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FROM THE Head Rail

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So, the Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games has announced the four sports that will provisionally be added to the 2024 Olympics. The lucky winners? Sport Climbing, Surfing, Skateboarding and Break Dancing.



Break Dancing. Break Dancing???

For the life of me, I can not imagine how the Olympics can continue snubbing their nose at Billiards, and then consider a "sport" that is roughly 50 years old to be included. Billiards has been played in one form or another for five centuries! Skateboarding for around 70 years and Break Dancing for 50 years.

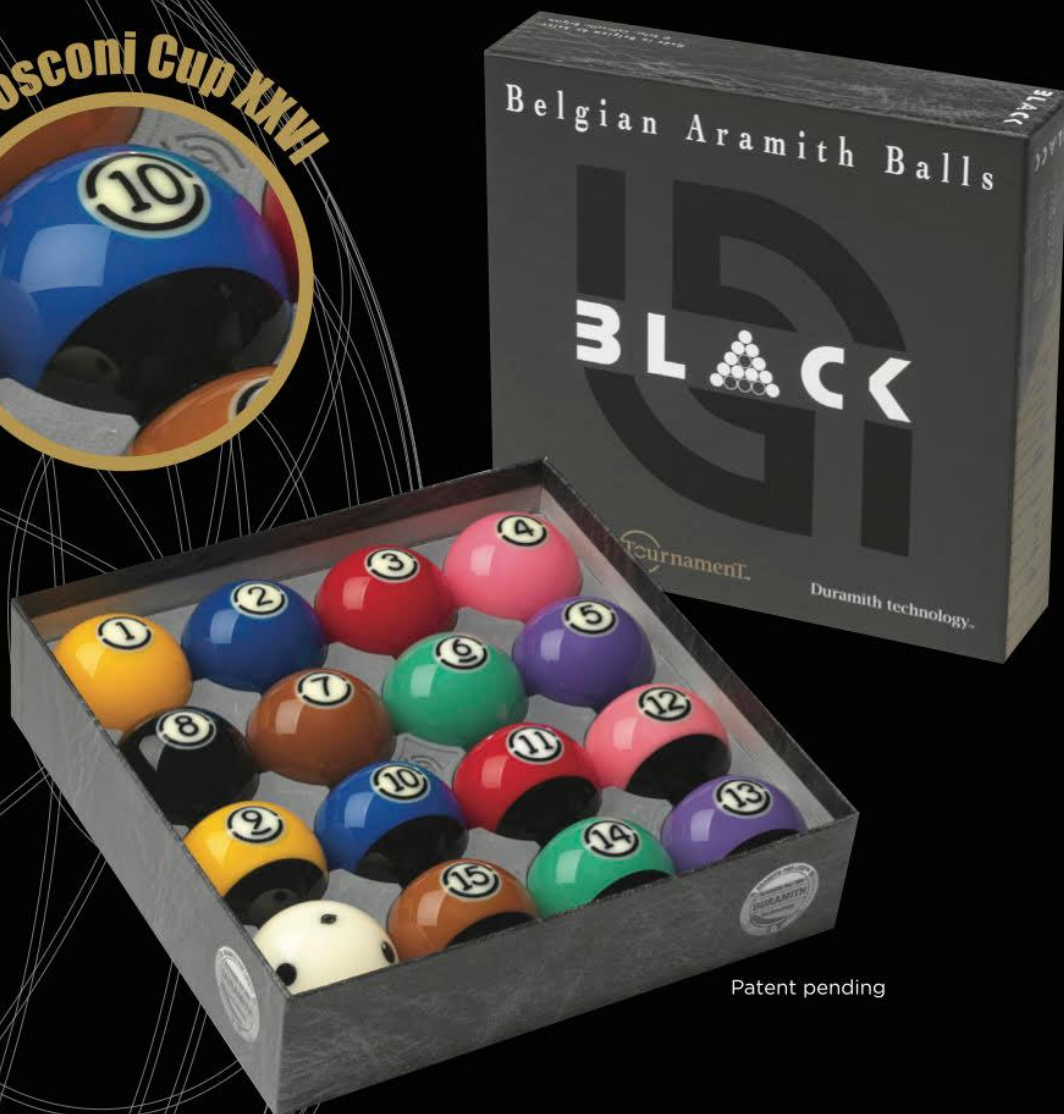
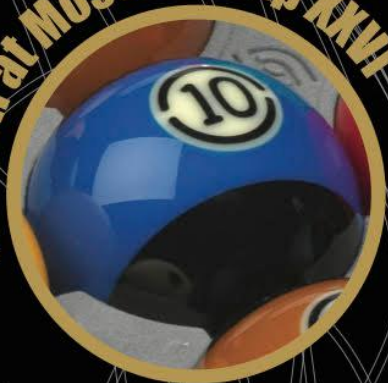
I will be the first to admit that I don't understand the politics involved in getting a sport recognized by the Olympics, but I also really don't understand how it can be this hard.

At this rate, we will see competitive eating in the Olympics before we see billiards there. I don't know the answer, but there has to be one. Billiards in the Olympics should be an absolute "hanger".

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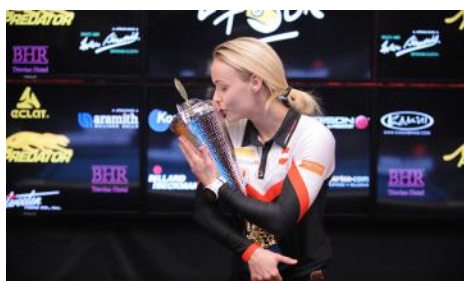
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On a normal league night, you might play five or six games in an evening, and if you don't play until the next week, it is tough to maintain the level of play you're capable of.



JERRY BRIESATH

Playing two nights a week in a league is much better and helps to maintain that consistent skill level.

Even better for your game is going to your favorite bar or billiard room on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon and

playing nonstop for four or five hours. It can do wonders for your skill level and here's why. When you play for several hours nonstop, your game goes through some ups and downs, and when you are on one of those downs, you have to dig down and fight your way back to the upside of your skill

level to have a successful afternoon. Playing for several hours straight and trying to stay on top of your game is very difficult, but doing this is what builds character and makes you a tougher more consistent player.

Good luck — Jerry

FOCUS YOUR MIND FOR MAXIMUM SUCCESS

The Sports Doc - Dr. CHRIS STANKOVICH
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Practice, practice, practice – that’s all there is to pool success, right? The answer to that question is yes...and no. Practicing with a plan will definitely help your game, but bad practice where you are unfocused can actually take away from your pool development.

Whenever I work with elite-level athletes looking to improve athletic performance, regardless of sport, I always suggest we begin by examining the three pieces needed for athletic success:

1. Physical conditioning
2. Technical instruction
3. Mental preparation

As I begin to discuss how each of these components leads to athletic success, think about how *you* are doing in each area, as well as what *you* need to do to improve (and take your pool game to new levels!).

Physical conditioning relates to your strength and stamina. Before tournaments, are you well rested, hydrated, and of clear mind? Do you typically eat something light and energizing, and not something that sits in your stomach like a rock? If you are not paying attention to your physical conditioning and usually end up tired and sore while playing a few hours of pool, it doesn’t matter how good your shooting eye is or how cool your nerves are as you will eventually beat yourself by playing sloppy because of physical fatigue.

Technical instruction includes your shot-making ability, offensive and defensive strategies, and anything else related to improving your play (i.e. watching instructional videos, read-

ing books, etc.). Technical instruction relates to practice, and successful practice relies on you being in good physical condition to play your best.

Mental preparation is the *execution* piece to playing your best pool. Mental preparation includes developing self-confidence, controlling nerves, and moderating arousal levels to maximize your ability. Mental toughness allows players to “play to win,” rather than “play to avoid losing.” Mental toughness is what allows players to go beyond being a great “practice player,” and play to their best ability “when the lights are on” in crucial tournament situations.

All three pieces are vital to pool playing success! You have to be in good shape (and free of drugs and alcohol), know the game of pool, and then be able to replicate what you do in practice in tournament-like situations. Sadly, many average pool players only focus on one thing – shooting more pool – and then get frustrated when they play great in practice but below their ability in tournaments. In these instances things like having been physically unprepared and tired and stiff, or



being mentally unprepared by allowing nerves to get out of control, *never get addressed* and he or she goes back to the pool hall and just shoots more balls in practice over and over again. Do you see the problem? The systematic approach I am discussing in this article will allow you to isolate your strengths and weaknesses – and win more games.

Next time you think about improving your game, start with the following questions – chart your progress and watch your game improve:

1. How “ready” am I when I play in competition? Am I loose and limber? Am I well nourished and hydrated? Am I free of drugs and alcohol?
2. How well do I know the *game* of pool? Can I successfully make shots, play strategically, and get out of trouble situations? Do I need to get additional instruction to improve my game?
3. How mentally strong am I when I play? Am I confident I can win at any time? When I get nervous, do I know skills I can use to control nerves and regain my confidence?

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learned not to overcomplicate things, and to look for simple things to do in high-pressure situations.

Over the next few years I learned a lot from watching Ronnie play, but looking back I will never forget the time that he showed me just how important that it was to always play the percentage.

“Don’t overlook the obvious!” he said as he executed the shot. It was a very common sense, high percentage play. The truth is, I never thought about him using my ball to play a defensive shot. In fact, looking back on the situation, he did the only high percentage thing that he could have done. “At least you can hit it!” he laughed.

I was in a trap. Ronnie had turned a losing proposition into a fighting

chance to win. I will always remember the disappointment I felt as I approached the table. I attempted to play some kind of a safety, but the sly fox had positioned me into no win scenario. When Ronnie returned to the table he pocketed the final two balls to win the tournament.

The wise veteran had taken me to school. It was at that moment I began to understand a new concept. I had

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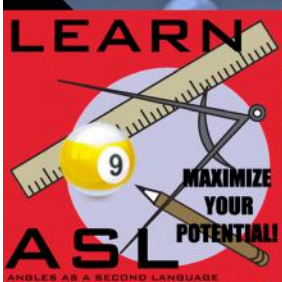


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Samm Diep



Samm Diep-Vidal has been around the pool realm for over 20 years. Not just as a successful player, great friend to many, and a strong competitor, but also deeply involved in the media portion of the billiards industry as an author, writer, blogger, columnist, reporter, and an entrepreneur. She is a coveted instructor, gives back ten-fold to her local community, and remains a top business woman. Plus, she is one the kindest members of the pool community - we are all very lucky she is in our sport!

Q: Where did you grow up?

My family is Chinese, born in Cholon, Vietnam. We speak cantonese. At the age of three I made it to the U.S. with my parents and grew up in Aurora, Colorado. I lived there up until 2014 when we [her and her husband, Marc] built our house in Denver.

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

HA! This is a funny question. Where don't I work?! And where do I begin. The last time I was a contributing member of corporate America was in 2003 and I feel like I've done everything possible to avoid having to hold down a "real" job since then. Luckily, I'm resourceful. As of recently, I'm the resident billiard instructor for Denver Parks & Recs for kids & seniors, and I also teach a bento-making class through the rec centers as well. I continue to teach private lessons whenever possible. My husband Marc and I are the official Diamond dealers in the area so I help him with that business and every summer I teach two back-to-back boot camps with Dr. Dave's Billiard University, going on our 7th year together.

Q: Wow, you are very good at avoiding corporate America – good for you! How did you get into playing pool?

I grew up playing the violin all my life. When I was in high school I played in a strolling strings orchestra. We would meet for rehearsals every Monday night from 7:30-10:00. My friends and I would sneak out of rehearsals once every couple months or so and head over to the all-ages pool hall, Classic Billiards (it's long gone). We'd get back at 9:55, just in time to be picked up by my mom at 10:00. No one was the wiser. That was my first taste of pool. Even then, though, I felt I was a little better than the rest of my friends.



Samm & Marc's reception, Washington Park in Denver, June 25, 2010

Q: When did you get serious about the game?

I didn't get serious until another 10 years later. Since I never drank, whenever a boyfriend would want to go out, I would always make sure it was a place that had pool tables. That way everyone was happy. In 2003, I was working for an insurance company where my position was eliminated. Everyone assumed I would apply for a similar position in a different department. Instead, I decided I would go on unemployment for a year and try out this "pool thing." I did not waste one minute of that year! I dedicated 80 hours a week to shooting the same shots over and over and after 18 months I won my first national title, VNEA Women's 9-Ball Singles. It was quite a fluke.

