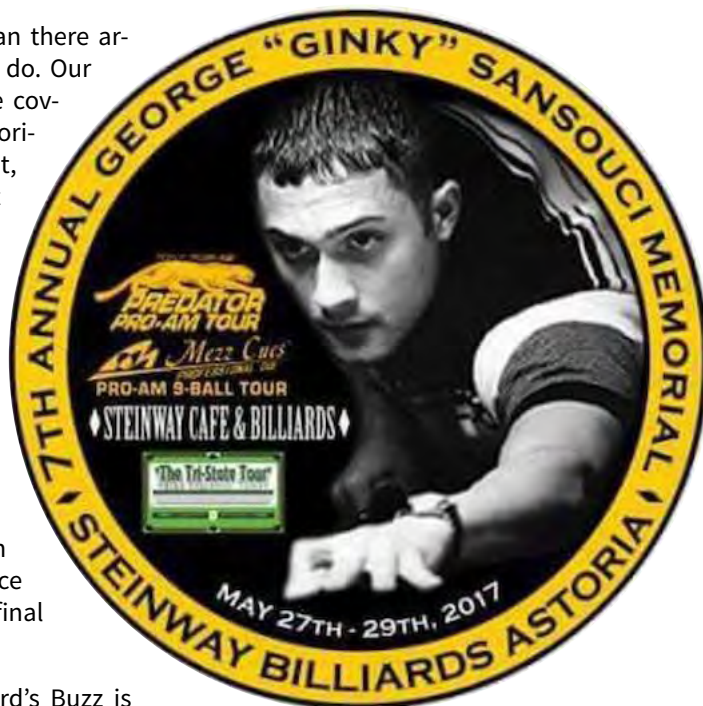
Jerry FORSYTH

With summer upon us the pool season begins to wind down a bit as league players begin to prepare for the fall seasons and the pros are warming up for the U.S. Open, Turning Stone, and the Mosconi Cup.



But that doesn't mean there aren't great things to do. Our next issue will have coverage of the Ginky Memorial. Always a great event, and June brings with it such notables as the Accu-Stats Make It Happen One Pocket Invitational and the World Cup of Pool over in Austria. So if you want to hit a few rounds of golf now that the fairways beckon, go ahead, but don't forget to watch some pool streams once you have carded that final birdie.

This issue of the Billiard's Buzz is chock full of photos for you to enjoy of the APA Poolplayers Championship, the recent EPBF Euro-Tour Dynamic Billard (European spelling) Austrian Open and we put the Spotlight on the 2002 U.S. Open. Take a trip back in time and see all the characters and champs of that era when the Open was being held at the CCC. Frankly, I much prefer the current water-side location for the Open, but the old Convention Center days still hold a lot of great memories.



Of course our standard cadre of instructors and columnists await you and this month Kristin Butterfield of Delta-13 reviews a fantastic bunch of man-toys, each a unique creation sure to set your game room apart from all others.

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This month we are bringing you a real treat. Here is an article from Jay that appeared over 40 years ago in the National Billiard News. (Our GOLD members have access to the entire NBN Collection of the late Conrad Burkman, from the 60's to the millennium.) In this article, Jay describes the scene at the Dayton Tournament.

DIARY OF A POOL PLAYER



JAY HELFERT

The Dayton Tournament, A Player's Perspective.

Everyone was there. All the ego-trippers, the players, the sweaters, the con men, and the just plain pool freaks.

It was a Hustler's Convention. Action was what was happening. Scores were made and blown every day. The wealthy got poor and the poor got rich overnight.

A week here was a lifetime of ups and downs for a normal working stiff. The pace was so furious. It bordered on the desperate. There was no tomorrow. Everyone lived for the moment. It was a thrill.

Nobody who was there will soon forget it. Everywhere you looked there were luminaries of the hustler's world. Wimpy and Canton Don cutting up with Whitey over there; Jersey Red

and Shorty reminiscing over here; Frisco Jack and Richie at the card table; Bugs and Youngblood burning up some banks; two Hippie Jimmies knocking heads at Nine Ball, and in the feature of this 10-ring circus was Ronnie, trying to fade the graduates of Cochran's school of Pay Ball. And the prize pupil, Magna Cum Laude Denny, took it all down in the end.

It was the last few gypsies trying to get respite from the phony, straight 9 to 5 world that is overwhelming this land. But it's the same phony world that gave birth to these gypsies and will feed and clothe them indefinitely. As long as the basic structure of our society promotes personal greed, then the professional gambler (Gypsy) will always have a haven. He'll always have a spot to go to and a mark to beat.

A mark being anyone anywhere, who, because of his own fears, decides to take a chance and loses.

Dayton was a condensed version of what is happening now all over this country it was an opportunity to gather together and sharpen our teeth. It was a cram course for the rookies and a refresher for the veterans. Every-

body learned, some just paid a higher price for the knowledge.

In the tournament, which was secondary to this gathering, Buddy Hall started like a flash in all three divisions and hung on to capture the nine ball title.

Ray Martin, playing smoothly and confidently, came out of the losers bracket for second..

Youngblood played better as the crowd got bigger and ego'd his way to the bank pool trophy.

Jimmy Fusco showed his powerful stroke makes him a threat in any game as he took the runner up spot. But the Unofficial Bank Pool Champion remains Mr. bugs. Tall and handsome, the quiet man makes even the most hardened players stare in amazement as he runs those sevens and eights.

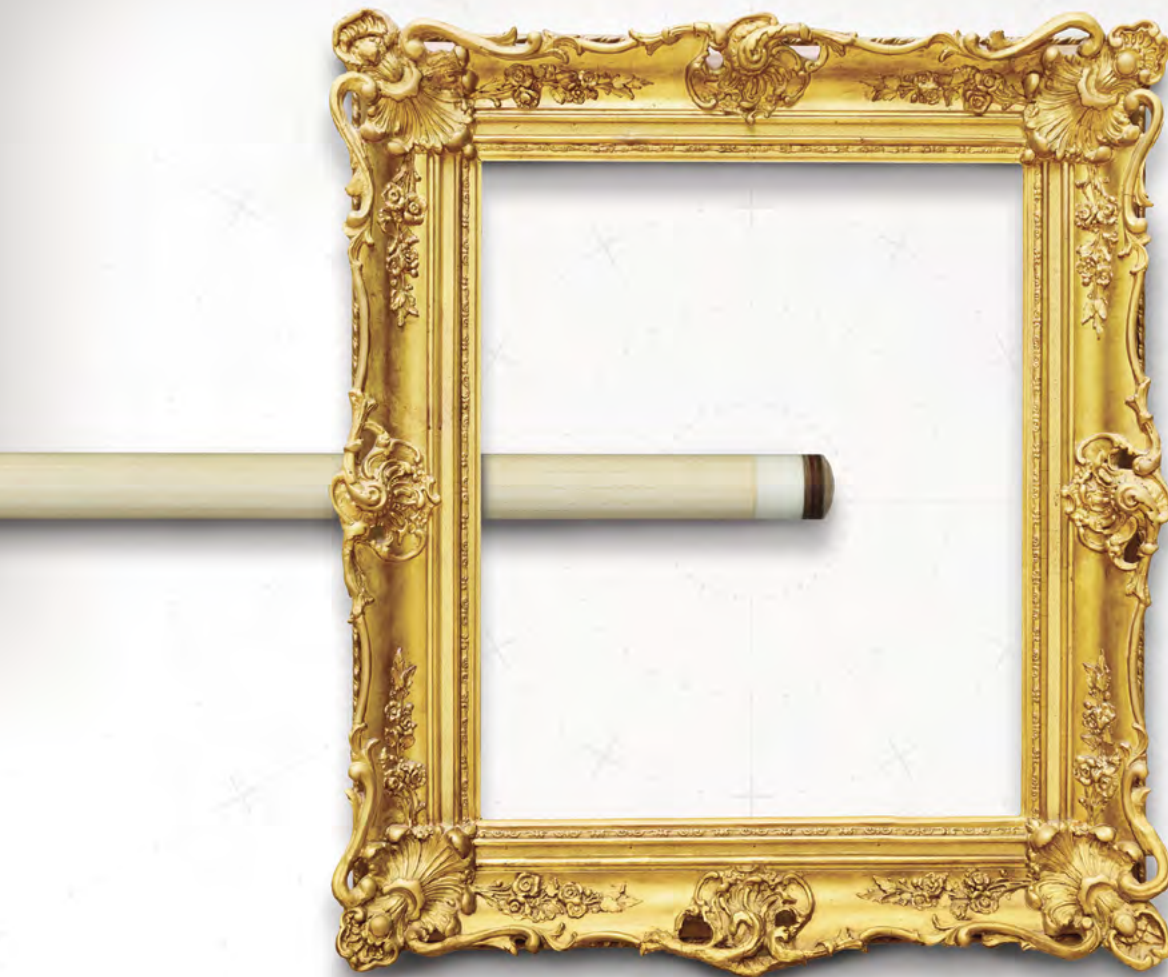
In the one pocket, Jimmy Marino snuck in for the gold with Larry Lisconti displaying his expertise to finish second. The play-off for the All-Around title was All Hall. Buddy played superbly and deserves to be recognized as our Champion.

It was a great tournament, a great time, and an experience I'm glad that I did not miss.

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RIVERS CASINO

By Karen **CORR**

The last WPBA event we had was in Pittsburgh at the Rivers Casino. It was a lovely venue and the event was well supported by people coming to watch in person and live on xstream pool. They did a great job filming all the match tables, so that the viewers could choose which table they wanted to watch.

I played Line Kjorsvik in the semi finals on the Sunday. I had a good set in the first race to 4. We took a break and Line played an excellent race to 4 in the second set, winning 4-1 to set up a deciding game. Line won at Soaring Eagle in the deciding game, breaking and running after winning the lag. Here we go again. I was getting nervous at this stage and I was just hoping to win the lag this time and break and make a ball to get the first chance and repeat what Line had done to me the previous tournament. I won the lag, broke and made a ball I was running out and messed up position from the 6 to 8. I left a long 8 ball shot with the cue ball near the end rail. I was really nervous at this point and was taking my time to make sure I rolled in the 8 ball and had the 9 ball in the side. I missed the 8 and got lucky I didn't leave a shot on the 8 ball. Line played a safe bank to the cross corner and the 8 went in leaving her a tough shot on the 9. Lucky for me she missed the 9 ball and it went over the side pocket and I won the match. My arm was shaking so much it was a relief I had an easy shot to win.

In the final I played Chen Siming, who beat Brittany in the semi final. We lagged for the match and I lost the first set 4-0. I missed a few



chances and the break was not working. I felt nervous in the first set and the table started to be a little more bouncier than in the semi. Or it could have been me over hitting the shot as I was probably trying too hard. I hadn't won a WPBA event for ten years and now I was in the finals again. I was also playing one of the best young players in the World.

I took a break and said to myself that I have nothing to lose here. I just wanted to win one game so she couldn't donut me again 4-0 in the second set. As I lost the first set I got to break first in the second set. I was watching how Chen was breaking in the last set so I copied what she did and a ball went in and I ran the table - 1-0 me. I also started finding my rhythm and pace around the table. I got on with it, and focused on getting the ball in a spot on the table and got dialed in. The shakes were still there, but my mind wasn't on them.