Q: Doesn't sound like a fluke to me, sounds like hard work paying off! What has been your most coveted accomplishment?

The very first tournament I ever won was one of the first tournaments I ever played in. While visiting Charlotte, NC with my boyfriend at the time (and the one who helped me get serious about pool), we played in a weekly handicapped 9-ball tournament at a place called Burrkats. I was one of the lowest possible ranked players and believe me when I say I was a true beginner. Only needing to win two games, I somehow managed to plow through the field and won in the finals and even earned a trophy for it. My very first ever tournament win and trophy. I was over the moon!

Q: That's unheard of, wow! So, what is your most memorable match?

The most memorable match(es) of my life was in July 2010 at Pockets in Tucson, Arizona during my quarter and semi finals matches against great players Kathleen Lawless and Rebecca Wagner. In both matches I was down 5-0 and came back to win on the hill playing out of my mind in the sec-

Melinda Bailey

ond half of both matches with jump and bank shots to win! Then went on to defeat my close friend, road partner, and host, Susan Williams in the finals. It was my first ladies tour victory and I was ecstatic.

Q: What a great win and memory! What are your favorite events to play in?

One of my favorite events to compete in was always the Super Billiards Expo (SBE). It's one of those events where you only see a specific crowd there that doesn't travel beyond that event; like the Derby City Classic for example. There are certain events where the players from that area only attend those events and no others and it's fun to reconnect with them every year. Although the SBE Amateur is a very tough format and the best I've ever done is 5th-8th, it's still one of my favorite events for the atmosphere, vendors, and location.

My favorite events to play in were always the Texas ladies tours. Now, there are many, but back in the day it was the Hunter Classics Tour and then OB Cues Ladies Tour. And despite coming back to my smoke-free state with all my clothes and cues smelling like cigarette smoke, I've built so many lasting friendships and memories from those events.

Q: Who has been a big influence in your pool game?

Biggest influences on my pool game have probably been Tom Ross (my longtime friend and very first coach in 2003), Bob Keller (another longtime friend and former coach) - I still repeat things when I teach that I learned from both of them and I always give them credit for it, my dearest friend Carter Nakashima from Dallas whom without him I couldn't have accomplished as much as I did in pool between 2005-2010, my dear husband Marc for though I mostly tapered my

competing after we married, has inspired me in many ways when I watch him play and, of course, Dr. Dave Alciatore, future-HOFer (hint, hint) for all he's done for billiards and for me, and for always believing in me as a player and instructor.

Q: Most people I interview have overcome something. Is there any-

thing you'd like to share that we all can learn from?

I have to admit I've been quite fortunate in my life when it comes to things working out and when they don't, maybe I just quickly let go or overcame them. I've always tried to be a positive, happy person in life and I think that's helped me overcome most hurdles I've encountered.



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Q: I think that's why you are really cared for and cherished in the pool world, because you are so positive and gracious; you make quite an impact on everyone who gets to interact with you. And such a true testament to the power of positivity. Is there anything you overcame?

The biggest, actual thing in my life I've had to overcome, I don't even remember. I would probably have to say it would be coming to a new country at age 4 without speaking a word of English and assimilating to the food,

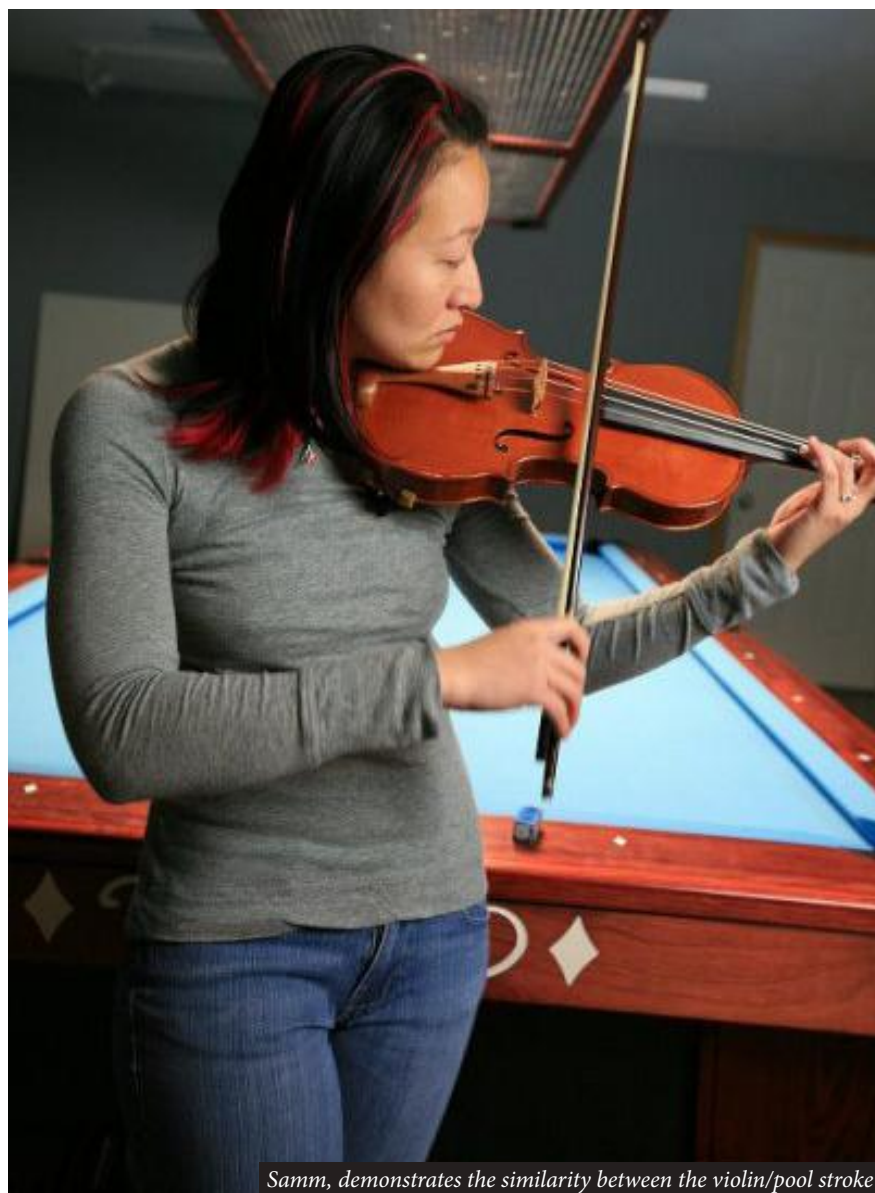


Samm with her earlier work with seniors from 2007

culture, climate, etc. For me and more so, for my parents.

Q: Thank you for sharing. How did you and professional pool player Marc Vidal meet?

Ahhhhh... The love story... I first encountered Marc at an event we were both competing in, in July 2008 in Jacksonville, FL. For reasons I won't get into here, I thought he was a total creep. I knew who he was and vice versa, but we ran in different circles and lived in different parts of the country. Our paths crossed a few more times at different events over the next couple years until January 2010, while at the Derby City Classic, I finally interviewed him for the "What's in the Case?" video series I was doing with Inside Pool magazine. Afterward, I thought, "Maybe he's not a creep, but he's definitely a ladies' man." It wasn't until October of that same year, while at the US Open 9-Ball Championships in Chesapeake, VA, that I realized what a kind, loving soul he is. I was covering the event for AzBilliards.com but we were inseparable the last five days of the event. On the final day, I told him I was planning to rent a car to drive to Charlotte to stay with a friend for 10 days. On a whim, I invited him to come with me and he willingly obliged. We spent 10 blissful days together before parting ways on November 1 to head to different parts of Florida for two



Samm, demonstrates the similarity between the violin/pool stroke

different events. On the day we left, we decided we would reunite and get married one month later, on December 1. The week of Thanksgiving, he flew to Denver to ask my father for my hand in marriage. Then, we flew back to Seattle, where he was living at that time, and eloped with only a handful of close friends in attendance. When we backed out the days we were apart, we were married on our 21st day together. So, that's our story. This year will mark our 10 year anniversary and we have two amazing polyglots to show for it. When I think about all the things that could've gone wrong with marrying someone you barely know, I feel like we got pretty lucky that we don't just not hate each other but we're still pretty crazy for each other (most of the time, haha).

Q: I am ASTOUNDED by this! I had no idea. What an amazing love story, wow! So, being both pool players, do you two practice together?

Marc and I do not actually practice together. Occasionally I'll get an itch to hit some balls and he'll humor me. We'll mostly play some Cowboy Billiards or scotch something or other. One of my favorite things is to play scotch straight pool with my husband. We are both lovers of the game and our high run together is 71 on a Diamond.

Q: "Humor me" - that's funny. Do you think it's tough to be married to a professional pool player?

It's much easier now with the girls being older to be married to someone who travels so much for work. Nowadays I feel that's what makes us work. As much as I adore my sweet husband, it's great for both of us to have those breaks every few months.

Q: Stapleton Billiards is an online billiards store, which includes selling Diamond tables! How did you and Marc start it?

Stapleton Billiards started from a conversation Marc had with Gregg Sullivan in 2015 while at the Derby City Classic. There was a need in our community [Denver area] for Diamond tables and we jumped at the opportunity to bring great equipment to our area; for the players and for our own selfish interest in playing on better equipment. Marc handles most of the day-to-day business and I help out however/whenever I can. We are still small potatoes but have always ap-

preciated the support of our friends through referrals and shopping small and local.

Q: That's awesome – another great story. I especially love this statement on the website: "Let us help you transform their playroom into your gameroom! Marc & Samm Vidal, offer a complete resource for families seeking a timeless activity they can all enjoy together." Now, please tell us about Billiard University.



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Samm with prize student and top local junior player, Amanda Campbell

Billiard University was created by my dear friend and brilliant writer/instructor, Dr. Dave Alciatore. He, along with Randy Russell, M.D. created a comprehensive curriculum where players could complete various levels and earn their “Bachelors,” “Masters” or “Doctorate” in Billiards. The boot camp started in 2013 with Dave, Randy, and Bob Jewett. I joined them in 2014 and last year we taught our sixth year together. The demand was so high that we added the Advanced Course in 2017. I respect and admire Dave so much and couldn’t be more passionate about this product. The Boot Camps are limited to only 12 students and over the past few years we’ve drawn international groups stemming from Tokyo, Dubai, Peru, Germany, and all over the country. It’s so much fun meeting all the students and seeing them return each year as better players. Both 2020 Overview and Advanced courses sold out in October last year; in record time!

Q: The success is seriously Impressive – and international players, too? Nice! Does that take a lot of time away from family and other responsibilities?

The boot camp is 2.5 days over two back-to-back summer weekends (Fri-Sun), so although it’s not a lot of time away from my family to teach those days, there is quite a bit of preparation involved each year because we want to ensure every student leaves with a positive experience. Personally, having taught this curriculum so much over the years it’s not only helped me become a better instructor throughout the year, but also a better player (when I play, ha!)

Q: How many books have you authored?

In 2005, back when I had more time on my hands, I self-published a book called “You Might Be A D Player If...” It was just a silly book with illustrations of a collection of quirky things that pool players do (mostly non-pool players) and as a fun way to laugh at ourselves. It’s available on Amazon. I had also published a little Game Log with template pages of the shots/details I used to track for myself when I was a dedicated student of the game.

Q: Where do you give lessons to kids in the area?

Last summer, I started teaching billiards at the Denver Recreation Centers through the MY Denver program. “MY Denver” is a city-subsidized program available for all kids ages 5-18 who attend Denver Public Schools or live in the city/county of Denver. It allows them free access to all Denver rec centers, after-school activities, and other various discounts in the community. In the fall we held our first official Billiard Tournament and I was able to up-cycle some trophies that were generously donated by local players. Although I enjoy working with the kids, it’s been a real learning experience for me. The MY Denver classes are drop-in so sometimes kids leave to use the restroom and just don’t come back. And, some are very dedicated and show up every week. It’s been fun working with them and all their different personalities and watching them blossom and break out of their shells. I’ve now taught billiards at five different rec centers since I started and have seen many repeat faces.

Q: Great way to give back to the community. And what about the Free



Marc & Samm with their girls in 2016

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Billiard Classes for Active Older Adult members of Denver Parks and Rec?

Just this year, I started teaching Active Older Adults at a different rec center during the daytime which mostly caters to seniors in the area. They are so lovely! In my first couple of classes I had over a dozen participants and they are just the cutest! I love working with them. They are so attentive to every word I say and I love that I'm able to provide this service for them as an additional way to keep their minds and bodies active.

Q: I love this! And which age group is your favorite to teach?

I'd have to say it's a toss-up between working with seniors and kids, as to which one is my "favorite." That's not to say I don't enjoy working with regular adults, but there's a special innocence and level of respect that you only experience when working with the extra young and old.

Q: Perfect answer :) How old are your daughters and are they introduced to pool already?

My girls are in Kindergarten and Second Grade and with all our other activities we haven't gotten them into billiards. Although, they do have a bumper pool table in their playroom and Marc has spent some time with them playing bumper pool.

Q: Do they speak more than one language by chance?

Ah, that's one thing that Marc and I are particularly proud of, that some people may not know. Our girls are fluent in four languages.

Q: No way - FOUR languages?

Yes. Since birth, Marc has only spoken Spanish to them and I have only spoken cantonese to them. They've learned English just by living in this



country. They also speak fluent Mandarin as they're in a full-immersion Chinese school and they are now learning a little Catalan.

Q: I'm impressed! And, wise of you and Marc to ensure this for them - kudos to you two. Oh, and I love all your photos of their lunches! Tell us what "bento boxes" are, please.

Don't get me started on my bent-obsession! There aren't enough pages for this article. The funny thing is the first time I learned about Bento boxes was from my dear friend Jennifer Barretta poolside about 10 years ago. She was telling me how she prepared them for her family and I was like, "okay, whatever." A traditional bento box is a single-portion meal with

a little carb, protein, fruit, and veggie carefully, beautifully packed with love. In Japan, mothers are expected to pack elaborate bentos for their kids for school each day. Luckily we don't have that pressure here, but I spend a good 45 minutes each morning rolling sushi, cutting flower carrots and heart strawberries, and delicately placing them into stainless steel boxes each day, trying not to picture them swinging their lunch bags each day as they walk to the cafeteria. It started as a fun way to get my kids to eat healthy foods and it's become my therapy, my quiet time in the mornings (and sometimes prepping at night). I now also teach a Bento-making class through the Denver Parks & Recs Arts & Culture dept to fellow-mamas who share my passion for healthy lunches.

Q: Everyone should check out Samm's Instagram page to see all the truly AMAZING bento boxes. It's really spectacular. Her IG page is: @bentoboochnbilliards. What is the background of your Instagram name?

It's named after my three loves - aside from my family - Bentos, Kombucha (which I homebrew) and Billiards.



Billiard University Summer School Boot Camp, Fort Collins, Colorado, July 2019

Q: Glad I asked – that's really cool. What goals do you have (on and off the table)?

Gosh, I feel like my overall goal in life is to just be a good human being so that my children have something positive to model. I want to inspire others to be better and achieve goals they didn't think they could and most of all, BE KIND. I want to spread the love of billiards one child and one senior at

a time. I want to always be able to do the things I'm passionate about and always be passionate about everything I do.

Q: I love every sentence you just wrote – very inspirational and unselfish. And finally, what's your favorite quote or words you live by?

"Go ahead. Make your day." The loveable Carter Nakashima was the one who first introduced me to this quote and it just reminds me each day that I have the choice each morning to set the tone for my day, my week, my life.



Samm with her weekly youth students from the Denver Rec Centers

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Gospel Trick Shot #5

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History of the Trick Shot: In 1983 in Tupelo, Mississippi at a pro 9-Ball event, Minnesota Fats did this shot five times missing the first four in his special trick shot show. Each time he missed he told a better story to the delight of the crowd. Earlier that day he had invited me to do the show with him to be his caddy. I got to witness first hand not only the shot but the art of telling stories during a trick shot show!

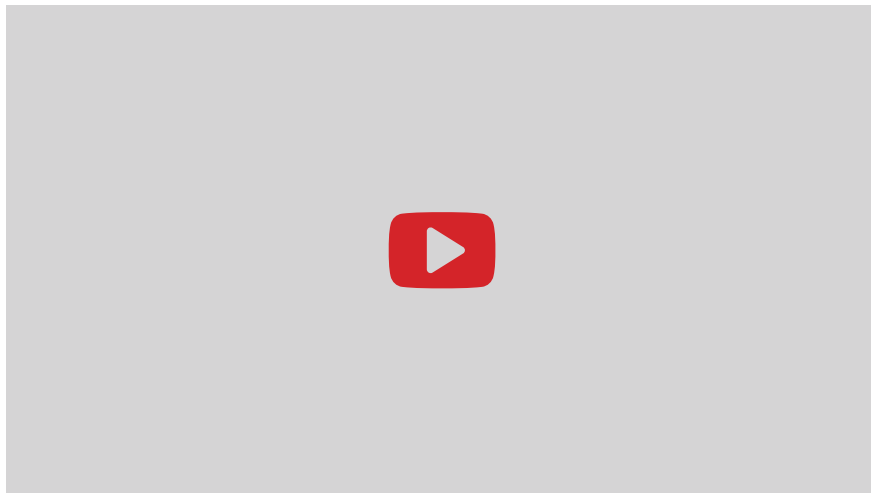
GTS Name and Why: I never forgot that night with Fats. Years later I would name the shot “Walls” because it looked like a wall as I related it to matters of the heart. We build walls with people when we get angry, don’t forgive, are jealous, or lack self-control. This shot became a GTS favorite as stories about my own walls revealed the need to take down the walls and have healthy relationships with people.

Scripture References in NIV Translation: Proverbs 27:4, 15:18, 27:4, 3:31, 14:30 and James 1:19, 20.

Cue Ball Placement: Place cue ball as shown but its position can be adjusted forward or backward slightly.

Object Ball(s) Placement: Start with the first object ball closest to side pocket E as shown. Then place the other three in a straight line in front of the first object ball. Notice balls are slightly to the right of side pocket E. Place an object ball in corner pocket C as shown.

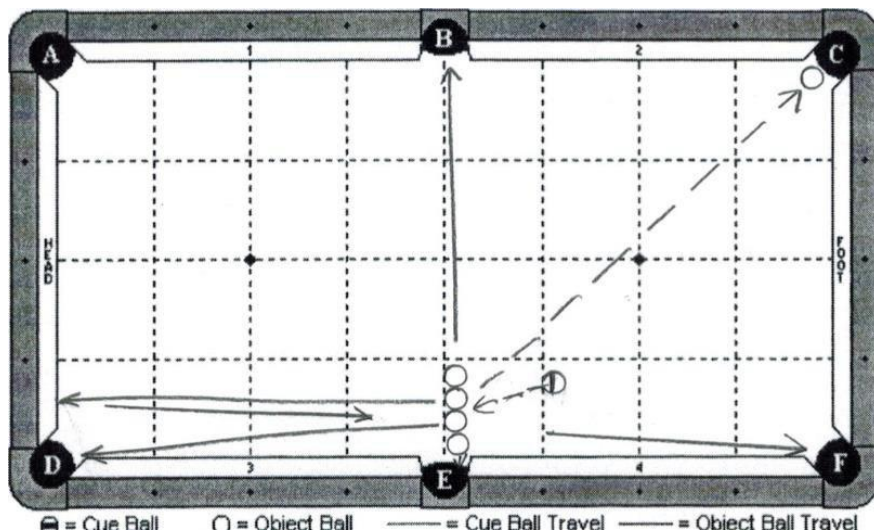
Objective: Pocket four object balls (wall) near side pocket as shown with cue ball coming back to pocket final object ball near corner pocket C.



Special Notes: Hit cue ball in the center aiming to split the middle two balls. You can go slightly forward or back with the cue ball after you see the direction of the cue ball. You can also place the triangle in front of the object ball hanging in pocket C to make a larger target area for the cue ball to pocket the ball.

Crowd Reactions Through the Years: I ask the audience if they have any

walls in their life and explain that we are all being tested by God through people. All of us at times fail our test and need to make adjustments. People usually get very quiet while I talk about this shot as I can tell God is speaking to them personally. That final ball being pocketed represents having a relationship with somebody after the wall comes down! How are you doing with your test today?





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So how does this apply to what Per Hagen, once voted one of the worlds top 20 «most influential people» by BLUFF Magazine, is now trying to achieve in the pool world? (BLUFF Magazine, the worlds leading poker magazine)

To give this context, we have to go back to 2007. That's the year Per decided to start a management agency for professional poker players. He could see that poker was booming, but the "sport" was lacking in professionalism. Mainstream media was not quite sure how much air time they should devote to this new phenomena. It was all very messy. Companies was throwing good money after bad ambassadors, and the way they marketed their own brand was somewhat lacking.

The agency Per founded had a clear

mission; they would sign the best up and comers, coupled with some already established stars. But they would only get signed if they fulfilled the strict requirements to what it actually means to be a brand ambassador. Slowly, but surely they signed a few up and coming poker professionals. Only 6 months into the venture,

one of them won the world championship (WSOP main event) and a ton of money.

Per elaborates

It was quite surrealistic, I was actually negotiating with 3 separate brands about a sponsorship deal for our player while the player was playing the final table! Normally, the WSOP winner did not get a great sponsorship deal automatically. But we had already built up the name of this player during our first 6 months. This included both media attention and a lot of followers already. That meant that when, and it was only a matter of when, this player made a big result, we could negotiate on quite different terms compared to if an unknown would have won. We also know that this player was willing to put in the work as an ambassador, and could therefore guarantee the sponsor a great return on their investment.

Long story short, the player got a deal worth \$500 000 per year + all expens-



es paid to play big events all over the world. This was almost unheard of at the time. Shortly after we signed 50 new players since they had seen how we built up this player, and got this great deal. The snowball had started rolling.

My agency also facilitated a live poker event via stream for the first time in Europe. Now, these days this is not a big deal, but back then it was. It had tens of thousands of viewers that weekend alone. Shortly after, Pokerstars launched their "EPT TV" which was a huge success.



1 year later we organized a charity poker event at a castle in Cannes. Paris Hilton and a few other celebrities attended. Maybach provided the transport. Good times.

One of the things we also focused on was giving access to media to our pro-



filed players by facilitating interviews, podcast and whatever they needed. That resulted in over 50 front covers and hundreds of interviews. The sponsors were happy.

Part of our job was to identify good candidates, sign, negotiate sponsorship deals - but perhaps the most important role was training the ambassadors. It's not natural for a talent in a sport to also be a great spokesperson for a commercial company. So we trained,

sparred and followed up almost on a daily basis. We also helped with investments and other small or big matters.

On top of the world

4 years later, his agency had 150 professional and sponsored poker players from all over the world, agents in 14 countries and his agency also did all the worldwide marketing for some of the worlds biggest online gambling



brands. That's when Per got his nickname "the Spin doctor of Poker".

In fact, eventually the companies were actually asking *him* to go to x country and find them a great ambassador. Business was booming, but the political landscape suddenly changed and Per sold the agency 6 months ahead of «Black Friday» in 2011. That's when the DOJ came down hard on the industry and more or less had it on lockdown for 2 years.

Back to how this pertains the sport we love.

What has this got to do with pool? Well, Per was an avid and competitive pool player up until he started that agency. He had to quit pool to focus on the startup.

Getting back to pool

After selling the company, and getting back to pool in 2017 I made a discovery. I could see that the sport had not changed a whole lot. Sure, there was now break mats, some new rules and other minute stuff. But the sports commercial value was at a standstill and the community had not grown.

I could not believe that the sport I loved so much had not progressed. I was aware of the funds the gambling companies had put into it, but I also knew projects like that the IPT had ran into some trouble with sponsorship and other failed financing options.

Besides that, I could see that the Euro-tour is a great series, but without the big paydays. You had to make it to the semis to break even on expenses. I was also astonished that the prize pools were so small.

So, I figured I'd give it a go. I wanted to see (on a small scale) if there was willingness to inject funds in the sport. I reached out to a sporting brand outside the industry. Boom. They signed a deal worth \$60 000 over the coming years for my country's pool federation. And my federation is really small potatoes. So next, I reached out to Eurosport, by far Europe's #1 TV platform. Boom. They aired the Nordic 9-ball championships. And that's after many years of absence of pool on TV in Europe. Why did they do it? Well, the package I presented looked great. There was no way they were going to miss out on this.