I won the second set 4-3, with both of us breaking and running and it felt great. Lag time again at one set each, to determine who would get to make the first strike in the decid-

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ing game. I won the lag and made a ball. I was able to see the out and my position play was great. My rhythm held up good and I ran out for the win. The only problem shot was the shot for the 6 to the 8 ball, where I had to draw the ball close to the side. I visualized the shot to get a picture of where I needed the cue ball to be as the 8 ball was just past the side pocket and I was playing for straight in. I just focused on my stroke and staying down on the cue ball, and watched the cue ball just miss the side. Just a little angle on the 8 ball to draw across the table and get straight in on the 9.

Gerry always told me to go have fun. I find that so hard though, because to me it's a fine line between being focused and sloppy in my mind. Steve Davis once said to play as if it means nothing but it means everything. They are both correct in what they say. Its just letting it all happen and come together at the right time.

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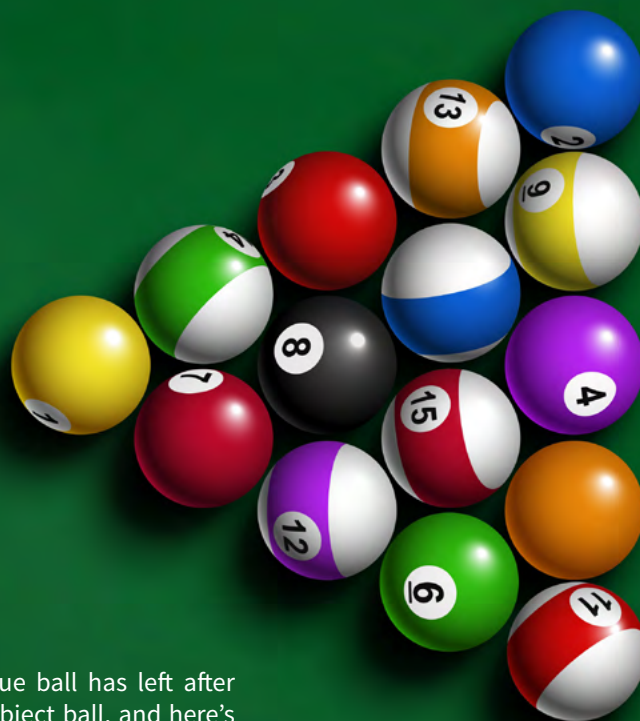
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A Few Tips About *Hangers*



JERRY BRIESATH

How many times have you shot that ball hanging in the corner pocket and the cue ball didn't end up anywhere near where you wanted it to?



Many games are lost because the player doesn't know some of the little secrets of getting position after pocketing a hanger. A professional player can get the cue ball anywhere he or she wants on the table after shooting any hanger. This is possible because the professional player understands tangent lines and a thing I call "speed trade-off", and I will explain them both.

When the cue ball collides with an object ball, the tangent line is a line between the balls at contact. This also means that a tangent line is 90 degrees to the direction the object ball travels. Speed trade-off has to do with the original speed of the cue ball before it arrives at the object ball, and

the speed the cue ball has left after contacting the object ball, and here's how it works. If you strike the cue ball and it arrives at the object ball at 10 miles an hour, and you hit one half of the object ball, they both leave the collision at 5 miles an hour. If the cue ball arrives at the object ball at 10 miles an hour, and you hit one quarter of the object ball, the object ball gets 25% - or 2.5 miles an hour of the speed - and the cue ball retains the other 75% of the speed - or 7.5 miles an hour. If the cue ball arrives at the object ball at 10 miles an hour, and it strikes 75% of the object ball, the object ball gets 75% of the speed - or

7.5 miles an hour - and the cue ball is slowed to 25% of the original speed - or 2.5 miles an hour.

Using this knowledge will help you a lot in controlling the cue ball after pocketing a hanger.

This is also fully explained, with video detail, in my three DVD set. Check it out at my website (www.poollessons.com)

Good Luck — Jerry

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Overcoming Choking

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“Choking” is when you know how to do something and have successfully have done it before, yet in pressure situations you fail because of a lack of focus and execution.

In the game of pool choking is a common occurrence, especially during tournaments when it seems as though the table gets longer and the pockets become smaller. This month I would like to share with you *why* choking occurs, and what *you* can do to minimize choking the next time you play when the stakes are high.

Choking always begins with fear. Interestingly, for human beings fear can be real (i.e. somebody shooting a gun at you), or irrational (worrying about what somebody might think if I miss this next shot). Regardless of the source (real or irrational), our bodies respond with anxiety in the *same exact way*. In other words, your body doesn't care if it hears gun shots or is afraid of your opponent standing over the pool table – the physical anxiety (i.e. increased heart rate; tense, tight muscles; and shallow breathing are examples) will be experienced the same exact way.

Once fear kicks into *negative anxiety*, your mind will begin to exclusively focus on the physical symptoms of nerves (the shallow breathing, increased heart rate, etc) instead of thinking about the shot you need to

make on the table in front of you! From there, most players will start talking to themselves and say things like “don't screw up,” or “don't miss this next shot.” Guess what happens next? You got it – the shot is missed! Once your self-talk becomes negative and conservative, you are basically done (Don't believe me? Try NOT thinking of as pink elephant and see what happens. Now go tell yourself NOT to miss the next shot and see what happens).

Once the shot is missed, the player usually experiences more negative energy, more fear, more anxiety, and in some cases the day may end up being lost completely. It's amazing all this starts from fear – and *irrational fear* at that. Think about it – there is no *real* fear when playing pool, yet how many thousands and thousands of players allow their minds and bodies to experience fear as though they were in fear for their life?! Seriously, who cares about who you are playing or how many people are watching – they cant

take the stick out of your hands and make you miss shots!

If you want to minimize choking, try the following tips:

When you start getting nervous while playing, where is the fear coming from? Are you worried what somebody will think if you miss? Are you concerned who is watching you shoot? If you are feeling any of these kinds of things STOP immediately, stand up, take a few deep breaths and remind yourself you are experiencing *irrational* fear.

Breathing through your stomach is the best way to immediately calm your body down. Try taking 2-3 deep belly breaths and watch how your body responds – its pretty amazing.

Self-talk (what you say to yourself) is also a great way to refocus and remain calm in tough situations. Tell yourself words like “focus” or “stay cool” and your mind and body will respond accordingly.

Once you conquer fear, confidence will take over – leading you to synchrony between your mind and body, experiencing “the zone” more frequently, and positive self-talk (and more wins, too!).

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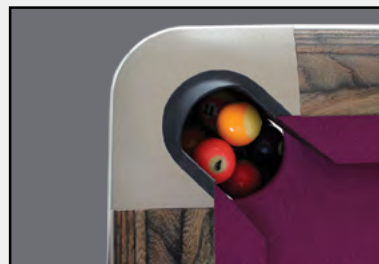
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ARE YOU A FILIPINO?

ANTHONY **BEELER**

The Filipinos are regarded as some of the most talented pool players in the world. Several of them display very long bridges on nearly every shot. Recently, I watched an Accu-Stats video where Jerry Forsythe discussed a conversation he had with pool legend Nick Varner.

Nick had advised Jerry to shorten his bridge hand length and Jerry responded with the comment, “but Nick, look at the Filipinos, their bridge hands are very far away from the cue ball.” Nick then responded by asking, “Jerry, are you a Filipino?” The fact remains that most players do not truly understand the benefits of a shortened bridge.

Pool can be a very daunting game because the technical aspects 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 mindset.

All too often it's something simple that keeps a player from reaching their true potential. In fact, the focus of this article is to address quite possibly the most common fundamental flaw.

Over the course of several years of teaching I have trained several hundred students, and nearly all of them suffered from one common problem. The weakness I am referring to is their BRIDGE HAND DISTANCE. Furthermore, I would venture to say that 95% of all pool players place their bridge hand too far away from the cue ball.

Being able to make a stable and accurate bridge is a very important part a player's mechanics. Pool has drastically changed over the years. Today, most players play on tight equipment where that accuracy is the name of the game. A sloppy bridge won't help!

Moreover, we are conditioned to reproduce

what we see from professional players like Efen Reyes and Francisco Bustamante. What most players don't seem to understand is that correct bridge hand distance (from a physics prospective) is directly related to a player's forearm length. Generally, the taller you are the longer your bridge should be. That is not to say that you cannot learn to play with a longer bridge as many of the Filipinos do. However, in my estimation nearly all of the great straight pool players of the past endorsed shorter bridges.

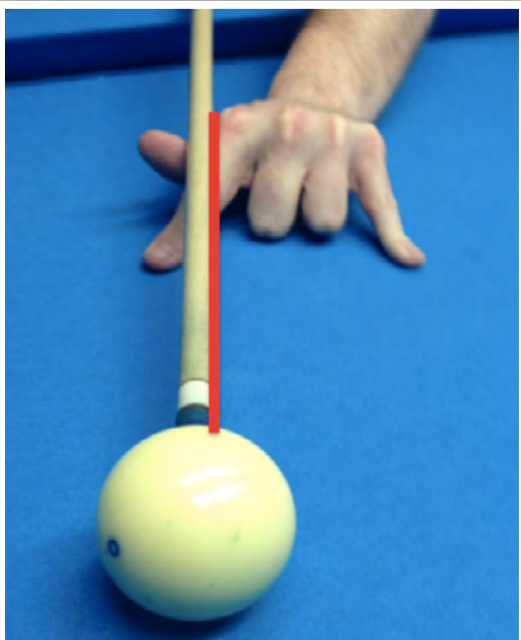
The purpose of the bridge is to support the cue on the line of aim by forming a groove or channel for the cue to slide through. The bridge hand is usually placed nine to twelve inches away from the cue ball depending on the layout of balls and the player's unique body structure. It's actually quite common for players to miss shots because there is too much play (bridge hand distance is too long) between the groove of their bridge hand and the cue ball.

To find the correct bridge hand distance for your body structure, mea-

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As shown, the distance between the player's elbow and his wrists is 11.25 inches.



Take the previous measurement and subtract an inch and a quarter (half the width of a cue ball). The distance between the bridge hand "groove" and the edge of the cue ball should be 10 inches ($11.25 - 1.25 = 10$).

sure the distance between your elbow and your wrist. Take that measurement and subtract an inch and a quarter—that's how far the groove of your bridge hand should be away from the edge of the cue ball.

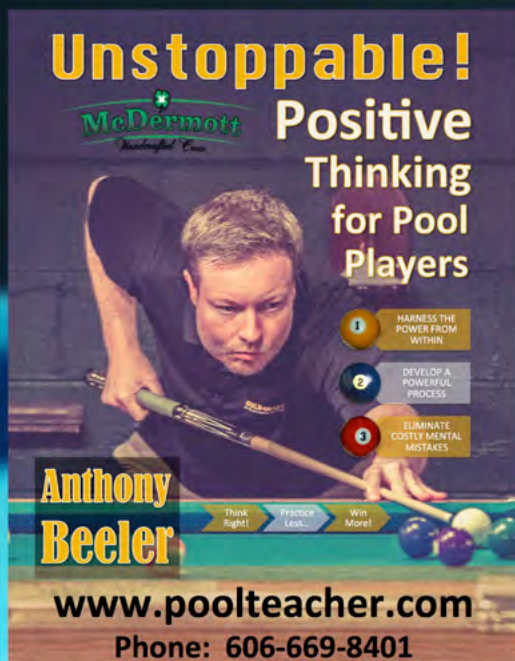
If you place the groove of your bridge hand closer than that you will gain accuracy but lose power. Conversely, the opposite applies when your bridge is too far away from the cue ball. If your channel is too far away then you will lose accuracy and gain power. Keep in mind, that the table layout can interfere with a player's ability to maintain the correct bridge

hand distance 100% of the time. They key is to remember that the correct bridge hand distance should be used as conditions permit.