I then shortly after got elected as the leader of my local club (600 members)

and that was exhausting. We have 27 tables, but no alcohol is allowed and it operates as a strictly sporting arena (regional laws).

I'm done with doing that now and recently founded the agency Supr Charged (www.suprcharged.com). We specialize in marketing of players, brands and pool in general. I could not get out of my mind how similar situations poker and pool was in.

Poker has progressed to being a regulated multi billion industry a long time ago, and I'm not comparing the revenue potential of the two sports. I do however see that pool is where poker was in the early 2000's. It has growth potential, but it's somewhat scattered all over the place. There are a lot of opinions on what will "make pool great again", but I don't think matters like identical rules and rating systems worldwide is the solution alone. Sure, that's probably smart. Make sure that we are all playing the same game, but that's not gonna solve the biggest issue. The biggest issue is that pool is not televised.

If pool were televised it would do wonders for recruitment and, most importantly the prize pools. That again would lead to more players being able to make a living from the sport, and more youngsters seeing that they can actually do the same! Only televised sport gets the big bucks. Even Cornhole and Timbersports is televised!

So how do we get pool to be a regular televised sporting event?

I don't have all the answers, but nowadays there's a bunch of sub-channels on each network. All the broadcasters has at least 3-4 sub-channels on top of their streaming options. So why should pool not be on one of them!? There are a few indicators that the broadcasters is looking for.



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First of all, the sport has to be interesting for the audience. Bring on the shot clock! You can not have players spending minutes on a shot, or every single-shot!

The audience should be more like during the Mosconi Cup. Let them make some noise and cheer for their favorite! Players just have to learn to play in those conditions. I love what Matchroom is doing. They have great productions!

Also, the "Billiards 2024" project is great! Billiards 2024 is the structure in charge of the promotion of Billiards' bid for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. It is composed of senior members of Billiards' different managing bodies, as well as players and industry giants. If billiards was to be part of the olympics - we will see an explosion in interest.

Unfortunately, the Organising Committee of the Olympic Games 2024 (OCOG) on the 21th of February announced their proposal of four additional sports to join the 28 already scheduled for the event. These are breakdancing, climbing, skateboarding and surfing.

I love the initiative from the group behind the bid. It's been fronted by ambassadors like Florian "Venom" Kohler, Jasmin Ouschan, Shaun Murphy and others. Hopefully they will keep fighting for the sport.

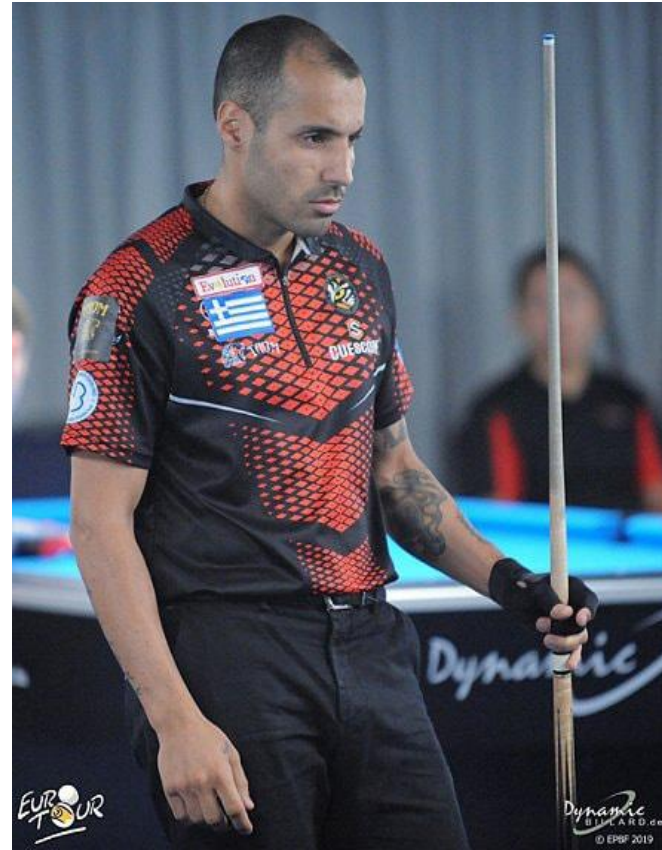
The sport needs profiles. And this is an area I feel comfortable talking about. I'm not saying the pool stars of today are boring and without personality, but if you take a look at almost all other popular sports, they have really interesting characters all around. They engage, they liven things up, they show emotions, they are professionals making a living from their sport. These stars is a product of a cooperation between the media, sponsors and by them being great ambassadors (more on that later). This motivates the up and com-

ers to work even harder. «I want to be like HIM/HER!»

So how do you get great ambassadors?

Well, they don't magically appear. They have to be trained, groomed, mentored and willing to put in the extra effort for their sponsors and the sport. I witnessed so many poker brands throwing money after players who did absolutely nothing in return, and at the same time I could see struggling massive talents putting in tons of work, but barely making ends meet. I see a lot of similarities in pool today.

Sorry, I'm not trying to offend anybody here, but I see a player like the



greek Damianos "Jumpmaster D"-Giallourakis. He's traveling the world, plays almost all events, ranked #9 in Europe. He had over 1 million views on his amazing jump and other shots last year. The Finnish tip, glove and chalk company TAOM early identified his talent, and that he was really working hard to be a good ambassador, and it paid off.

They sponsored him. But, one single sponsor is not enough if

you are traveling the world to compete. Someone like him deserves that also another one of the big brands recognizes his talent on- and off the felt, and sponsors him additionally. It's those kind of ambassadors you want! It's those ambassadors that will help the sport to grow. On the other hand, I see players getting rather big money (yes, I know the numbers) and they have less than 1000 views in 2019! How can a sponsor resonate that this is the best

return on their investment??!

So, the moral of the story is that the brands needs to be very selective when they add a new player to their pro team. These guys and girls very much decides the future of pool.

My words of wisdom to sponsors; Its much better to have a player working like a champion for your brand, than a champion player not working at all for your brand!

You got to set high standards to your team pros. You have to demand that they deliver for you. It's simply not enough tagging the brand on social media and wearing a logo patch whilst playing. And these ambassadors who is going to be scrutinized by mainstream media when they decide whether or not to put pool on their platforms.

My agency Supr Charged has adopted a lot of the methods and techniques we used in sponsorship relationships

for poker players. It works. We will also on behalf of a brand perform a due diligence on candidates, interview them, negotiate the sponsorship deal, and most important; we constantly train and follow up making sure the player delivers to the sponsors and represents the sport in a professional manner. A-Z. The sponsor can leave it to us to ensure a great return on their investment in a pro team. It also sets an industry «standard». It shows aspiring players craving that sponsorship what it actually takes.

This helps professionalize the player, and the sport. If pool is ever going to get back on TV, it has to appear professional.

So basically, my theory to how to make pool great again; get on TV. Only then will the sport attract sponsors outside the industry. We can not expect that the brands inside the industry will put in even more funds than they are already

doing. I do however think they are willing to put more funds into it once it gets on TV.

So, what now?

My agency will help the pool brands who wants a great return on investment from their pro team. We will make sure they only work with ambassadors that we are certain will deliver for their sponsors as well as for the sport. Next, we will make sure the brands are portrayed professionally in the public eye. We will be a bridge between players, event organizers, sponsors and media. When the time is right, we'll package the sport and approach the mainstream media. We're better than Cornhole and Timbersports?!

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World-Class Trio of Orcollo, Kiamco & Bustamante Go 1, 2, 3 at 6th Annual Texas Open 10-Ball

Kraber goes undefeated to win her second Texas Women's 10-Ball Championship

Being Texas, it's never enough to just hold an Open and Ladies 10-Ball tournament every year. Instead, Skinny Bob's Billiards in Round Rock, TX hosts a six-day extravaganza (this year, from Feb. 12-17) that has a way of feeling like a month-long extravaganza, headlined by the annual Texas 10-Ball Open and Ladies 10-Ball Championships.

Things got underway on Wednesday, Feb. 12 with a 10-Ball mini-tournament, as more or less of a warm-up for events to come. On Thursday, the activity was a Scotch Doubles tournament that was eventually won by the team of Warren Kiamco and Ellen Robinson, who downed John Gabriel and Ellen Jones in the finals. Later in the day, a Banks/Rails game was won by Sergio Rivas, who defeated John Demet in the finals. On Friday, an Open Ring game was won by Jeffrey DeLuna, with Sky Woodward as runner-up and John Gabriel in third place.

In the absence of a defending champion (Alex Pagulayan), a few relatively well-known Filipino competitors stepped in to fill the gap at the \$4,000-added 6th Annual Texas Open 10-Ball, which got underway on Friday evening. Dennis Orcollo ended up going undefeated through the field. He downed Warren Kiamco twice (hot seat and finals) and waited patiently as Kiamco eliminated Francisco Bustamante in the semifinals. We'll get back to them in a while, but first... the ladies.



(l to r): John Palmore, Dennis Orcollo & James Davis, Sr.

The \$1,000-added Ladies 10-Ball Championship, which drew 20 entrants, got underway on Saturday. Unlike the Open Championship, the Ladies event featured its defending champion, Gail Eaton. It was won by its 2018 champion, Jennifer Kraber, who went undefeated through the field, downing Courtney Peters twice, hot seat and finals.

Following victories over Kim Pierce, Kelly Jones and Rachel Hurst, Kraber moved into a winners' side semifinal against Ming Ng. After being awarded an opening round bye, Peters downed Latonia Taylor and Michelle Yim, to draw Nicole McDaniel in the other winners' side semifinal.

Kraber and Ng locked up in a double hill fight that eventually advanced Kraber to the hot seat match. She was joined by Peters, who'd defeated McDaniel 7-1. Kraber won the first of two versus Peters 7-3 and waited in the hot seat for her return.

On the loss side, Nicole McDaniel drew Kim Sanders, who'd recently eliminated defending champion Gail Eaton and Rachel Hurst, both 5-3. Ming Ng picked up Michelle Yim, who'd defeated Ellen Robinson 5-3 and Kelly Jones 5-2 to reach her.

Yim and Sanders handed Ng and McDaniel their second straight loss; Yim, 5-3 over Ng and Sanders shut McDaniel out to join Yim in the quarterfinals. Yim then did unto Sanders that which Sanders had most recently done to McDaniel; shut her out to advance.

In the semifinals that followed, Yim became the third shutout victim in a row and gave Peters a second shot at Kraber in the hot seat. Peters chalked up two more racks in the finals than she'd chalked up against Kraber in the hot seat match, but they weren't enough, as Kraber completed her undefeated run 7-5 to claim the Ladies 10-Ball title.

Orcollo backs up Derby City Master of the Table title with undefeated run at Texas Open 10-Ball

It's only February and Dennis Orcollo has pocketed money that would be the envy of most pool players to earn in an entire year. He finished 16th in the Derby City's One Pocket Division, 3rd in the 9-Ball Division and won the 9-Ball Banks, all of which earned him the coveted Master of the Table title. All of this followed his victory at the Music City's Midnight Madness Tournament and his runner-up finish (to Skyler Woodward) in the Music City's Open Division. He didn't get a chance to meet Woodward in this event, although Warren Kiamco did.

Robocop (as they call him) got by Kenny Loftis, John Gabriel, Justin Hall, Kevin Guimond and Junior Jueco by an aggregate score of 35-12, giving up just over two racks per match (on average). Orcollo drew Naoyuki Oi in one of the winners' side semifinals.

Warren Kiamco, in the meantime, started his campaign out with back-to-back shutouts of Thomas Smith and Pat Castro. He then defeated Josh Roberts 7-1, Robert Gomez 7-3 and won a knock-down, drag-out, double hill match versus Sky Woodward (this event's 2016 champion) to arrive at his winners' side semifinal matchup with a 35-10 aggregate score and having given up an exact average of two racks per match. Kiamco squared off in his winners' side semifinal against a very familiar opponent, Francisco Bustamante, who'd sent this event's 2015 and 2017 champion, Manny Chau to the loss side.

Orcollo sent Oi to the loss side 7-2 and was joined in the hot seat match by Kiamco, who'd defeated Bustamante 7-4. Orcollo and Kiamco played an entertaining double hill hot seat match

that eventually sent Kiamco to the semifinals and left Robocop in the hot seat.