In the words of Wyatt Earp, "Fast is fine, but accuracy is everything." The bottom line is if you want to play like a professional, you'll need to incorporate the correct bridge hand distance into your game. There is no shortcut! If you want to improve your game don't imitate what you see other players do. Ask yourself the question, "Are you a Filipino?" and seriously consider shortening your bridge.

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Melinda Bailey

Jake Hulsey (from the north Texas-area) is a fairly new cuemaker who won AZBilliard's Cuemaker of the Year in 2012. His background and interest led him to build cues, and his background and learning experiences also led him to become the inspiring business man he is today. Let's find out more about Jake, and learn from him as well.



Jake Hulsey

MELINDA BAILEY

Q: How did you get started playing pool?

A: I guess I was about 9-10 years old. As a child I would spend the summers in San Antonio at my grandparents' house and they had a pool table. I remember playing for hours and hours. Also, I would often help another set of grandparents (local to north Texas) deliver Meals On Wheels. The recreational center that we picked the food up from had older gentleman who would allow me to come in and play with him and his friends. I'm not sure how much I would have actually looked forward to this early philanthropy had it not been for that pool table.

Q: What was your first cue?

A: It was a production cue (Cobra, I think) but it didn't last long, as I got a Schon next. I'll never forget that cue as I was playing a set on a bar table with a slug ball and jumped a full ball with it and ran out against a player that was 3 balls better than me.

Q: What is your most memorable pool moment?

A: It was 2004 and I ran 9.5 pack on an 8-foot. My opponent broke dry and

I ran out the first game, then broke and ran 9 racks. Beyond any title accomplishments, it would be more about the people I've met and the long lasting relationships that have developed.

Q: You won AZBilliards Cuemaker of the Year in 2012. Did you know your cue design was being submitted?

A: Typically you wouldn't really know unless you submit it yourself. The trend is for members of AZB to nominate cues that were made that year into the contest. Someone submitted my cue and I was honored just to have it submitted. As the voting went on, it became obvious that I had

done something special. Apparently the blend of traditional and modern was something people appreciated. I'm not sure, but I think that *Veneered Wonder* (the name of the cue) was the 9th cue I ever completed. The results inspired me to continue with being different in my design approach and I would like to think that it has and will inspire other cue builders to think of themselves as artists as much as they do cue builders and allow themselves to take risks when it comes to new designs.

Q: How many other cues were submitted that year?

A: Typically there are between 20

and 30 entries. The really wild thing is that those 20-30 cues are all usually made by big name guys (my idols) whose names are all very, very recognizable. What was really comical is that throughout the contest my margin of victory/votes was always pretty significant and the big question was *Who is Jake?*

Q: What did you notice most that changed after you won Cuemaker of the Year?

A: Not a lot changed. I was already known among my peers and had their respect, which allowed me to challenge/inspire some of them to do something a little different. Other than that, the demand/inquiries after I won became such that it was stressful. I don't like saying no to people or letting them down and wish I would have been more prepared for the demand.

Q: Your cue designs are different than we see on most cues. Describe for us how they are different.

A: I guess I would be most known for mixing it up with veneer work, but that's not really something I want to hang my hat on. In general, I just try to create something unique and complex enough that it intrigues and sparks emotion in whoever is viewing it.

Q: Where do you get your design ideas from?

A: That's a good question. I was once told that *we don't get to choose where we draw inspiration from*. This turned out to be so true. Everything we're surrounded by has an impact on us whether we know it or not. We may see something and it comes to the surface years later in the form of a design of which the source we may not be able to identify. Most of my ideas start in my head and when it comes time to put them on paper, they begin to evolve into something quite different than I was initially thinking. I usually just let this natural process run its course and it's served me well.

Q: How did you get started making cues in the first place?

A: Well, there were a couple of guys at my local pool room who were making cues and I figured if they could do it, so could I. So one day after the weekly Saturday tournament, quite impulsively I started ordering all of the wood and equipment I thought I would need to get started lol.

Q: You are a structural detailer and architect. What other things do you dabble in besides at your work and

cues that you get to use this expertise?

A: A better way to put it would be that I'm a designer. I don't have a degree in architecture or structural engineering, but my experience and mechanical aptitude have allowed me talents with regards to architectural/mechanical design and engineering. This is also what I attribute a lot of my success with cues. Being able to design some of the stuff in cues is only one part. Being able to visualize the process and physically execute it all is another challenge in itself. As of late, it's allowed me to execute on an idea/invention that I had for my industry. I was able to design, prototype, and produce this product on my own without involving what would have been a team of designers, engineers, and machinists.

Q: You've had issues with substance abuse and a stint or two in rehab in your lower 20s. What was your take away from that experience?

A: Very specifically the principles of Honesty, Hope, Faith, Courage, Integrity, Willingness, Humility, Love, Justice, Perseverance, Spirituality, and Selflessness. People have likely heard of the 12 Steps at some point in their life while discussing addiction. These steps are often discounted or disregarded either because they are not understood or require too much work. The secret that people don't get is that each one of the steps has a spiritual (biblical) principle behind it. Once you GET that principle you will begin to be okay with living life on life's terms. Another huge roadblock for me was that I was mad at God and just assumed that I would eternally be cursed for such. As it turns out, God already knew I was mad and was happy I could finally be honest about it. At the end of the day, the same problem exists (me). The difference now is that I'm capable of dealing with situations without blaming others or using something to change the way I feel.



Q: You prevailed successfully in family life and business life after rehab. Is that due to hard work, having a new outlook on life, both, or something else?

A: Definitely both. A lot of hard work and self-evaluation must continually take place for me to maintain a healthy, productive life. I've not prevailed...the second I think I have, I'm in trouble. To the best of my ability, I try to live an honorable life today. Any more than that is too much for me.

Q: You have two kids, aged 5 and 7. What are your wishes for them?

A: Good question. Obviously, I hope that they will live a long, happy, healthy life but beyond that I hope they find something they're passionate about and embrace it. I hope that when they're my age and I look them in the eye, I will see true happiness.

Q: You are a mentor to a lot of people around you, giving advice on anything from business to making cues to addiction to being active in church. What motivates you to help others?

A: Because I want to know that when I die, I lived a meaningful and impactful life. A lot of the people I help look up to me so it's a perfect chance for me to set an example of the principles I'm practicing. Very often, I have the chance to share experiences or success's and could easily appear to just be the guy with it all together. In lieu of that, I must make a conscious effort to keep it real, share my failures and display humility, before getting to the success part. This allows me to establish common ground, respect and more importantly sets the stage for the person I'm talking to, a true receptiveness.

Q: You are the vice president of a large company. What is your biggest advice for aspiring entrepreneurs?

A: If you're in business, then you're likely creating a customer experience. If you can be humble enough to ask yourself and others if you are providing the best possible experience for the person supporting your business, then you will become the best, the most desirable, and the most proud.

Also, if you think you have worked hard enough or that you are deserving of something....you're not.

Furthermore, during my few (10+) years in business, I have made some seemingly risky decisions that were questioned by many and met with reserve or skepticism. The wild thing about my response to these was that any adverse outcome was not even considered on my part because I could see what the success looked like and went for it. The point is, that I'm going to make it happen and failure is never a consideration. To be clear, I'm not advocating recklessness. Instead, any significant investment of time or money should be met with fair and proper diligence.

Q: Do you get to play pool often?

A: Typically once a week or less. As of recent, I've been playing on a Wednesday night league - it's been fun and also frustrating. I've accepted that I don't have the time required to play at the level I would like so I'm really trying to just accept my game the way it is and have fun. I'm not very good at this concept yet, but I've at least acknowledged it lol.

Q: How many cues do you make a year?

A: When I'm actually building cues, my throughput is approximately 10. Unfortunately, life has gotten in the way of building cues and I've not got to work on any in the last 2 years. One of my goals for 2017 is to have my new shop relocated and put back together 100% so that I can make cues again. Really can't wait.

Q: What is your favorite pool game?

A: One pocket. I'm terrible at it, but love it!

Q: What do you love best about making cues?

A: That I get to express myself creatively and that others might enjoy that creation. I think the most enjoyable part of the process is figuring out/visualizing how to execute a unique design. This is what really intrigues me. I don't think I would have ever gotten into cues if I had to build simple cues. My mind really desires the challenge and also the sense of accomplishment. It's really cool when one of your idols or mentors asks "how in the world did you do that?"

Q: Is there something you like least like about making cues?

A: The market....so much of how cues are rated or viewed is by their perceived value. This really kind of turns me off. I'm creating something that will hopefully manifest a feeling in the person admiring the cue. That to me is the success in making cues. Conversely, if a cue maker is making something that creates no emotion in the audience then the value of those cues will remain insignificant in the long run.

Melinda "aka trigger" Bailey has been in the pool scene as a player and ambassador for pool for over 25 years. She is a loyal blogger (<http://pooljourney.blogspot.com/>), a top player in Texas, and holds numerous BCA/ACS Texas State and National titles (singles, doubles, and teams). She currently runs the successful Omega Billiards Tour across north Texas.



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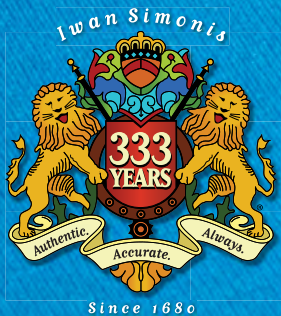
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The field included EPBF #1 David Alcaide (ESP), # 2 Joshua Filler (GER), #3 Mark Gray (GBR), #4 Niels Feijen (NED) and #5 Ralf Souquet (GER), just to name a few. Local hopes were definitely placed on Austrians Albin Ouschan, Mario

He and Maximilian Lechner. This was the third tournament of this year's Euro-Tour series. The Dynamic Billiard Austrian Open ran from Thursday, May 18 to Saturday the 20th for the men and Sunday the 21st for the ladies division. The ladies kicked off on

Saturday and the top favorites for the title were Jasmin Ouschan (AUT), Kristina Tkach (RUS), and the winner of the event in Treviso, Ina Kaplan (GER). The women played for 3,250 Euro in prize money as well as ranking points for the European Women's Ranking.

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get going. After 13 racks, Souquet was on the hill leading 8:5 over Cohen. At that point in time, the odds for Cohen were close to zero. But Cohen came back. He took some racks and the pressure was on for Souquet. With Souquet being in the lead 8:6, both players went for a time-out. When they got back to the table, it seemed to have worked better for Cohen. The Frenchman took the next two racks and turned the match into a hill-hill thriller at 8:8. Rack 17 was won by Cohen who had managed to turn the tide in the match and performed a mar-



Stephan Cohen (L) and Ralf Souquet

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The event this year featured one match each day shown as a live broadcast on the Facebook page of the EPBF. The events will be hosted by the European Governing Body for Pool, the European Pocket Billiard Federation (EPBF) and organized by International Billiard Promotion (IBP).

In a dramatic winner's round 1 match between the two grandmasters Ralf Souquet (GER) and Stephan Cohen (FRA), Cohen retained the upper hand and bested Souquet by a whisker with 9:8.

The first half of the match belonged to Souquet. The German dominated at the table and Cohen struggled to



David Alcaide has tasted success before on the Euro-Tour

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Kristina Tkach





Joshua Filler

Also long time ranking leader and current #3 Mark Gray (GBR) could not make it through the winner's side. After defeating Piergiorgio Davy (ITA) 9:1, he fell 8:9 to unheralded Mariusz Skoneczny (POL).

Probably the most surprising comeback of the day was performed by dark horse Thomas Fjaeran (NOR). The Norwegian was trailing 1:8 after 30 minutes to Mieszko Fortuniski (POL), the winner of the Dynamic Billiard Italian Open in February 2016. Things looked over for Fjaeran. But the Scandinavian hung in there and started his amazing comeback. Never looking back, Fjaeran took it step by

velous comeback in the tournament. With this victory, Cohen marched on into the next winner's round where he overpowered Kim Laaksonen (FIN) 9:4. Cohen had then booked his seat in the winner's qualification round while Souquet would need to find his fortune on the loser's side of the event.

Top Euro-Tour star David Alcaide needed to do some serious work his first day on the new job. In his first match, he just made it 9:8 over Miguel Silva (POR). The next round was no easier for him. He encountered Abdullah Al-Youssef (KUW) and needed another 9:8 victory over the full distance to get his foot in the door of the winner's qualification round. Silva's teammate Joao Grilo (POR) was a bit luckier. He faced local hero Mario He (AUT) in winner's round 1 and took the Austrian down unexpectedly clear with 9:4.

Friday seemed to be not a good or easy day for the top ranked Euro-Tour players. Alcaide won his two matches with 9:5. But #2 ranked player Joshua Filler (GER) lost 8:9 to Sergey Lutsker (RUS). "I did not have a break shot at all", commented Filler after the match, "my break simply wasn't there. That was the main reason for my defeat".

“ PROBABLY THE MOST SURPRISING COMEBACK OF THE DAY WAS PERFORMED BY DARK HORSE THOMAS FJAERAN (NOR). ”



Fortuniski could not relive the 2016 Italian Open. He fell hard.

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step and managed to realize the impossible, winning the match with 9-8.

Friday's feature match was the clash in winner's round 2 between Denis Grabe (EST) and Oliver Ortmann (GER). The match went up and down. In the beginning, Ortmann looked like the clear winner, taking a 4:1 lead after five racks. But Grabe came back. Additionally, Ortmann's break shot left him so Grabe managed to close the gap and even overtake Ortmann, leading 6:4 after the next five racks. However, Ortmann survived that critical phase and found his game back, taking the next racks and getting on the hill at 8:7. Grabe played a safety in rack 16 which was not good enough for Ortmann. The former World Champion from Germany went ahead and cleared the rack, winning the thrilling match with 9:7 over Denis Grabe.

On Saturday Daryl Peach (GBR) ousted Alexander Kazakis (GRE). In the single elimination round of the last remaining 32 players, Peach took down Kazakis with 9:7. After 8 racks, Kazakis had a 6:2 lead over Peach. Things were looking quite promising for Kazakis but Peach is known to be a Terrier with regards to fighting. He kept his foot in the door and fought his way back into the match. When Kazakis took his timeout, the scoreboard displayed still a 6:5 lead for him. But Peach could not be distracted from his mission. After Kazakis' timeout, Peach continued where he stopped before and took the next two racks to lead 7:6 over Kazakis.

The Greek managed to tie the match at 7:7 then. He broke the 15th rack and had the 1-ball pocketed. Kazakis played a great safety shot on the 2-ball, leaving a tough position for Peach who had to execute a jump-shot and hit the 2-ball rail first which he did. But Peach left an easy shot on the 2-ball for Kazakis. The Greek now had all chances to get on the hill with an open table in front of him. But he



fell out of position for the 5-ball and missed it in the corner pocket. Peach got to the table and accepted the gift, taking the rack to gain an 8:7 lead over Kazakis. The next break was up for Daryl Peach. He had the 1-ball and 2-ball down but the 3-ball was hiding behind the 9-ball. Peach went for the push-out option. Kazakis accepted the table and tried an aggressive shot on the 3-ball. He missed but was lucky since he left no shot for Peach. Some safeties were exchanged and Kazakis was forced to play a foul shot. That gave Peach ball in hand and the Brit cleared the table to advance to the round of the final 16 players on Saturday, sending Kazakis home.

Saturday's always bring out the drama. In the loser's qualification round it was evident in the encounter between Denis Grabe (EST) and Sanjin



Saturday's Line-Up of Matches

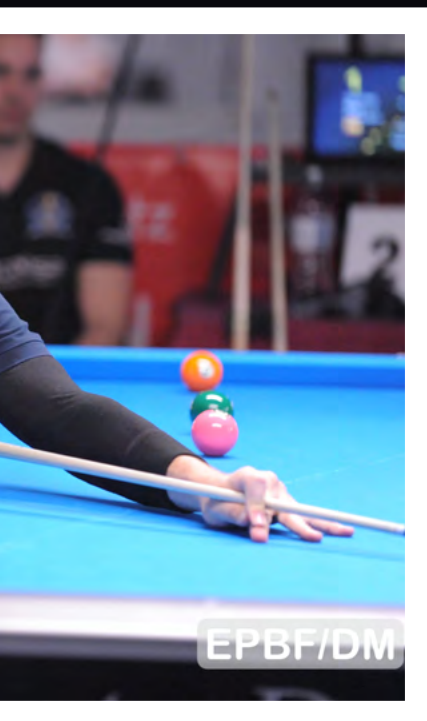
David Alcaide (ESP) v Francisco Sanchez-Pizarro (ESP)
Albin Ouschan (AUT) v Ruslan Chinakhov (RUS)
Mario He (AUT) v Daryl Peach (GBR)
Marco Teutscher (NED) v Niels Feijen (NED)
Konstantin Stepanov (RUS) v Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz (ESP)
Jakub Koniar (SVK) v Nick Van Den Berg (NED)
Fedor Gorst (RUS) v Joshua Filler (GER)
Imran Majid (GBR) v Mats Schjetne (NOR)

hard, especially in that situation. He fired it into the center of the lower left corner pocket. The cue ball again was not controlled enough and ended its journey behind the 8-ball which totally prevented Pehlivanovic from continuing and doing something useful with the 3-ball which was up next. He went rail first and hit the 3-ball but left a tough shot for Grabe. The Estonian went for the safety option and played a decent defensive shot. Pehlivanovic answered that with another defensive shot himself. Safeties were played back and forth. After a few turns, Grabe forced Pehlivanovic to commit a foul. Grabe got to the table and ran the rack, leaving a frustrated and angry young Pehlivanovic behind.



Ralf Souquet

“ **ONE THRILLING ENCOUNTER WAS THE MATCH IN THE WINNER'S QUALIFICATION ROUND BETWEEN DARYL PEACH (GBR) AND ALBIN OUSCHAN (AUT).** ”



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Marco Teutscher made it to play on the last day.

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Loser's round 4 was the stage for a huge upset to take place. Unheralded Vangelos Vettas (GRE) ousted former World Champion Ralf Souquet (GER) clearly with 9:5 and ended the German's hopes for a high finish here in St. Johann i.Pg. this year.

One thrilling encounter was the match in the winner's qualification round between Daryl Peach (GBR) and Albin Ouschan (AUT). The match boiled down to a hill-hill situation at 8:8. Albin Ouschan was to break. He pocketed the 5-ball and had a beautiful and easy layout with a nice 1-ball to start with in front of him. But he missed the 1-ball by a margin and allowed Peach back to the table. The Brit who had probably already accepted his defeat, could not believe his luck. He got to the table and cleared the rack, winning the match 9:8 and advancing to the single elimination stage of the last 32 players.

In the same round, Mateusz Sniegocki (POL) and Nikos Ekonomopoulos (GRE) had a rendezvous. They also took the match to the deciding 17th rack at 8:8 with Ekonomopoulos having the break shot there. No ball was pocketed which brought Sniegocki



to the table. The Polish attempted to pocket the 1-ball but missed it, leaving no position for Ekonomopoulos. A few safeties were exchanged until Ekonomopoulos saw the chance to pocket the 1-ball with a long shot. He took the risk and pocketed the 1-ball. That brought him in a good position and he ran the rack, winning the match 9:8 over Sniegocki.

Mario He's way into the final could not have been longer. He lost his opening match and had to take the long road

through the loser's side. Then, in the single elimination stage, he eliminated Tomasz Kaplan (POL) 9:8, Daryl Peach (GBR) 9:3, Marco Teutscher (NED) 9:4 and in the semi-final his teammate Albin Ouschan (AUT) 9:8. Sanchez' way into the final match led with victories over Mark Gray (GBR) 9:2, Konstantin Stepanov (RUS) 9:6, Nick van den Berg (NED) 9:5 and in the semi-final Joshua Filler (GER) 9:7.

The final match turned out to become a one man show by Mario He. San-

Albin Ouschan



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chez just could not find his rhythm. He even committed a time foul since the match was under the clock and he simply took too much time for his shot. After 9 racks, Mario He was up 8:1 and only a little step away from glory. Sanchez tried to give a bit more of a fight to Mario He and won another rack. But that was it for Sanchez. Mario He returned to the table and ran another rack, winning the final with a more than impressive result of 9:2. “I am over the moon”, said He after the match, “I had the worst of all starts and now I win the tournament here. Unbelievable! I played quite solid in the single elimination stage but I also had strong opponents”, added Mario He. “This is my second victory on the Euro-Tour and it is always so special to win this coveted event”, mentioned He with a smile.