On the loss side, Naoyuki Oi drew James Davis, Sr. (known as Strop, because he's originally from Bastrop, TX), who'd recently defeated two strong opponents in a row to reach him; first Josh Roberts 7-4 and then, Sky Woodward 7-5. Bustamante picked up Roberto Gomez, who'd defeated Junior Jueco 7-1 and Sergio Rivas 7-3 to reach him.

Strop and Oi locked up in a double hill fight, eventually won by Strop. Bustamante joined Strop in the quarterfinals after eliminating Gomez 7-4. Bustamante then sent Davis, Sr. home 7-3 in those quarterfinals.

Those who thought that Bustamante and Kiamco would get into a double hill fight for a shot at Orcollo in the hot seat were disappointed. Kiamco gave up just a single rack and advanced to the finals 7-1 over Bustamante.

One might have been forgiven for believing that with that 7-1 momentum, the final rematch between Kiamco and Orcollo would have been something of an epic struggle. It wasn't, really. Orcollo shut Kiamco out 7-0 to claim the event title.

Tour directors John Palmore and James Davis, Sr. thanked John and Sue Cielo and their Skinny Bob's staff for their continued support of this event, to include their hands-on assistance with varied aspects of running the tournament; entries, money management, etc. In addition, noted Palmore, "Kaye Watson is the glue that holds everything together for (Davis) and I. She helps with bracket management and most importantly, that all the the money is correct coming in and going out." They also thanked event sponsors Simonis, Hanshew Jump Cues and Sleep Inn.

Shaw takes Euro-Tour 2020 Season Opener

With an impressive 9-8 victory over Eklent Kaci (ALB) in the finals, Jayson Shaw (GBR) won the first stop on the 2020 Euro-Tour schedule, the Dynamic Billard Treviso Open at the Best Western Premier BHR Treviso Hotel in Treviso Italy on February 20th - 22nd.

Often times, the break or unexpected errors can determine a match winner, but neither Shaw or Kaci was showing any weakness in those areas. In the end, it was Shaw's aggressive play that turned the tide in the match. "I had some 9-8 wins during the tournament and every time I tried and played the tactical safety game, my opponent went for the shot and either made it or left me with no position. So I changed my game and decided to be more aggressive. This worked out for me, also in the final match", Shaw analyzed his own game after the final match. Kaci was on the hill first and chose defense when faced with a tough position. He passed an illegal break shot back to Shaw and later on played a safety on the 2-ball which looked makable and would have led to a runnable table. "I think Eklent took the wrong decision when he was 8-7 up", Shaw stated, "he should have gone for the 2-ball. Sometimes this game punishes you if you do not make use of your chances." Instead of trying to pocket the 2-ball, Kaci went for a safety which Shaw returned and got the chance to win the 16th rack to tie the match at hill-hill. In the end, Kaci needed to come up with a good safety in rack 17 with the score at 8-8. He left a long and tough shot for Shaw, who did not hesitate to fire the ball in the pocket and run the remaining balls to win the match 9-8 for the tournament win.

TOP EIGHT FINISHERS

1. Jayson Shaw GBR
2. Eklent Kaci ALB
3. Fedor Gorst RUS
Mateusz Sniegocki POL
5. Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz ESP
Tomasz Kaplan POL
Maximilian Lechner AUT
Mickey Krause DEN

The Dynamic Billard Treviso Open 2020 was played in the Best Western Premier BHR Treviso Hotel in Treviso, Italy, on twenty one tables which were all streamed LIVE throughout the whole event. To follow the next Euro Tour stop live, premium membership

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OUSCHAN SECURES FIRST 2020 VICTORY

Jasmin Ouschan (AUT) secured her first victory in 2020 with a dominating 7-1 win over Aleksandra Guleikova (RUS) in the finals of the Predator Treviso Open 2020, held at the Best Western Premier BHR Treviso Hotel in Treviso, Italy on February 22nd - 23rd.

The whole tournament was truly a demonstration of Ouschan's superiority, as she never really looked challenged by an opponent all weekend. Her first victim was Hannan Memic (BIH) who got beat 7-2. Then, Vania Franco (POR) was given a 7-2 lesson from Ouschan in the winner's qualification round. Yini Gaspar (SUI) and Kristina Zlateva (BUL) were next on the list, and they both managed to win 4 racks before Ouschan closed the book on them. In the semi-final. Ouschan met Franco for the second time. Franco had played a great event leading into that match, defeating high class players like Oliwia Zalewska (POL) and Kateryna Polovinchuk (UKR), but Ouschan was really in a class of her own. This time, the Portuguese player only got one rack from Ouschan to leave the event in third place 7-1.

Ouschan's final match opponent, Aleksandra Guleikova, was not necessarily expected to be in the final match, but her performance throughout the tournament paid off and she had rightfully booked her seat in the final match. The final turned into a nightmare for Guleikova though. The final match was another example of Ouschan's dominating play on this weekend as it only took her eight racks to score an impressive 7-1 victory over Guleikova.

"I used this tournament as a preparation for my next events", Ouschan stated after the final match. "I was in the middle of preparations and this success shows me that I'm on a good way. My upcoming events are men's tournaments. I will play Matchroom's

World Pool Masters and then I'll go to Las Vegas for more tournaments", Ouschan added.

This victory puts Ouschan on top of the Women' Euro-Tour rankings.

TOP EIGHT FINISHERS PREDATOR TREVISIO OPEN 2020

1. Jasmin Ouschan AUT
2. Aleksandra Guleikova RUS
3. Ina Kaplan GER
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STEPHANIE HEFNER

Wins NAPT Division II Championship

A field of forty six of the top ladies in the country, representing seven different regional tours, made their way to Bullshooters in Phoenix, Arizona to compete in the North American Pool Tour's Division II Championship on February 13th - 16th.

The event kicked off on Thursday with six round robin groups competing in seven rack matches. With the top four players from each group advancing based on total games won, players could not take any opponent lightly at any point in the match.

After two days of play, the field was narrowed to just twenty four players. The top player from each group, as well as the top two runner-up finishers from round robin play, all earned first round byes, with the remaining sixteen "top four" finishers being forced to play first round matches.

Home field advantage proved to be valuable coming out of the groups, with four of the eight byes earned by Arizona Woman's Billiard Tour (AWBT) players. The pool gods proved fickle though, as three of those four players (Leandrea Gaff, Susan Williams and Jaye Succo) were all knocked to the one loss side after their first matches. Bernie Store was the only local player to win her first double elimination stage match. Store then went on to defeat the Northwest Women's Pool Association (NWP) tour's Michelle Hughes to remain unbeaten going into Sunday. She was joined by the NWP Tour's Stephanie Hefner, Gigi Callejas (West Coast Women's Tour) and Suzanne Smith (NWP).

On the one loss side, Hughes earned her place in Sunday play with a hill-hill win over Succo, and was joined by Williams, Marian Poole and a player who had clawed her way through the entire event, Bonnie Ogg from the West Coast Women's Tour.

Ogg's play all weekend was noteworthy in that she escaped her group as the 4th player, and then lost her first match on Saturday to Suzanne Smith. Ogg then came within a rack of a "two and out" elimination, beating Khahn Ngo hill-hill on the one loss side Ogg's last match on Saturday saw her trailing Ricki Casper 6-3, but she dug

down and won four straight racks to earn her spot in Sunday play.

Sunday play saw Hefner face off with Store. Store was the top ranked player in the event and Hefner knew she was going to be an obstacle that she had to overcome. She rose to the occasion and beat Store 7-5 to advance to the hot-seat match. "Going into this tournament, I really had ambition. I wanted to do well, and I knew she was going to be the toughest opponent. Not just because of her Fargo, but she's the hometown girl. I'd never played her, so I didn't know how we'd match up. It felt like an accomplishment getting through her, but I knew I couldn't relax."



Stephanie Hefner



Bonnie Ogg

cleanup. Ogg had a much easier time with Callejas in the semi-final match, breaking a 3-3 tie to win 7-3.

The final match looked to be “advantage Hefner” on paper, as she eclipsed Ogg’s 508 Fargo rating by nearly 50 points, and Ogg would have to beat Hefner twice. Ogg had momentum though, and obviously wasn’t going to just give up. The turning point of the match appeared to happen with Hefner leading 4-2. Both players were caught up in a safety battle on the 8-ball, when Hefner took on a bank shot that would have made a one pocket player proud. She banked in the 8 and then banked the 9-ball into the same hole ... left handed. “I almost played the same safe back, but I thought it was two way. Even if I rat-

Hefner then went on to hand Callejas a 7-3 loss to take the hot-seat, but she knew her job still wasn’t done as she headed to a practice table to stay sharp while waiting for an opponent. “I knew they would be fresh and I wanted to make sure that if I missed any balls, it wasn’t because I wasn’t in stroke.” she said.

On the one loss side, Ogg continued her improbable run. A 7-3 win over group 4 winner Marian Poole was followed up by a 7-5 win over Store. Ogg’s next match was a true example of how brutal the pool gods can be. Ogg led Suzanne Smith 6-5, but left herself a tough 9-ball in the twelfth, that required the mechanical bridge. She missed that shot, allowing Smith to tie things at 6-6. Smith quickly took control of the final rack and ran to the 9 with textbook pattern play. She took

her timeout and gathered herself to make the final 9-ball. That might have taken her out of her rhythm though, as she missed the 9-ball and left the match for Ogg to



Gigi Callejas



Suzanne Smith

ted the eight, she might not get back for the nine so I just decided ‘screw it’ and went for it. I was a little less confident taking the shot left handed, but sometimes when I’m in it, the banks just happen and I don’t think about it.” Ogg would fight back to get within one at 5-4, but it was Hefner who then won the last two racks for the 7-4 win.

Hefner took the trophy, and \$1400 in prize money, back to Oregon. Ogg settled for \$1000 in prize money and the knowledge that her Fargo ratings is due for a major increase.

Shaun Wilkie



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Wilkie goes undefeated to capture his third Maryland State title in eight years

Shaun Wilkie has chalked up his fair share of tournament victories over the years, dating back to our first recorded awareness of his presence 20 years ago, when he finished 9th at a stop on the Planet Pool Tour in Pikesville, MD.

His first recorded victory in an event came two years later on that same tour. Since that time, he's gone on to win events on the Action Pool Tour (APT; lots of them), the Blaze Tour, the Mezz Pro Am Tour, the Predator Pro Am Tour, the Joss Northeast 9-Ball Tour and various State of Virginia championships. With two exceptions, however, he's had a difficult time securing a victory at a tournament with "Maryland" in its official title. He came close four times last year, finishing as runner-up in the MD State 10-Ball, 9-Ball Bar Table, and 9-Ball Championships and third in the MD State 8-Ball Championships. The two exceptions in this 'drought' was a victory in the Maryland State 8-Ball, two years ago and a victory in the Maryland Open, eight years ago.

Wilkie ended his extended Maryland State drought with a victory at the 2020 Mezz Cues Maryland State Bar Table 8-Ball Championships on the weekend of February 8-9. He went undefeated through the field of 105 entrants, at the event, hosted by Brews & Cues on the Blvd. in Glen Burnie, MD.

Wilkie and long-time opponent Rick Molineiro battled twice for this title. Molineiro's career, while not as illustrious or as successful as Wilkie's, began,

in our records, with a 5th place finish on the Planet Pool Tour in 2001. Like Wilkie, Molineiro's a regular competitor on the Action Pool Tour and also like Wilkie, has found limited success in Maryland, although he did finish third at this event last year.

They met first in the hot seat, once Wilkie had disposed of his winners' side semifinal opponent, Tom D'Alfonso 6-2 and Molineiro had defeated another APT veteran, Steve Fleming, 6-4

“ WILKIE ENDED HIS EXTENDED MARYLAND STATE DROUGHT WITH A VICTORY AT THE 2020 MEZZ CUES MARYLAND STATE BAR TABLE 8-BALL CHAMPIONSHIPS ON THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 8-9. ”

in the other one. In their first of two, they battle to double hill before Wilkie prevailed to claim the hot seat.