FINAL MATCH

Mario He (AUT) v Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz (ESP) 9:2

Results semi-finals

Albin Ouschan (AUT) v Mario He 8:9
Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz v Joshua Filler (GER) 9:7

Results quarter-finals

David Alcaide (ESP) v Albin Ouschan 7:9
Mario He v Marco Teutschner (NED) 9:4
Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz v Nick van den Berg (NED) 9:5
Joshua Filler v Imran Majid (GBR) 9:2

Top eight players Dynamic Billiard Austrian Open

1. Mario He
2. Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz
3. Albin Ouschan
4. Joshua Filler
5. David Alcaide
6. Marco Teutschner
7. Nick van den Berg
8. Imran Majid



Vania Franco

Top Ten EPBF Euro-Tour Ranking

1. David Alcaide 2620pts
2. Mario He 2375pts
3. Joshua Filler 2350pts
4. Niels Feijen 2290pts
5. Nick van den Berg 2250pts
6. Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz 2190pts
- Ralf Souquet 2190 pts
8. Mark Gray 2090pts
9. Albin Ouschan 2090pts
10. Ruslan Chinakhov 2080pts

PART TWO:

The Ladies Take the Stage

The Dynamic Billiard Austrian Women's Open commenced on Saturday. #1 seeded player Kristina Tkach (RUS) justified her seed and took down Ewa Bak (POL) 7:3 and then Jessika Nilsson (SWE) 7:0. These two clear victories got her in the single elimination round of the last 16 players where she would face Marharyta Fefilava (BLR). Another favored player was Amalia Matas (ESP). She performed quite strongly on day one and won her matches 7:2 over Pia Blaeser (GER) and 7:3 over Sara Rocha (POR). She would join Tkach in the single elimination and would have to deal with Nataliya Se-

roshtan (RUS) in the next round. The all-time favorite in European women's events Jasmin Ouschan (AUT) wasted no time with her opponents. She smashed Anne Darda (GER) 7:0, then Kateryna Polovinchuk (UKR) 7:2 and finally Martine Christiansen (NOR) 7:1 for her seat in the single elimination round. All three opponent's points added would not have made Ous-





Ann-Sofie Loefgren

Sunday the event was laser-focused on Jasmin Ouschan. She was and is the powerhouse in European women's pool. And at the end of the day she once again stood in the winner's circle in Austria. With that, two Austrians had brought the crowns home in Austria. After Mario He's victory from the day previous she did not fall short and took the title in the women's version of the Euro-Tour. After her great opening in the event her performance suffered a little bit. "I needed some help during some matches of this tournament", stated Ouschan after the final match, "But our new national coach Andreas Roschkowsky from Germany is a really nice and knowl-

chan lose one single set! Her opponent in the next match was to be Ana Gradisnik (SLO). Katarzyna Wesolowska (POL) had finished 3rd place in the last 3 Women's Euro-Tour events in Treviso (2x) and Albufeira. This time, she was up for more. She overpowered Ortenzia Haeffliger (SUI) 7:3 and Ann-Sofie Löfgren (SWE) 7:3 to make it to the final stage of the event.



Jasmin Ouschan



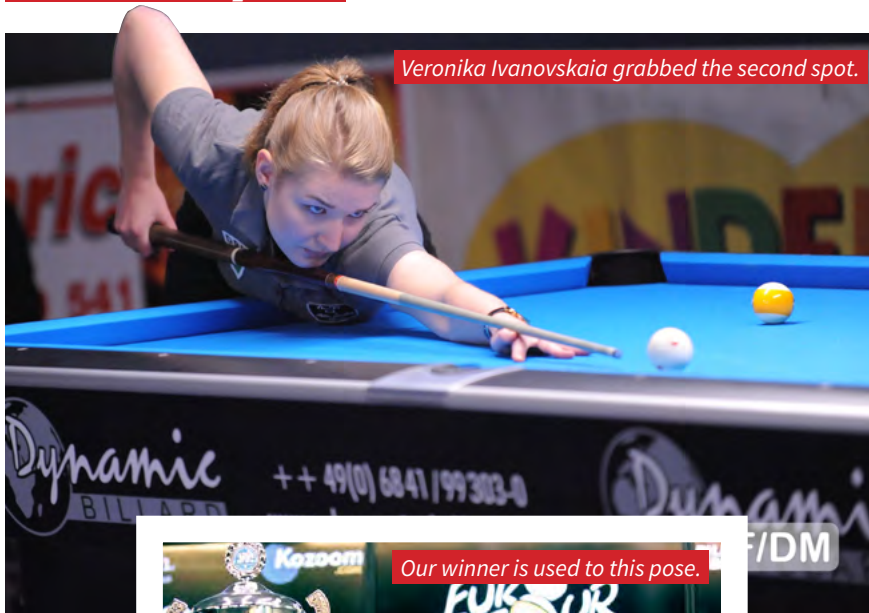
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Last 16 Single elimination

Kristina Tkach (RUS) v Marharyta Fefilava (BLR)
Amalia Matas (ESP) v Nataliya Seroshtan (RUS)
Claudia von Rohr (SUI) v Veronika Ivanovskaia (GER)
Ine Helvik (NOR) v Sara Rocha (POR)
Katarzyna Wesolowska (POL) v Yvonne Ullmann (GER)
Jasmin Ouschan (AUT) v Ana Gradisnik (SLO)
Melanie Suessenguth (GER) v Birgit Heidorn (GER)
Tina Vogelmann (GER) v Louise Furberg (SWE)

edgeable person who I have a great contact with. He knew exactly what to say and analyzed my matches spot-on so I could find my personal rhythm back". The "turbulences" in Ouschan's way into the final match were caused by Ana Gradisnik (SLO) 7:4 and Katarzyna Wesolowska (POL) where Ouschan was already trailing 0:4 but managed to win the match with 7:5. "There is still a lot of work to do", said Roschkowsky, "we are on a great track but I have some new ideas for the future". The semi-final was again a clear

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Veronika Ivanovskaia grabbed the second spot.



Our winner is used to this pose.

Results quarter-finals

Kristina Tkach v Amalia Matas (ESP) 7:3

Veronika Ivanovskaia v Sara Rocha (POR) 7:1

Katarzyna Wesolowska (POL) v Jasmin Ouschan 5:7

Melanie Suessenguth (GER) v Tina Vogelmann 4:7

Top eight players Dynamic Billiard Austrian Open

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6. Sara Rocha
7. Katarzyna Wesolowska
8. Melanie Suessenguth

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7:1 victory for Ouschan. Her opponent in the final match was Veronika Ivanovskaia.

The German lady had defeated Claudia Von Rohr (SUI) 7:5, Sara Rocha (POR) 7:1 and in an epic battle in the semi-final Kristina Tkach (RUS) with 7:5. However, the final match was far from exciting and turned into a disaster for Ivanovskaia. Ouschan was too strong for her and rightfully took the match 7:2 and added another tournament victory to her portfolio.

Result final match

Jasmin Ouschan (AUT) v Veronika Ivanovskaia (GER) 7:2

Results semi-finals

Kristina Tkach (RUS) v Veronika Ivanovskaia 5:7

Jasmin Ouschan v Tina Vogelmann (GER) 7:1



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Karen Corr defeated Siming Chen in a heart-pounding, sudden death finale, capping off a four-day competition featuring the top 48-ranked pros of the Women's Professional Billiard Association.

The event ran April 19th-23rd, bringing back the final four players for Sunday's performance. Brittany Bryant (Canada) and Line Kjorsvik (Norway) also made the cut, tying for third place.

The 2017 Rivers Casino Open, held April 19th-23rd, proved very exciting for the spectators in attendance and those who tuned in via the WPBA live stream. With the click of a mouse, fans could tune in to live matches on any one of six tournament tables, which included live scoring updates.

The Charity Pro-Am kicked off Wednesday afternoon, with 8 teams, each team paired with a Pro. After three fast and furious rounds of play, it was determined that "Team Brittany Bryant" and "Team Monica Webb" scored the most game wins in each round, and would face each other in a head-to-head final. Team Webb overcame Team Bryant for the win, and a great time was had by all participants! There was also a "Challenge the Pro" session with all proceeds going to charity. Top ranked players took on all comers, offering their fans not only an

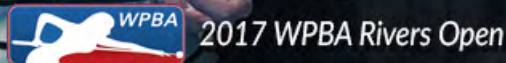
opportunity to play their favorite pros, but a chance to autograph billiard memorabilia and snap photographs.

Thursday morning began the trek to Sunday's semi-finals. Chen claimed the first semi spot with wins over Kristina Grim, 9-3, Naomi Williams, 9-0, Helena Thornfeldt, 9-3, and Line Kjorsvik, 9-4. The second semi spot was claimed by Karen Corr, with wins over Julie Kelly, 9-6, Jessica Barnes, 9-6, Janet Atwell, 9-6, Monica Webb, 9-7, and Brittany Bryant, 9-3. Challengers were grinding it out on the



Champion
Karen Corr
Ireland/US

Runner Up
Siming Chen
China



west side of the chart, hoping to make Sunday's show. Brittany Bryant bested Kelly Cavanaugh, 9-4, Robin Parker, 9-1, and Jennifer Barretta, 9-7, before losing to Corr. Bryant went on to beat Julie Kelly, 9-6, for an opportunity to face Chen in the first semi-final. The 2017 WPBA Masters Champion and new number one ranked WPBA player, Line Kjorsvik, beat Suzanne Peters, 9-6, Teruko Cucculelli, 9-3, and Sandy Badger, 9-3, but fell to Chen. From the one-loss side, Line went on to eliminate Monica Webb, 9-6, earning herself a shot at Corr in the second semi-final. Chen overcame Bryant both sets, 4-1 and 4-2, to reach the finals. Corr experienced another sudden death match with Line, but this time, she prevailed. Corr won the first set 4-1, and Line answered back, taking the second set, 4-1. Corr responded, winning the sudden death game to face Chen in the finals.

Siming played lights out all week, with a stable of opponents who could score



IN TRUE, CHAMPION FORM, CORR COMPLETED THE RUN, EARNING HERSELF A BRAND NEW TITLE, 2017 RIVERS CASINO OPEN CHAMPION!



no more than four games against her. In the first set, she cruised to a 4-0, but Karen fought back and won the second set, 4-3. Even on sets, players lagged for the break in the sudden death decider. Corr won the lag, broke, and made a ball on the break. Siming never made it back to the table. Corr made a nerve-racking out, flirting with the side pocket while playing position from the 6-ball to the 7-ball. The crowd watched and gasped in horror as the cue ball settled on the rail with perfect shape on the 7-ball. In true, champion form, Corr completed the run, earning herself a brand new title, 2017 Rivers Casino Open Champion!

The WPBA would like to thank its sponsors for this event, Rivers Casino

and their staff who provided a fabulous venue and outstanding service, Diamond Pool Tables who provided the playing equipment and set-up for the event, Simonis Cloth who provided the cloth for the playing surface, and Aramith Pool Balls who supplied the brand new balls sets. Thanks go out to Dave Jacoby for building the WPBA 40th Anniversary Custom Cue for which raffles tickets were sold during the week, and given away on Sunday.

For more information about the Women's Professional Billiards Association, please visit www.WPBA.com.



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APA Members Pocket Nearly \$700,000

at Poolplayer Championships in Las Vegas

Jason BOWMAN - APA

LAKE SAINT LOUIS, MO (May 17, 2017) —Thousands of APA members made their way to the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino to compete for nearly \$700,000 in cash and prizes at the APA Poolplayer Championships. The Poolplayer Championships consisted of both the 8-Ball Classic and 9-Ball Shootout, as well as the 8-Ball and 9-Ball Doubles Championships and the Wheelchair Championship.

The final round of the 9-Ball Shootout featured three championship matches, one for each Skill Level Tier, with two shooters in each tier competing for \$10,000 in cash and prizes.

In the Green Tier, Michelle Templeton of Carbondale, Ill., defeated Robin Hicks of Terry, Miss. In the White Tier, Rene' Maurice of Sudbury, Ont., defeated Mark Lyons of Central Islip, N.Y. In the Black Tier, John Pasquarella of



Michelle Templeton



Rene Maurice

San Diego, Calif., defeated Matthew Walling of Ruffin, S.C. Mary Nicholas of Woodstock, Ala., received the Sportsmanship Award in the 9-Ball Shootout.