On the loss side, Fleming ran right into Kristina Tkach, the young Russian woman, who's a strong competitor in the 'stable' of Roy's Basement. Tkach had lost her third-round match to Wilkie and was in the midst of an eight-match, loss-side winning streak that would take her as far as the semifinals. She had recently eliminated Del Sim, double hill, and Roger Haldar 6-4 to draw Fleming. D'Alfonso drew Eddie Abraham, who'd recently defeated Tom Zippler and Shane Wolford, both 6-4.

Tkach eliminated the Action Pool Tour's 2018 Tour Champion and last year's runner-up, Steve Fleming 6-1. She was joined in the quarterfinals by Abraham, who'd defeated D'Alfonso 6-3. In a double hill quarterfinal, Tkach prevailed and advanced to meet Molineiro in the semifinals.

“MOMENTUM MAY HAVE BEEN ON MOLINEIRO'S SIDE, BUT WILKIE WASN'T INTERESTED. HE TOOK COMMAND OF THE ONLY SET THAT PROVED NECESSARY, DOWNING MOLINEIRO 6-2 TO COMPLETE HIS FIRST MARYLAND STATE TITLE RUN IN TWO YEARS.”

Molineiro was arguably playing 'above his weight' in the semifinals; up against an opponent with four event victories last year alone, to include a win on the APT, downing Chris Bruner, the tour's #1 competitor at the time, in the hot seat and finals. Had Chris not won the semifinals, Tkach would have faced Wilkie in the finals of that event. Molineiro pulled it off, though, downing Tkach in this event's semifinals 6-4 to earn himself a second shot at Wilkie in the hot seat.

Momentum may have been on Molineiro's side, but Wilkie wasn't interested. He took command of the only set that proved necessary, downing

Molineiro 6-2 to complete his first Maryland State title run in two years.

Event directors at On the Hill Productions, Loye Bolyard and Rick Scarlato, Jr. thanked the ownership and staff at Brews & Cues on the Blvd., as well as title sponsor Mezz Cues, Lights Out Billiards Apparel, TAP Pool League (Chesapeake Bay Region), Billiard Sports Network for their stream of the event throughout the weekend, AZBilliards, Aramith Balls, Simonis Cloth, and Turtle Racks. On the Hill Productions will return to Brews & Cues on the Blvd. for their next scheduled event, the MD State Bar Table 9-Ball Championships, to be held on the weekend of April 4-5.



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Ussery comes from the loss side to win win VA State 10-Ball Championships

Taylor becomes only 4th woman since 2013 to win VA State Women's 10-Ball title

It's a little early to start making predictions or get too much of a 'read' on a tour's point standings (at least those that run on a calendar year schedule), but the Action Pool Tour's second stop provided some intriguing information. It wasn't so much about who's in the top spots at this point, but who, among last year's top players are apparently starting out a little slow. Stop #2 on the Action Pool Tour – the 2020 VA State 10-Ball Open Championships - drew 73 entrants to Diamond Billiards in Midlothian, VA on the weekend of February 15-16. Six of last year's top 10 players in the tour's final standings competed in this event. Two finished out of the money, including the event's defending champion, RJ Carmona. Three, including last year's tour champion, Chris Bruner, finished in the first money round. Reymart Lim, who finished in 4th place overall last year and won this year's season opener was this event's runner-up. In his first appear-

ance on the tour in seven years, BJ Ussery came from the loss side to earn a finals rematch against Lim, which he won to claim the event title.

Meanwhile, the 2020 VA State Women's 10-Ball Championships drew 16 women to the same location. As they did last year, Liz Taylor and Janet Atwell battled twice to claim this title. The results of those two battles were a reverse of last year's; Atwell, winning the first and Taylor, winning the final (more on this a bit later).

Ussery's appearance on the Action Pool Tour is a reflection of his desire to play generally stronger opponents than those he tends to face on regional handicapped tours. The last time he'd appeared on the APT, he'd finished 7th in the inaugural (2013) VA State 10-Ball Championships.

"I'm hoping to play in more of these (APT events) this year," said Ussery. "I want to play against better players

and compete in the some of the bigger events, like the US Open or the Super Billiards Expo."

Any time at table, ultimately, is good time at table, but playing in a handicap system, no matter which one it is, carries a downside. According to Ussery, it's less about the game and more about human nature.

"I get so used to giving up a handicap," Ussery explained, "that when I get into a non-handicap game, it's hard for me to bear down."

His opening matches tended to demonstrate this. Ussery opened with an 8-6 win over Reggie Jackson, had a strong 8-1 victory over Jonathan Syphanthavong, and then gave up five against Shorty Davis. He had to win a deciding, 15th game in his fourth match, against Justin Martin. Nathan Childress chalked up six against him next, but Ussery prevailed and advanced to his first meeting against

Reymart Lim, in one of the winners' side semifinals. Lim had downed Barry Mashburn, RJ Carmona, Larry Kressel and shut out Greg Sabins (last year's #12 in the point standings) to reach Ussery. Shane Wolford and Eric Moore (the APT's 2016 Tour Champion) squared off in the other one.

By identical 8-1 scores, Lim and Wolford advanced to the hot seat match over Ussery and Moore. Lim and Wolford then locked up in a double hill fight that eventually sent Wolford to the semifinals and left Lim in the hot seat.

Ussery opened up on the loss side against Mike Davis, who was working on a five-match winning streak that was about to end and had included recent wins over Kelly Farrar 7-3 and Justin Martin 7-2. Moore picked up Scott Roberts, who'd been shut out by Greg Sabins in the second round and was working on his own seven-match, loss-side streak that included a successful 7-5 rematch against Sabins and a 7-5 victory over Nathan Childress, which led to Moore.

Ussery ended Davis' streak 7-3 and in the quarterfinals, faced Roberts, who'd defeated Moore 7-4. Ussery ended Roberts' streak and Wolford's short visit to the loss side in the semifinals, both 7-5.

Going into the final match, Ussery was mindful not only of the earlier matchup, in which Lim had allowed him only a single rack, but previous matchups, as well. They'd faced each other on a number of occasions over the years, and playing against him, Ussery knew what the difference was.

"I knew he was a good player when we'd met before," said Ussery, "but I knew then, that part of the reason he was beating me was that he'd been putting in the time."

"These days," Ussery added, "I'm as prepared as anybody."



Liz Taylor and Janet Atwell

Ussery spoiled Lim's bid for a second straight win on the APT. He defeated him 10-8 to claim his first APT title.

Taylor spoils Atwell's bid for a third straight, sixth overall VA State 10-Ball Woman's title.

Since 2013, there have been four women who've claimed the VA State Women's 10-Ball title. Tracie Majors won it in 2014 and Meredith Lynch captured the title in 2017. Janet Atwell has claimed the title five times; once in its inaugural year (2013) and then, back-to-back, twice ('15,'16, '18, '19). Last year, Atwell was defeated by Liz Taylor, double hill, in the hot seat match and came back to down Taylor 8-2 in the finals to claim her second straight and fifth overall title. This year, at the event that drew 16 entrants (one more than last year), they reversed things. Taylor was defeated in the hot seat match and came back to defeat Atwell in the finals and claim the 2020 women's title.

It took them each three matches to meet for the first time in the hot seat match. Atwell got by Nicole King, Tina Nash and, in a winners' side semifinal, shut out Hayleigh Marion. Taylor defeated Soo Emmett, Christy Norris and, in her winners' side semifinal, survived a double hill match against

Lisa Cossette. Atwell claimed the hot seat 6-1.

Taylor's return faced a stiff challenge from Deeqa Nur, who'd been defeated in the opening round of play by Cheryl Sporleder and came back through five opponents to draw Taylor in the semifinals. Nur battled to double hill against two of those opponents. She picked up Hayleigh Marion, coming over from the winners' side semifinal and defeated her, just ahead of downing Lisa Cossette in a double hill quarterfinal. Taylor spoiled the strong, loss-side bid 5-3 in the semifinals.

And so it was, that for the second year in a row, Liz Taylor and Janet Atwell battled for the State of Virginia's Women's 10-Ball title. In a reversal of fortunes, Taylor gave up only one rack to Atwell in claiming the event title 8-1.

Tour directors Kris Wylie and Tiger Baker thanked the ownership and staff at Diamond Billiards for their hospitality, as well as sponsors Full Stroke Billiards Apparel and Haselman & Hunt, D.D.S., P.C. Family Dentistry. The next stop on the Action Pool Tour, scheduled for March 28-29, will be a Double Points event – The East Coast Landscaping Bar Box Bash – to be hosted by Peninsula Billiards in Newport News, VA.

FOLDES WINS NINE ON THE LOSS SIDE

downs Vilmont to defend his Andy Mercer Memorial title

With Jimmy Mataya in the broadcast booth alongside POVPool's Daniel Busch during the double elimination finals of the 30th Annual Andy Mercer Memorial, held over this past weekend (Feb. 21-23), viewers and listeners were rewarded with a combination of table savvy and street humor that made the broadcast almost as entertaining as the matches themselves.

Sounding like a cross between the late Howard Cosell and Paul Harvey, while bearing a bit of 'don't mess with me' edge to his commentary, Mataya would likely tell you how it all went down this way.

"Let me tell you something right now," he might say. "These two kids knew what they were doin' out there and put on one hell of a show, OK?"

The 'kids' to whom he hypothetically referred were the winner, Hungary's Vilmos Foldes, the event's defending champion, who won nine on the loss side to meet and defeat USA's Chad Vilmont, who finished as runner-up, after he'd defeated six opponents, including two former champions of this event, to claim the hot seat. The \$3,700-added event drew 64 entrants to Rum Runners in Las Vegas, NV.

Five of the event's 17 former champions competed, and three of them finished among the top four – Foldes, Orcollo (2016), who finished third, and Warren Kiamco, who won it twice, in 1995 and 23 years later in 2018, and finished 4th this year. Also competing were Brian Parks, who won it in 2008 and finished in the tie for 7th, and Ernesto Dominguez, who won it in 2010 and finished this year in the tie for 33rd. Shane Van Boening, who's won it five times, including four in a row from 2011-2014, did not compete.

Foldes got one match under his belt, a 6-0 shutout over Tres Kane, before

running into a double hill fight versus Orcollo, that he lost. Orcollo advanced to defeat Jack Rippel and Brian Parks to arrive at a winners' side semifinal against Chris Robinson. Vilmont, in the meantime, had opened his trek to the hot seat with three straight shutouts, over James Harling, Randy Kukla, and Joseph Crugnale, before he gave up three racks to Warren Kiamco in a winners' side quarterfinal win. He faced Edgie Geronimo in the other winners' side semifinal.

Orcollo sent Chris Robinson to the loss side 6-3, as Vilmont was busy surviving a double hill fight versus Geronimo. Vilmont claimed the hot seat 6-2

and sent Orcollo to a fateful semifinal against Foldes.

Vilmont, who's been at the tables for "around 30 years," was a little surprised and at the same time, not all that surprised to be in the hot seat in this particular field of players. He was asked, right after defeating Orcollo, if he had any particular mental preparation he employed for matches against some of this field's tougher opponents.

"I just play my game. It doesn't matter who I'm playing," he said. "These guys have a lot of tools, but it comes down to me."



Vilmos Foldes and Chad Vilmont

"I'm getting old," he added with a laugh. "I'm just happy to make the balls."

On the loss side, Foldes had picked up, more or less, where he'd left off. He followed his defeat at the hands of Orcollo with his second 6-0 shutout, this one over Joey Chin. Foldes went on to defeat Trick Sixty, Joseph Crugnale and Lance Salazar, before eliminating Mark Jarvis 6-3 and Brian Parks 6-1 to draw Geronimo, coming over from the winners' side semifinal. Chris Robinson picked up Kiamco, who, after his defeat at the hands of Vilmont, had survived a double hill fight against Mitch Ellerman and defeated Tommy Baker 6-4.

Foldes defeated Geronimo 6-3. He was joined in the quarterfinals by Kiamco, who in a 'wily veteran' vs. 'young gun' matchup against Chris Robinson had sent the youngster home with a shutout to remember him by. Foldes went on to eliminated Kiamco 6-3 in those

quarterfinals, for a second shot at Orcollo in the semifinals.

They locked up in their second double hill fight in those semifinals. This time, though, Foldes moved on and Orcollo did not, ending his brief four-event-in-a-row winning streak that had begun with his victory at a Midnight Madness event of the Music City Classic, followed with his 9-Ball Banks and Master of the Table win at Derby City and most recently, concluded with his victory at the Texas 10-Ball Open (at which he defeated Warren Kiamco in the finals).