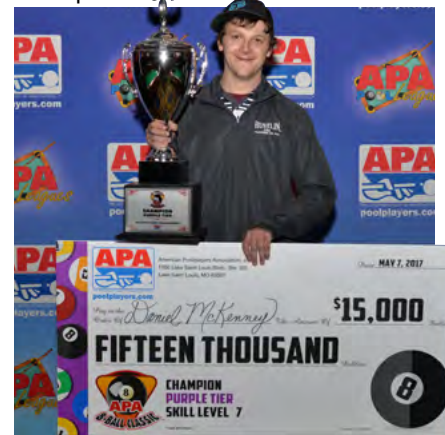
Each of the three Champions received a prize package worth \$10,000. Runners-Up in each tier took home a prize



John Pasquarella

package worth \$5,000. More than 4,000 poolplayers made it to the Regional Level of the 9-Ball Shootout before the field was whittled down to the 370 who advanced to Las Vegas.

Nearly 6,000 players throughout North America qualified for Regional competition in the 8-Ball Classic, with 582 of them advancing to the championships.



Daniel McKenney

In the finals of the 8-Ball Classic, five champions each took home a prize package worth \$15,000 for their performances. In the Blue Tier, Taplia Renfrow of Atlanta, Ill., defeated Jared Bellino of Lake Charles, La.

In the Yellow Tier, Benjamin Almazan of Chicago, Ill., defeated Matthew Soderlund of Westerville, Ohio.

In the Red Tier, Jimmy James of Baltimore, Md., defeated Mark Cable of Somerville, N.J.



Taplia Renfrow

First Place winners received cash and prizes worth \$15,000. Each Runner-Up received cash and prizes worth \$9,000.

In the 8-Ball Doubles Championship, What the Baby Gonna Do 2 – Bobby Harvison and Tyshawn Foster – of Memphis, Tenn., defeated Newlyweds – Kyle Guo and Natalie Montoya – of San Gabriel, Calif. The victory earned them a \$5,000 payday. As Runners-Up, Newlyweds took home \$3,000.



Benjamin Alma



Bobby Harvison and Tyshawn Foster congratulated by Ewa Laurance



Jimmy James

In the Orange Tier, Kevin Grimes of Yorba Linda, Calif., defeated Wayne Galloway of Yazoo City, Miss. In the Purple Tier, Daniel McKenney of Petal, Miss., defeated William Gallagher, Jr. of Atco, N.J. Herlinda Moss of White-wright, Texas, won the Sportsman-ship Award in the 8-Ball Classic.



Chris Whitlow and Adam Wray

In the 9-Ball Doubles Championship, Last Minute Decision – Chris Whitlow and Adam Wray– of Woburn, Mass., defeated Droppin Nines – Jacqueline Wargo and Matt Kornfeld – of Ft. Washington, Pa. The victory earned them a \$3,500 payday. As Runners-Up, Drop-pin Nines took home \$2,300.

In the finals of the Wheelchair Championship, Sonja Bennett of Kankakee, Ill., defeated Marland Redfield of Marshall, Mich., to take home \$2,000 in prize money. Redfield received \$1,200 as the Runner-Up.



Sonja Bennett

The APA, based in Lake Saint Louis, Mo., sanctions the world's largest amateur pool league, known as the APA Pool League throughout the United States, and as the Canadian Pool League in Canada. Nearly 250,000 members compete in weekly 8-Ball and 9Ball 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 three major tournaments each year—the APA World Pool Championships, the APA Poolplayer Championships and the U.S. Amateur Championship—that, together, pay out nearly \$2 Million in cash and prizes annually!

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

For more information on the American Poolplayers Association, visit www.poolplayers.com.

He wins as VDB goes top

Nick van den Berg leapfrogged Ralf Souquet to take pole position on the European Mosconi Cup rankings after the Eurotour Austrian Open.

Van den Berg collected 23 points for reaching the last eight of the tournament, where he fell to eventual finalist Francisco Sanchez Ruiz of Spain. Mario He rises to fourth after collecting the title.

Albin Ouschan, MVP at last year's Mosconi Cup, climbs into the top ten as a beaten semi-finalist while the other defeated semi-finalist, Joshua Filler, moves up two places to eighth.

Unlike previous years there will be only two rankings instead of three.

The first will be the 'European Ranking' which includes the five European 'A' and five European 'B' events. The winner of this ranking will gain a spot on the Mosconi Cup side.

The second ranking will be the 'World Ranking' which will comprise all 12 events. The first and second placed players in this ranking will gain spots on the European Mosconi Cup team.

With all four events so far counting towards both the European and World ranking, the two lists are identical.

In the event that the winner of the European Ranking also comes first or second in the World Ranking, then the player filling the third position in the World Ranking will gain an automatic spot. The remaining two players will be wildcard picks.

The next ranking event is the WPA China Open which starts on Sunday June 4 and only counts towards the World Ranking.

Details regarding dates, venue and ticketing details for this year's Mosconi Cup will be announced shortly.



2017 EUROPEAN MOSCONI CUP RANKINGS -
WORLD AND EUROPEAN LIST
(AFTER THREE EVENTS)

1 Nick van den Berg (NED)	113
2 Ralf Souquet (GER)	102
3 David Alcaide (ESP)	80
4 Mario He (AUT)	73
5 Francisco Sanchez Ruiz (ESP)	71
6 Ruslan Chinakhov (RUS)	69
7 Niels Feijen (NED)	66
8 Joshua Filler (GER)	61
T9 Albin Ouschan (AUT)	53
T9 Denis Grabe (EST)	53

POINTS CUT OFF

Events with a field upwards of 80 players – **TOP 32**

Events with fields between 64 and 79 players – **TOP 24**

Events with less than 64 entries – **TOP 16.**

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EPBF Announces 2017 Atlantic Challenge Cup Location and Date

Teams and Captains To Be Announced In Coming Weeks

The European Pocket Billiard Federation today announced the third annual Atlantic Challenge Cup will be held in Klagenfurt, Austria, 5 - 8 July, 2017.

On Thursday the 4th of May, the city of Klagenfurt made an official announcement that the Atlantic Challenge Cup will be held at Sportpark Klagenfurt. Specific match times will be announced at a later date.

“With around 20 journalists and TV stations present during this announcement, the event promises to be heavily promoted,” said IBPF President David Morris. “Europe has won the first two editions between these two pool giants in 2015 and 2016, but America is determined to improve on its previous showings. They have raised the bar in youth competitions over the last few years which will enable them to send a very competitive team. Europe is also preparing

to send a very strong team that is prepared to win the Cup again in 2017.”

“Europe has selected an outstanding location for the 2017 Atlantic Challenge Cup,” said BCA Chairman Chance Pack. “Playing in the Atlantic Challenge Cup is an amazing opportunity and accomplishment for players on both teams. Our players will enjoy their experience in Austria and put all their energy into capturing the 2017 Cup.”

Teams and team captains will be announced in the coming weeks.

Launched by the Billiard Congress of America and the European Pocket Billiard Federation in 2015, the Atlantic Challenge Cup pits the best of youth from Europe and America in a Mosconi Cup style event in a race to 11 with a possible 21 total matches. Six players on each team, four boys and two girls, will battle it out to see who will have the bragging rights across the Atlantic. Europe has captured the 2015 and 2016 titles.

More information can be found at atlanticchallengecup.com.



THE BUZZ SPOTLIGHT

AZB Staff

LAST MONTH WE TOOK A LOOK BACK AT THE 2002 MOSCONI CUP. THIS MONTH WE GO BACK TO THE SAME YEAR BUT A DIFFERENT EVENT: THE U.S. OPEN. THE OPEN THEN WAS IN THEIR FAIRLY NEW HOME AT THE CHESAPEAKE CONVENTION CENTER.

At that time the hotel next door was owned by Holiday Inn. It is now a Marriott. The attention of fans was split between the tournaments and the fantastic action that took place until the wee hours every night at Q-Masters, the pool room owned by promoter Barry Behrman.

Some very familiar names performed well at the Open in 2002. Ralf Souquet won it by besting Alex Pagulayan in the finals and Earl Strickland and Rodney Morris were in the top four. The top dozen finishers included some names you don't often see any more like Danny Harriman, Dee Adkins, Jimmy Wetch and Kim Davenport.



FIGURE 2: Ralf Souquet Won the Event



FIGURE 1: Scott Frost and Marcus Chamat enjoyed the action at Q-Masters.



FIGURE 3: Rodney Morris Finished Fourth



FIGURE 4: Billy Incardona would jab at Grady but never land a knockout blow.

The Accu-Stats broadcast was anchored by fan favorites Grady Mathews and Billy Incardona. Grady and Billy entertained not only via their



FIGURE 5: The late, great and always entertaining Grady Mathews.

seemingly limitless knowledge of the game and the players but also by edging one another on and trading insults with one another. Every time they got

in the both Pat Fleming would run out of headphones to rent to the fans so they could hear what the two warriors would be fighting over.

The Buzz Spotlight

We have some great photos of events from the past in our vaults and we enjoy being able to bring them to you in this format. So here for your pleasure are our best shots from the U.S. Open in 2002:

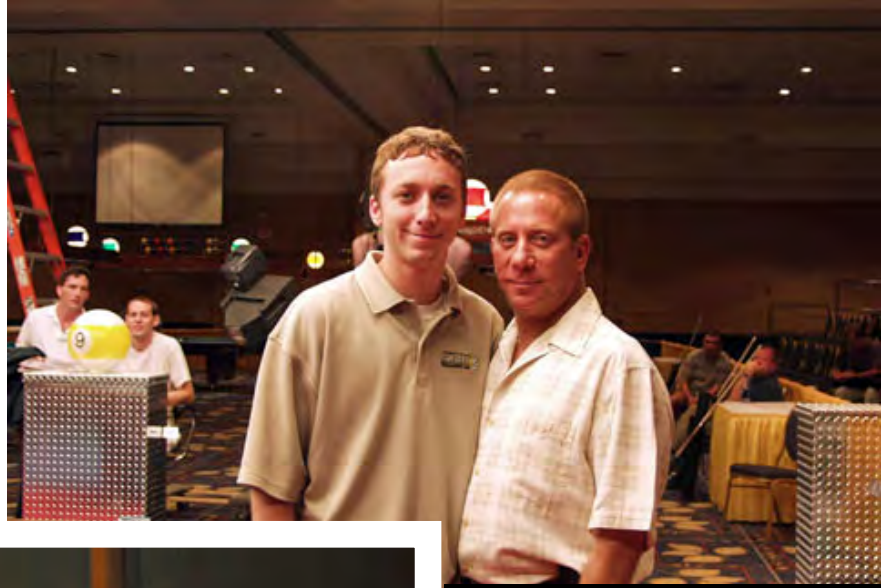


FIGURE 10: Brady and Barry Behrman the day prior to the start of the tournament.



FIGURE 6: Jimmy Reid (L) was never scared of an earthquake. He and McCready have been life-long friends.



FIGURE 9: Corey Deuel was one of the Young Guns.



FIGURE 7: Frankie Hernandez won the "prettiest fans" competition.



FIGURE 14: Sandor Tot and Earl Strickland prepared to play.



FIGURE 13: Art Wiggins played in 2002, but hell refused to freeze over.