Foldes had that intangible 'momentum' working for him as he stepped into the true double elimination final against Vilmont and opened up a quick 4-1 lead in the opening set. Vilmont sandwiched a rack right in the middle of Foldes' four. Vilmont, though, let everyone who was there know that it wasn't over yet. He ran a three-pack to tie things at 4. They traded racks to the double hill 5-5 tie,

before Foldes sealed the deal to force a second set.

Though Foldes would win the opening rack of the second set, Vilmont would record another three pack, before Foldes won two to tie; to include a 5-9 combination in the tying game. They traded racks to a 4-4 tie, before Vilmont reached the hill first, after Foldes scratched in the 9th rack. Vilmos came back to tie it to force a second double hill finish. Foldes finished it early with a 2-9 combination to successfully defend the Andy Mercer Memorial title.

Rum Runner owner Gino Hill and his brother, Gordie, along with their assistant, Mike Ganz thanked their staff and official event referee Jim Blake-man for their work, as well as Daniel Busch and his POVPool staff for their streaming of select matches throughout the weekend. Busch added thanks for POVPool sponsors JB Cases, Tiger Products, Luxe Electric Car and West State Billiards.

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Matchroom Pool has today renamed two of its major events with the World 9-Ball Championship to be known as the World Pool Championship and the US Open 9-Ball Championship to now be named the US Open Pool Championship.

The move brings both events in line with other events under Matchroom Pool's promotional portfolio; the World Pool Masters and the World Cup of Pool.

Matchroom Pool recently acquired the rights in perpetuity to host the World Pool Championship from 2020, with the event set for October 14-18 at a venue to be announced. The 44th annual US Open Pool Championship will be the second under Matchroom Pool stewardship and takes place at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino Convention Center this April 13-18.

Emily Frazer, COO of Matchroom Pool, said: "As we push professional

pool on a global scale, it is important that we are consistent as well as recognisable universally among all big sports. Cue sports are played throughout the world with many specific pool games, however 9-ball pool is the game which appeals to all viewers and lovers of the sport; it is competitive at the highest level as well as enjoyable for the casual spectator. With a growing portfolio

of events and the global television coverage Matchroom Pool offers, it is important we simplify the game and encourage mass participation at all levels throughout the World and for all ages.

"This move originated from our vision and sole aim of the future growth of pool and in turn cue sports and we are excited to watch it evolve!"

Full details of the 2020 World Pool Championship, including venue, prize money, format and qualification details will be announced over the coming weeks. Follow the World Pool Championship on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. For the latest event news please visit <http://www.worldpoolchampionship.com>.

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Last year, Ping-Chung Ko claimed his first World Championship with a dramatic win in the finals over Joshua Filler. This was part of his incredible 2019, which earned him the WPA #1 ranking he has today.

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"I like 10-ball because it is more difficult to break. Although just one ball more it brings more diversity and visibility to enrich the game," said Ko. "You need more concentration and more thorough consideration to finish each rack. I enjoy the feelings of playing 10-ball."

Admission is free for the five-day competition and the event will be streamed live for no charge on CueSports International's YouTube channel. Last year's event was the first Category 1

WPA sanctioned world championship held in the United States since 1997.

Players already confirmed and announced include Ko, former World 9-Ball Champion Joshua Filler, Billiard's Digest player of the decade Shane Van Boening, Kremlin Cup winner Tyler Styer, 2017 World Games 9-Ball Champion Carlo Biado and reigning Mosconi Cup MVP Skyler Woodward.

More announcements will be made as we continue to finalize what is one of the most competitive fields of the year.

The Championship takes place over two stages. The first involves all players competing in a race to 8 matches in a double-elimination format un-

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MATCHROOM POOL AND BCA LAUNCH US OPEN JUNIOR POOL CHAMPIONSHIP

New event will take place alongside US Open Pool Championship in Las Vegas

Matchroom Pool and the Billiard Congress of America (BCA) are proud to launch the US Open Junior Pool Championship, which will take place alongside the 2020 US Open Pool Championship at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino Convention Center, Las Vegas this April 16-18.

Featuring 16 players invited by the BCA, the format of the new US Open Junior Pool Championship will feature 'pool play' followed by a single elimination tournament of the top eight finishers. The tournament will be conducted and refereed by the BCA with the winning player set to receive free entry to the 2021 US Open Pool Championship. The runner-up and third-placed player will receive half-price entry to the 2021 US Open and the top three will receive free entry to the 2020 BEF Junior National 9-Ball Championships.

Players invited to participate will include those who represented USA at the 2019 WPA World Junior 9-Ball Championships, the 2019 Atlantic Challenge Cup, as well as top finishers from the 2019 BEF Junior Nationals. All junior players invited will be eligible to compete in WPA Junior events for 2020..

The US Open Junior Pool Championship will be staged in a smaller-scale arena at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino Convention Center and will receive TV coverage as part of Matchroom Pool's global broadcast of the US Open Pool Championship. Specta-

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tors attending the single elimination stage of the US Open Pool Championship will be able to watch the Open Junior Championship, with matches to take place when there is no play in the US Open Pool Championship.

Emily Frazer, COO of Matchroom Pool, said: "This is the start of an exciting and growing relationship between Matchroom Pool, the BCA and the Behrman family as together with Rob Johnson and his team we share the enthusiasm and passion for the growth of professional pool in the United States and globally; who better to kickstart our vision with than the younger generation?"

"Launching the US Open Junior Pool Championship is not only an extra tournament on the calendar, but it also grants Junior players the stepping stone they need to earn and win a place in a major event; the US Open Pool Championship. TV exposure as well as experience playing amongst

the best players in the world under the best conditions; a dream come true opportunity that both the juniors and sport needs.

"This sparks fire, determination and inspiration throughout the younger generation – knowing they are pursuing a career not only in a sport they love but one that will provide a great future living opportunity in."

"We are thrilled to partner with Matchroom Pool on the US Open Junior Pool Championship," said Billiard Congress of America Chief Executive Officer Rob Johnson. "Emily Frazer and her team at Matchroom Pool are, once again, showing their tremendous dedication to the promotion of the game and to growing the next generation of players. In partnership with the Billiard Education Foundation, the BCA looks forward to providing an outstanding opportunity for our country's top junior players to finetune and showcase their talents alongside the world's premier players competing in the US Open Pool Championship."

Tickets for the 2020 US Open Pool Championship are available now at www.matchroompool.com. Follow the US Open Pool Championship on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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

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With the US Open 9-Ball Championship taking place on April 13th, the WPA is once again holding their WPA Player's Championship at Griff's in Las Vegas on April 7th - 11th.

Anyone looking to play in this \$53,000 added event that isn't already registered, has one last avenue to get into the big event. While the 48 WPA Member spots are full, there are still sixteen qualifier spots available for players.

The qualifiers will be April 7th and 8th, with the top eight players on each day earning their paid spot in the main event. Both qualifiers are races to five with alternating break. Entry is \$250 for both days of qualifiers, or just \$150 for one day.

As if paid entry into the Player's Championship wasn't enough enticement to play, the top finishing player from each day of the qualifiers will win paid entry to the US Open 9-Ball Championship, and another player of each day will win paid entry into the 2020 US International. If the player who wins the US Open spot is already registered, he will be awarded the free entry to the US International, and



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Brewlands Bar & Billiards
Lakeland, FL
Website: <http://www.tigerflorida-tour.com//>

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2020

03/07 - 03/07

Racks Billiards
Sanford, Florida
Website: <http://www.sunshines-tateproamtour.com/>

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2020 One Pocket Event

03/07 - 03/07

Racks Billiards
Sanford, Florida
Website: <http://www.sunshines-tateproamtour.com/>

JPNEWT Tour 2020 Stop #1

03/07 - 03/08

Triple 9 Bar & Billiards
Elkridge, MD
Website: <http://www.jpnewt.com/>

2020 Diamond Las Vegas Open

03/11 - 03/14

Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, NV

WPA World 10-Ball Championship 2020

03/16 - 03/20

Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, NV

Kevin Ketz 9-Ball Open

03/21 - 03/22

Trick Shot Billiards
Clifton Park, NY
Website: <http://www.joss9ball-tour.com/>

World Pool Masters 2020

03/26 - 03/29

Europe Sports Complex,
Gibraltar
Website: <http://www.matchroom-pool.com/page/WorldPoolMasters/Home>

NWPA Tour 2020 Stop 2

03/28 - 03/29

The Cue Ball
Salem, OR
Website: <http://nwpatour.wordpress.com/>

2020 Action Pool Tour Bar Box Bash

03/28 - 03/29

Peninsula Billiards
Newport News, Virginia
Website: <http://www.action-pooltour.com>

2020 Mezz Bucharest Open

04/03 - 04/05

Club IDM,
Bucharest

Joss Tour 2019-2020 Stop 11

04/04 - 04/05

Utica Billiards On The Boulevard
Utica, New York
Website: <http://www.joss9ball-tour.com/>

Maryland State 9-Ball Bar Table Championship 2020

04/04 - 04/05

Brews & Cues
Glen Burnie, Maryland

Upcoming Tournaments

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

FEBRUARY - MARCH

JPNEWT Tour 2020 Stop #2

04/04 - 04/05

Markley Billiards
Norristown, PA
Website: <http://www.jpnewt.com/>

2020 WPA Players Championship

04/07 - 04/11

Griff's
Las Vegas, Nevada

14th Bob Stocks Memorial 9-Ball

04/11 - 04/12

First Break Cafe
Sterling, VA
Website: <http://www.action-pooltour.com>

U.S. Open 9-Ball Championship

04/13 - 04/18

Mandalay Bay
Las Vegas, NV
Website: <http://www.usopen-9ballchampionships.com/>

Super Billiards Expo 2020 Women 9-Ball Pro Players Championship

04/16 - 04/19

Greater Philadelphia Expo Center
at Oaks
Oaks, PA
Website: <http://www.superbilliardsexpo.com/>

US Open Junior Pool Championship

04/16 - 04/18

Mandalay Bay
Las Vegas, NV

Joss Tour 2019-2020 Stop 12

04/25 - 04/26

Brickhouse Billiards
N. Syracuse, New York
Website: <http://www.joss9ball-tour.com/>

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2020

04/25 - 04/26

Brewlands Bar & Billiards
Tampa, Florida
Website: <http://www.sunshinestateproamtour.com/>



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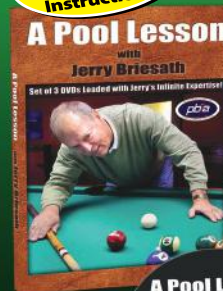
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Tourney Results

01/24 - 02/01

Derby City Classic 2020 Bigfoot 10-Ball Challenge

Horseshoe Southern Indiana

Elizabeth, IN

- 1 Jayson Shaw \$16,000
- 2 Lee Vann Corteza \$8,000
- 3 Alex Pagulayan \$4,000
- 3 Francisco Bustamante \$4,000

01/24 - 02/01

Derby City Classic 2020 Master of the Table

Horseshoe Southern Indiana

Elizabeth, IN

- 1 Dennis Orcollo \$20,000
- 2 Billy Thorpe \$3,000
- 3 Joshua Filler \$2,000

01/24 - 02/01

Derby City Classic 2020 Bank Pool Ring Game

Horseshoe Southern Indiana

Elizabeth, IN

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

01/24 - 02/01

Derby City Classic 2020 9-Ball Banks Division

Horseshoe Southern Indiana

Elizabeth, IN

- 1 Dennis Orcollo \$16,000
- 2 Evan Lunda \$8,000
- 3 Billy Thorpe \$5,350
- 4 Omar Al Shaheen \$3,850
- 4 John Brumback \$3,850
- 4 Alex Pagulayan \$3,850
- 7 Shane Van Boening \$2,600
- 7 Joshua Filler \$2,600
- 7 Corey Deuel \$2,600
- 10 Francisco Bustamante \$1,600
- 10 Lee Vann Corteza \$1,600
- 10 Jonathan Pinegar \$1,600
- 10 Jayson Shaw \$1,600
- 14 Ryan Stone \$1,000