FIGURE 8: Jim Rempe still threatened the field in '02.



FIGURE 12: From Left: Troy Frank, Diana Hoppe and Shawn Putnam in the CCC lobby.



FIGURE 11: Jose Parica never lacked in focus. His eyes can scare balls into the holes.



FIGURE 15: Pat Fleming

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Kristin **BUTTERFIELD**

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#4 - Wine Cork Dart Board with chalkboard scoring

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#7 - Farm Pulley Industrial Light Fixture

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#6 - Fishing Reel Toilet Paper Holder

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#8 - Whisky Barrel Pub Table

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#9 - Cigar Humidor

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#13- Custom Personalized Bobblehead

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#10 - Man Cave Signs

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#12- Vintage Custom Coca Cola Gum Ball machine

Perfect addition for a man cave or other game room! Especially if he is the vintage type and if he loves to snack on candy.



#14- Bottle Cap Pub Table

This is a fun DIY weekend project or an easy completed on Etsy purchase. You could customize it with the bottle tops you use...start saving now if you're looking to do this DIY this year!

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#15- Illuminate LED Bar Shelf with Remote

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#16- Giant Tumble Tower aka Jenga

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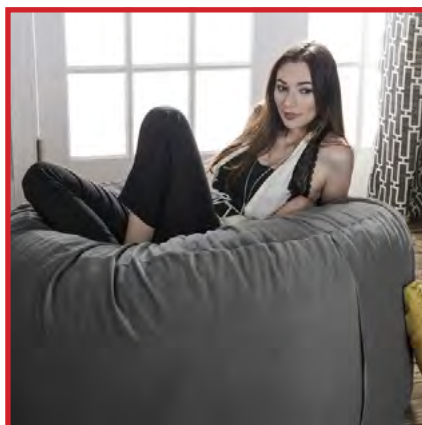
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#17- Killerspin Revolution SVR Table Tennis Ping Pong

Everyone loves ping pong! This is a great addition to your game room and easy to play during commercial game day breaks.

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#18- Jaxx 4' Bean Bag Gaming Chair

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Upcoming Tournaments

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MAY 30 - JUNE 25

Rocket City Open

05/30 - 06/04

Good Timez Billiards
Huntsville, Alabama

Joss Tour Stop #16 at Snookers

06/03 - 06/04

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

Tri State Tour 2016-2017 Stop

06/03 - 06/04

Steinway Billiards
Astoria, NY
Website: <http://www.thetristatetour.com/>

Accu-Stats Make It Happen One Pocket Invitational

06/08 - 06/11

Sandcastle Billiards
Edison, NJ
Website: <http://www.accu-stats.com/>

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2017 Stop 11

06/10 - 06/11

Gotham City Billiards
Brooklyn, NY
Website: <http://www.predatorproamtour.com/index.asp>

Tri State Tour 2016-2017 Stop

06/11 - 06/11

CueBar Billiards
Bayside, NY
Website: <http://www.thetristatetour.com/>

World Cup of Pool

06/13 - 06/18

York Hall
London
Website: <http://www.matchroompool.com/page/WorldCupofPool/Home>

OB Cues Ladies Tour 2017 Stop 4

06/17 - 06/18

Click's Billiards
San Antonio, Texas
Website: <http://www.obcuestour.com/>

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2017 Stop 12

06/17 - 06/18

Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar & Grill
West Hempstead, NY
Website: <http://www.predatorproamtour.com/index.asp>

Tri State Tour 2016-2017 Stop

06/17 - 06/17

Rockaway Billiards
Rockaway, NJ
Website: <http://www.thetristatetour.com/>

West Coast Women's Tour 2017 Stop 2

06/17 - 06/18

Buffalo Billiards
Petaluma, California
Website: <http://www.twcwt.com/>

Diamond Pool Tour 2017 Stop 2

06/17 - 06/18

Stingers
Phoenix, AZ
Website: <http://www.diamondpooletour.com>

4th Annual Junior Norris Memorial Shoot Out

06/21 - 06/25

Wichita Falls Tournament Venue
Wichita Falls, Texas

2017 Midwest Billiards and Cue Expo

06/21 - 06/25

Big Dog Billiards
Des Moines, IA

Pac-West Invitational

06/23 - 06/25

Sam's Billiards
Portland, Or

JPNEWT Tour 2017 Stop 4

06/24 - 06/25

Champion Billiards & Sports Caf  
Frederick, MD
Website: <http://www.jpnewt.com/>

NWPA Tour 2017 Stop 4

06/24 - 06/25

Malarkey's Pool & Brew
Tacoma, WA
Website: <http://nwpatour.wordpress.com/>

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JULY 01 - JULY 31

5th Annual Cole Dickson 10-Ball

07/01 - 07/02

Family Billiards
San Francisco, CA

West Coast Challenge One Pocket

07/05 - 07/07

California Billiard Club
Mountain View, Ca

2017 Atlantic Challenge Cup

07/05 - 07/08

Sportpark Klagenfurt
Klagenfurt

West Coast Challenge 10-Ball

07/07 - 07/09

California Billiard Club
Mountain View, Ca

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2017 Stop 13

07/08 - 07/09

Amsterdam Billiard Club
New York, NY

Website: <http://www.predatorproamtour.com/index.asp>

Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2017 Stop 3

07/08 - 07/09

Main Street Billiards
Mesa, AZ

Website: <http://www.awbt.net>

World 8-Ball Series 2017 Stop 3

07/12 - 07/15

Steinway Billiards
Astoria, NY

Hard Times 9-Ball Open

07/15 - 07/16

Hard Times Billiards
Bellflower, CA

Website: <http://www.hardtimesbellflower.com/>

Diamond Pool Tour 2017 Stop 3

07/15 - 07/16

Pockets Billiards
Tucson, AZ

Website: <http://www.diamondpooltour.com>

US Open 10-Ball Championship 2017

07/17 - 07/19

Griff's
Las Vegas, Nevada

Website: <http://www.playcspool.com/>

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07/19 - 07/29

Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, NV

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US Open 8-Ball Championship 2017

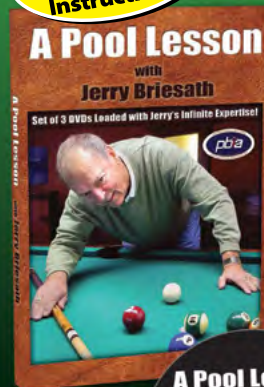
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Tourney Results

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5th Annual Big Tyme Classic Main Event

Big Tyme Billiards Spring, Texas

1 Billy Thorpe	\$4,000
2 Jeffrey De Luna	\$2,000
3 Skyler Woodward	\$1,400
4 Shane McMinn	\$1,000
5 Jeremy Jones	\$700
5 Eklent Kaci	\$700
7 Charlie Bryant	\$400
7 Sylver Ochoa	\$400
9 Alex Olinger	\$200
9 Kevin Cheng	\$200
9 Manny Chau	\$200
9 Danny Smith	\$200

04/15 - 04/15

Tri State Tour 2016-2017 Stop

Steinway Billiards Astoria, NY

1 Kristina Grim	\$800
2 Raul Calderon	\$550
3 Thomas Schreiber	\$330
4 Zouraiz Ellhai	\$220
5 Sherwin Robinson	\$140
5 Carlos Serrano	\$140
7 Eric Carrasco	\$100
7 Atif Khan	\$100
9 Kapriel Delimelkonoglu	\$80
9 Liam Tully	\$80
9 Tony Ignomirello	\$80
9 Adrian Daniel	\$80

04/15 - 04/16

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

The Clubhouse Lynchburg, Virginia

1 Daniel Adams	\$600
2 Trey Frank	\$360
3 Travis Guerra	\$200
4 Shane Wolford	\$100

5 Cameron Lawhorne	\$50
5 Brent Hensley	\$50

04/15 - 04/16

Action Pool Tour 2017 Stop 4 Open Division

Breakers Sky Lounge Herndon, Va

1 Shaun Wilkie	\$1,000
2 Mike Davis	\$600
3 Larry Kressel	\$400
4 Brian Dietzenbach	\$300
5 Matt Krah	\$220
5 Alex Parker	\$220
7 Greg Sabins	\$150
7 Jimmy Varias	\$150
9 Jamey Mellott	\$100
9 Chris Funk	\$100
9 Paul Oh	\$100
9 Tom Zippler	\$100
13 James Hendershot	\$60
13 Sean Millican	\$60
13 Kenny Miller	\$60
13 Mike Slagle	\$60

04/15 - 04/16

Action Pool Tour 2017 Stop 4 Ladies Division

Breakers Sky Lounge Herndon, Va

1 Nicole King	\$260
2 Tina Pawloski Malm	\$120
3 Deeqa Nur	\$60

04/16 - 04/16

5th Annual Big Tyme Classic Seniors Division

Big Tyme Billiards Spring, Texas

1 Ronnie Wiseman	\$520
2 Jamie Farrell	\$390
3 Cliff Joyner	\$260
4 Manuel Ayala	\$130
5 Mark Avery	\$60
5 Joe Espindola	\$60

04/16 - 04/16

5th Annual Big Tyme Classic Ladies Division

Big Tyme Billiards Spring, Texas

1 Kim Pierce	\$500
2 Robyn Petrosino	\$360
3 Theresa Garland	\$240
4 Alicia Huff	\$120
5 Ricki Lee Casper	\$60
5 Yvonne Asher	\$60

04/19 - 04/23

WPBA Rivers US Open 2017

Rivers Casino Pittsburgh, PA

1 Karen Corr	\$7,500
2 Siming Chen	\$4,500
3 Brittany Bryant	\$2,750
3 Julie Kelly	\$2,750
5 Julie Kelly	\$2,000
5 Monica Webb	\$2,000
7 Jennifer Barretta	\$1,750
7 Ewa Laurance	\$1,750
9 Helena Thornfeldt	\$1,500
9 Sandy Badger	\$1,500
9 Laura Smith	\$1,500
9 Melissa Little	\$1,500
13 Kim White-Newsome	\$1,250
13 June Maiers	\$1,250
13 Belinda Calhoun	\$1,250
13 Gail Eaton	\$1,250
17 Emily Duddy	\$1,000
17 Robin Parker	\$1,000
17 Eugenia Gyftopoulos	\$1,000
17 Janet Atwell	\$1,000
17 Teruko Cucculelli	\$1,000
17 Erin McManus	\$1,000
17 Sara Miller	\$1,000
17 Naomi Williams	\$1,000
25 Angela Williams	\$750
25 Marianne Merrill	\$750
25 Susan Williams	\$750
25 Kristina Grim	\$750
25 Lisa Cossette	\$750

25 Hiroko Makiyama	\$750
25 Jessica Barnes	\$750
25 Denise Reeve	\$750

04/22 - 04/23

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2017 Stop 7

Steinway Billiards Astoria, NY

1 Amy Yue	\$1,800
2 Lidio Ramirez	\$1,160
3 Chris Tiru	\$800
4 Max Watanabe	\$500
5 Abel Rosario	\$300
5 Shawn Sookhai	\$300
7 Jia Li	\$200
7 Thomas Schreiber	\$200
9 Matthias Gutzmann	\$140
9 Eric Carrasco	\$140
9 Matthew Harricharan	\$140
9 Willie Santiago	\$140
13 Eddie Kunz	\$90
13 Xavier Romero	\$90
13 Ambi Estevez	\$90
13 Atif Khan	\$90

04/22 - 04/23

Barry Behrman Memorial "Spring Open"

Q-Master Billiards Virginia Beach, VA

1 Brandon Shuff	\$1,700
2 Mike Davis	\$1,200
3 Tim Colvin	\$800
4 Eric Moore	\$700
5 Reymart Lim	\$500
5 Shaun Wilkie	\$500
7 Sid Stewart	\$350
7 R.J. Carmona	\$350
9 James Blackburn	\$250
9 Larry Kressel	\$250
9 Larry Phlegar	\$250
9 Shannon Fitch	\$250

04/22 - 04/22

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Rooster's 21

Charleston, WV

1 Chris Mitchell	\$500
2 Tyrus Kelley	\$350

3 T.J. Sexton	\$200
4 Nick Carson	\$100
5 Steve Christian	\$50
5 Steve Trout	\$50

04/29 - 04/30

Joss Tour 2016 - 2017 Stop 15

Union Station Billiards Portland, Maine

1 Eklent Kaci	\$1,000
2 Guy Bouthot	\$700
3 Nelson Oliveira	\$550
4 Ross Webster	\$400
5 Samoth Sam	\$250
5 Dave Fernandez	\$250
7 Paul Cormier	\$175
7 Bruce Nagle	\$175

04/29 - 04/30

JPNEWT Tour 2017 Stop 2

Markley Billiards Norristown, PA

1 Linda Haywood Shea	\$250
2 Jenn Keeney	\$165
3 Boye Lu	\$110
4 Carol V. Clark	\$75

04/29 - 04/30

NWPA Tour 2017 Stop 2

The Cue Ball Salem, OR

1 Liz Cole	\$580
2 Kim Jones	\$360
3 Stephanie Hefner	\$236
4 Jana Montour	\$178
5 Cindy Doty	\$106
5 Suzanne Smith	\$106
7 Valerie Franiel	\$76
7 Natasha Hook	\$76

04/29 - 04/29

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Brown's Billiards

Raleigh, NC

1 Scott Roberts	\$600
2 Josh Heeter	\$400
3 Paul Swinson	\$200
4 Stevie McClinton	\$100

5 Roger Harper	\$50
5 Peter Abantangelo	\$50

04/29 - 04/30

Upper Midwest Pro Am 8-Ball

CR's Sports Bar

Coon River, Minnesota

1 Justin Bergman	\$9,000
2 Shane Van Boening	\$4,000
3 Corey Deuel	\$1,000

04/29 - 04/30

Upper Midwest Amateur 10-Ball

CR's Sports Bar

Coon River, Minnesota

1 Tyler Styer	\$3,300
2 Michael Perron Jr	\$2,300
3 Tim Tonjum	\$1,550
4 Tony Zierman	\$950
5 T.J. Steinhaus	\$625
5 Mark Weaver	\$625
7 Tony Hilla	\$425
7 Rory Hendrickson	\$425
9 John Meyer	\$300
9 Dustin Morris	\$300
9 Dan Voller	\$300
9 Mike McCune	\$300

04/29 - 04/30

Joss Tour 2016 - 2017 Stop 15 Second Chance

Union Station Billiards

Portland, Maine

1 Jim Hayden	\$300
2 Steve Lillis	\$200
3 Jamie Garrett	\$120
4 Mark Stewart	\$80
5 Travis Webster	\$40
5 Rick Beaulieu	\$40

04/29 - 04/30

Omega Billiards Tour 2017 Stop 4

JR Pockets

Denton, Texas

1 Justin Whitehead	\$1,000
2 Paul Guernsey	\$700
3 Roman Bayda	\$540
4 Crispian Ng	\$430
5 Chuck Dement	\$340

5 Mike Nagaki	\$340
7 Robin Barbour	\$250
7 Alberto Nieto	\$250
9 Donnie Gregory	\$110
9 Cody Wright	\$110
9 Brandon Thrasher	\$110
9 Gerardo Perez	\$110
13 Chris Woody Smith	\$75
13 Juan Parra	\$75
13 Ruben Juarez	\$75
13 Marc Brown	\$75
17 Don Bullard	\$50
17 Greg Sandifur	\$50
17 Jeremy Jones	\$50
17 Amy Reece	\$50
17 Joel Betancourt	\$50
17 Jordan Gartenberg	\$50
17 Jeff Georges	\$50
17 Brandon Clark	\$50

04/30 - 04/30

Tri State Tour 2016-2017 Stop

Rockaway Billiards

Rockaway, NJ

1 Paul Spaanstra	\$500
2 Paul Wilkens	\$300
3 Dax Druminski	\$200
4 Tony Ignomirello	\$120
5 Jerry Ritzer	\$70
5 Bob Toomey	\$70

05/06 - 05/07

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2017 Stop 9

The Spot

Nanuet, New York

1 Eugene Ok	\$1,750
2 Rhys Chen	\$1,150
3 Abel Rosario	\$750
4 Casius Cassie	\$500
5 Paul Carpenter	\$300
5 Elvis Rodriguez	\$300
7 Miguel Laboy	\$200
7 Alex Kent	\$200
9 Carmine Andujar	\$150
9 Tony Ignomirello	\$150
9 Dave Shlemperis	\$150
9 Doug Youmans	\$150
13 Lenore Chen	\$100
13 Robert Pole	\$100
13 Jon McConnell	\$100
13 Bob Toomey	\$100

05/06 - 05/07

Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2017 Stop 2

Skip and Jan's Sports Bar

Gilbert, Arizona

1 Heather Cortez	\$760
2 Priscilla Hernandez	\$420
3 Susan Williams	\$280
5 Pearl Ortiz	\$100
5 Jean Snow	\$100
7 Barbara Lee	\$50
7 Jaye Succo	\$50

05/06 - 05/07

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Q-Master Billiards

Virginia Beach, VA

1 R.J. Carmona	\$700
2 Greg Sabins	\$475
3 Thomas Williams	\$300
4 Nil Lim	\$175
5 Chris Gentile	\$75
5 Reymart Lim	\$75
7 Junior Avery	\$50
7 Barry Henderson	\$50

05/06 - 05/07

Action Pool Tour 2017 Stop 5

Diamond Billiards

Midlothian, VA

1 Larry Kressel	\$550
2 Alan Duty	\$350
3 James Harris	\$250
4 Sonny Nassif	\$150
5 David Hunt	\$100
5 Alex Travino	\$100
7 Chris Trinidad	\$50
7 Scott Pulley	\$50

05/07 - 05/07

Tri State Tour 2016-2017 Stop

BQE Billiards

Queens, NY

1 David Leggat	\$575
2 Kevin Scalzitti	\$330
3 Ron Bernardo	\$210
4 Dementhriss Hudson	\$130
5 Amir Uddin	\$80
5 Dax Druminski	\$80

05/13 - 05/13

Tri State Tour 2016-2017 Stop

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

1 Harry Guevarez	\$780
2 Annie Flores	\$500
3 Dave Shlemperis	\$300
4 Ellahi Zouraiz	\$200
5 Tony Liang	\$120
5 Adrian Daniel	\$120
7 Carlos Serrano	\$90
7 Amir Uddin	\$90
9 Thomas Schreiber	\$70
9 Lidio Ramirez	\$70
9 Andrea Shiffman	\$70
9 Akiko Taniyama	\$70

05/13 - 05/14

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Mr Cues 2

Atlanta, GA

1 Dustin Byrd	\$900
2 Bernardo Hernandez	\$620
3 Steven Thompson	\$450
4 Greg Burke	\$300
5 Cory Morphew	\$150
5 Matt Lucas	\$150
7 Henry Cofer	\$75
7 Hadi Lee	\$75
9 Justin Clark	\$50
9 Jason Steman	\$50
9 Patrick Taylor	\$50
9 Jeff Jordan	\$50

05/18 - 05/20

Dynamic Billiard Austrian Open

Alpina Sport und Wellnesshotel

St. Johann im Pongau,

1 Mario He	\$5,053
2 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz	\$3,369
3 Joshua Filler	\$1,965
3 Albin Ouschan	\$1,965
5 Imran Majid	\$1,403
5 Marco Teutscher	\$1,403
5 Nick Van Den Berg	\$1,403
5 David Alcaide	\$1,403
9 Jakub Koniar	\$1,123
9 Konstantin Stepanov	\$1,123
9 Mats B. Schjetne	\$1,123
9 Francisco Diaz-Pizarro	\$1,123

Monthly Results

9 Fedor Gorst	\$1,123
9 Daryl Peach	\$1,123
9 Ruslan Chinahov	\$1,123
9 Niels Feijen	\$1,123
17 Nick Malai	\$561
17 Marius Skoneczny	\$561
17 Oliver Ortmann	\$561
17 Daniel Maciol	\$561
17 Radoslaw Babica	\$561
17 Stephan Cohen	\$561
17 Andrey Seroshtan	\$561
17 Tomasz Kaplan	\$561
17 Alexandros Kazakis	\$561
17 Mark Gray	\$561
17 Wojciech Szewczyk	\$561
17 Konrad Juszczyzyn	\$561
17 Sebastian Ludwig	\$561
17 Denis Grabe	\$561
17 Petri Makkonen	\$561
17 Nick Ekonomopoulos	\$561
33 Maksim Dudanets	\$280
33 Arjan Matrizi	\$280
33 Kamil Szasor	\$280
33 Joao Grilo	\$280
33 Evgeny Buslaev	\$280
33 Christian Sparrenloev - Fischer	\$280

33 Sanjin Pehlivanovic	\$280
33 Daniel Tangudd	\$280
33 Benji Buckley	\$280
33 Abdullah Alyousef	\$280
33 Vangelis Vettas	\$280
33 Thomas Fjaeran	\$280
33 Roman Hybler	\$280
33 Mieszko Fortunski	\$280
33 Mateusz Sniegocki	\$280
33 Thomas Lindloff	\$280

05/18 - 05/20

Dynamic Billiard Women's Austrian Open

Alpina Sport und Wellnesshotel

St. Johann im Pongau,

1 Jasmin Ouschan	\$898
2 Veronika Ivanovskaia	\$673
3 Kristina Tkach	\$449
3 Tina Vogelmann	\$449
5 Amalia Matas	\$336
5 Sara Rocha	\$336
5 Katarzyna Wesolowska	\$336
5 Melanie Suessenguth	\$336

05/20 - 05/21

JPNEWT Tour 2017 Stop 3

First Break Cafe

Sterling, VA

1 Briana Miller	\$600
2 Nicole King	\$300
3 Gwen Townsend	\$230
4 Jenn Keeney	\$90
5 Teri Thomas	\$60
5 Rumi Brown	\$60
7 Rita Thakur	\$40
7 Anita Sowers	\$40

05/20 - 05/20

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Gate City Billiards Club

Greensboro, NC

1 Tyler Mayfield	\$700
2 Bo Blakely	\$500
3 Travis Guerra	\$325
4 Hunter White	\$175
5 Joshua Padron	\$100
5 James Blackburn	\$100
7 Josh Williams	\$50
7 Jeff Young	\$50

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