- 14 Chris Robinson \$1,000
- 14 Josh Roberts \$1,000
- 14 Larry Nevel \$1,000
- 14 Warren Kiamco \$1,000
- 14 Konrad Juszczyszyn \$1,000
- 14 Tim De Ruyter \$1,000
- 21 Anthony Meglino \$600
- 21 Shannon Murphy \$600
- 21 Josh O'Neal \$600
- 21 Efren Reyes \$600
- 21 Ike Runnels \$600
- 21 Skyler Woodward \$600
- 21 Shane McMinn \$600
- 21 Mike Leek \$600
- 21 Mark Jarvis \$600
- 21 Earl Age \$600
- 21 Justin Bergman \$600
- 21 Joe Dupuis \$600
- 21 James Flood \$600
- 21 Scott Frost \$600
- 21 Mika Immonen \$600
- 36 Billy Young \$400
- 36 Marc Vidal Claramunt \$400
- 36 Dave Siltz \$400
- 36 Robb Saez \$400
- 36 Glen Rogers \$400
- 36 Tim Orange \$400
- 36 Jason Miller \$400
- 36 Dee Adkins \$400
- 36 James Aranas \$400
- 36 Blaine Barcus \$400
- 36 Tony Chohan \$400
- 36 John Gabriel \$400
- 48 David Hunt \$300
- 48 Neil Jacobs \$300
- 48 Thomas Kirsch \$300
- 48 Chris Melling \$300
- 48 Larry Miller \$300
- 48 John Morra \$300
- 48 Andrew Poste \$300
- 48 Alvin Randall \$300
- 48 Gary Ranson \$300
- 48 Kirill Rutman \$300
- 48 Marco Teutscher \$300
- 48 Mike Hughes \$300
- 48 Ryan Hollingsworth \$300
- 48 Robert Frost \$300
- 48 Bader Al Awadi \$300

- 48 Paul Age \$300
- 48 Michael Almodovar \$300
- 48 Abdullah Al Shammari \$300
- 48 Clay Carman \$300
- 48 Wayne Catledge \$300
- 48 Dave Ciancanelli \$300
- 48 Matt Clark \$300
- 48 Reggie Cutler \$300
- 48 Maksim Dudanets \$300
- 48 Mieszko Fortunski \$300
- 73 J. Rother \$250
- 73 Richie Richeson \$250
- 73 Steve Parsons \$250
- 73 Danny Olson \$250
- 73 Daniel Moran \$250
- 73 Jeremy Melber \$250
- 73 Mike Medley \$250
- 73 Randall Rump \$250
- 73 Mark Slye Jr. \$250
- 73 Jeremy Slye \$250
- 73 Paul Smith \$250
- 73 David Strawn \$250
- 73 Tyler Styer \$250
- 73 Tyler Thornton \$250
- 73 Justin Wethington \$250
- 73 Shaun Wilkie \$250
- 73 Jalal Yousef \$250
- 73 Chris McDaniel \$250
- 73 David Matlock \$250
- 73 Josh Lewis \$250
- 73 Joshua Burbul \$250
- 73 Jerry Calderon \$250
- 73 Jason Casey \$250
- 73 Gary Collins \$250
- 73 Chris Cruz \$250
- 73 Louis Demarco \$250
- 73 Mike Dunklin \$250
- 73 Chad Fairchild \$250
- 73 Roberto Gomez \$250
- 73 Joey Gray \$250
- 73 David Grossman \$250
- 73 Justin Hall \$250
- 73 Ed Hobbs \$250
- 73 Mark Hosler \$250
- 73 Jeremy Jones \$250
- 73 Matt Kosmatka \$250
- 73 Dave Adams \$250

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Derby City Classic 2020 One Pocket Division

Horseshoe Southern Indiana

Elizabeth, IN

1 Billy Thorpe \$16,000
2 Justin Hall \$8,000
3 Roberto Gomez \$6,400
4 Chris Melling \$4,800
5 Robert Frost \$3,400
6 Jayson Shaw \$2,200
6 Joshua Filler \$2,200
6 Justin Bergman \$2,200
6 Jesus Atencio \$2,200
10 Skyler Woodward \$1,250
10 Alex Pagulayan \$1,250
10 Chip Compton \$1,250
10 Tony Chohan \$1,250
10 Francisco Bustamante \$1,250
10 Omar Al Shaheen \$1,250
16 James Aranas \$700
16 Gary Abood \$700
16 Dennis Orcollo \$700
16 Josh O'Neal \$700
16 Alex Olinger \$700
16 Corey Deuel \$700
16 John Morra \$700
16 Joey Gray \$700
16 Jeffrey De Luna \$700
25 Richie Richeson \$400
25 Josh Roberts \$400
25 Glen Rogers \$400
25 Tyler Styer \$400
25 Tommy Tokoph \$400
25 Shane Van Boening \$400
25 Adam Wheeler \$400
25 Shannon Murphy \$400
25 David Matlock \$400
25 Evan Lunda \$400
25 Lee Vann Corteza \$400
25 Blaine Barcus \$400
25 Tim De Ruyter \$400
25 Demitrios Jelatis \$400
25 John Gabriel \$400
25 Mark Jarvis \$400
25 Jeremy Jones \$400
42 Jonathan Pinegar \$300
42 Efren Reyes \$300
42 Chris Robinson \$300
42 Can Salim \$300
42 Jeremy Seaman \$300
42 Danny Smith \$300
42 Ronald Solgot \$300
42 Johnny Willis \$300

42 Tom Zippler \$300
42 Bernie Pettipiece \$300
42 Jason Miller \$300
42 Bobby Clinton \$300
42 Justin Cone \$300
42 Lou Figueroa \$300
42 Brent Jackson \$300
42 Warren Kiamco \$300
42 Miguel Laboy \$300
42 Josh Lewis \$300
42 Dan Louie \$300
42 Shane McMinn \$300
62 Nathan Rose \$250
62 John Schulte \$250
62 Phillips Yee \$250
62 Clay Carman \$250
62 Konrad Juszczyszyn \$250
62 David Brengle \$250
62 David Krenzel \$250
62 Michael Delawder \$250
62 J. Rother \$250
62 Cody Morgan \$250
62 John Lankswert \$250
62 David Grossman \$250
62 Jeremy Brown \$250
62 Julie Cone \$250
62 Joe Dupuis \$250
62 Paul Squatrino \$250
62 Raed Shabib \$250
62 Frankie Ruiz \$250
62 David Strawn \$250
62 Peter Lau \$250
62 Mikael Hinton \$250
62 Max Eberle \$250
62 Randy Hanson \$250

01/24 - 02/01

Derby City Classic 2020 9-Ball Division

Horseshoe Southern Indiana

Elizabeth, IN

1 Lee Vann Corteza \$16,000
2 Joshua Filler \$8,000
3 James Aranas \$4,850
3 Dennis Orcollo \$4,850
5 Justin Bergman \$2,900
5 Can Salim \$2,900
5 Shane Van Boening \$2,900
8 Jonathan Pinegar \$1,900
8 Konrad Juszczyszyn \$1,900
8 John Gabriel \$1,900
11 Naoyuki Oi \$1,100
11 Stephen Holem \$1,100
11 Chris Melling \$1,100

11 Mieszko Fortunski \$1,100
11 Francisco Bustamante \$1,100
11 Omar Al Shaheen \$1,100
11 Tyler Styer \$1,100
11 Jayson Shaw \$1,100
11 Josh Roberts \$1,100
20 Josh O'Neal \$700
20 Michael Yednak \$700
20 Evan Lunda \$700
20 Warren Kiamco \$700
20 Demitrios Jelatis \$700
20 Marco Teutscher \$700
20 Chuck Sampson \$700
20 Mika Immonen \$700
20 Nicholas Hickerson \$700
29 Corey Morpew \$400
29 John Morra \$400
29 Ike Runnels \$400
29 Danny Smith \$400
29 Marc Vidal Claramunt \$400
29 Roger Wall \$400
29 Jalal Yousef \$400
29 John Moody \$400
29 Anthony Meglino \$400
29 Greg McAndrews \$400
29 Ruben Bautista \$400
29 Bader Al Awadi \$400
29 Blaine Barcus \$400
29 Jeffrey De Luna \$400
29 Maksim Dudanets \$400
29 Darren Everett \$400
29 Ed Hancock \$400
46 Josh Ringo \$300
46 Marty Sawinski \$300
46 Billy Thorpe \$300
46 Louis Demarco \$300
46 Elvis Rodriguez \$300
46 Jennifer Barretta \$300
46 Michael Thompson \$300
46 Joe Korsiak \$300
46 Kenny Tran \$300
46 Kristina Tkach \$300
46 Shannon Murphy \$300
46 David Matlock \$300
46 Deo Alpojara \$300
46 Jesus Atencio \$300
46 Dominic Brikho \$300
46 Jeremy Brown \$300
46 David Hunt \$300
46 Corey Deuel \$300
46 Derek Leonard \$300
46 Dee Adkins \$300
46 Miguel Laboy \$300
46 Justin Lazzaro \$300

68 Robb Saez \$250
68 Frank Ruby \$250
68 Efren Reyes \$250
68 Jack Pritt \$250
68 Danny Olson \$250
68 Alex Olinger \$250
68 Shane McMinn \$250
68 Rick Scarlato \$250
68 Raed Shabib \$250
68 Scott Simonetti \$250
68 David Steinhoff \$250
68 Tommy Tokoph \$250
68 Marty Turpin \$250
68 Rahul Vithani \$250
68 Walker Walker \$250
68 Adam Wheeler \$250
68 Adam Martin \$250
68 Andrew Mackey \$250
68 Tony Chohan \$250
68 Nick Christopher \$250
68 Chris Cruz \$250
68 Jonathon Demet \$250
68 Max Eberle \$250
68 Chad Elston \$250
68 Chris Esker \$250
68 Matt Gillingham \$250
68 Roberto Gomez \$250
68 Rob Hart \$250
68 Neil Jacobs \$250
68 Jeremy Jones \$250
68 Thomas Kirsch \$250
68 Derek Kirunchyk \$250
68 Dan Louie \$250
68 Abdullah Al Shammari \$250

01/24 - 02/01

Derby City Classic 2020 9-Ball Banks Mini

Horseshoe Southern Indiana

Elizabeth, IN
1 David Krenzle \$800
2 Peter Lau \$400
3 Michael Almodovar \$250
3 Ryan Hollingsworth \$250
5 Stacy Coffey \$125
5 Nija Conley \$125
5 Jason Jones \$125
5 Anthony Meglino \$125
9 Jared Aleman \$50
9 Earl Age \$50
9 Archie Hinton \$50
9 Rick Beams \$50
9 Jason Casey \$50
9 Ben Ginter \$50

9 Matt McCall \$50
9 Gary Norton \$50

01/24 - 02/01

Derby City Classic 2020 One Pocket Mini

Horseshoe Southern Indiana

Elizabeth, IN
1 David Grossman \$800
2 Jeremy Jones \$400
3 Adam Wheeler \$200
3 David Krenzle \$200
5 Marc Vidal Claramunt \$50
5 Gary Collins \$50
5 J. Rother \$50
5 Michael Dietchman \$50

01/24 - 02/01

Derby City Classic 2020 9-Ball Mini

Horseshoe Southern Indiana

Elizabeth, IN
1 Ruben Bautista \$800
2 Dan Louie \$400
3 Pedro Botta \$250
3 Louis Demarco \$250
5 Adam Wheeler \$125
5 Nicholas Hickerson \$125
5 Brett Snowden \$125
5 Brian James \$125
9 Marc Vidal Claramunt \$50
9 Nicholas Hickerson \$50
9 Chad Fairchild \$50
9 Billy Dyke \$50
9 Elvis Rodriguez \$50
9 Neal Wright \$50
9 Mark Fisher \$50
9 Neal Vichiensaen \$50

02/01 - 02/02

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2020 Stop #1

Stroker's Billiards

Palm Harbor, FL
1 Obbie Cirilo \$1,000
2 Jason Richko \$700
3 Nick Applebee \$500
4 Justin McNulty \$375
5 Nicolle Cuellar \$260
5 Bobby Garza \$260
7 Marvin Llamas \$190
7 Trenton White \$190
9 Mitchell Keiser \$130
9 Dave Stem \$130
9 Brian Luke \$130

9 Raymond Linares \$130
13 Sonya Chbeeb \$100
13 Randall McLuckie \$100
13 Joselito Martinez \$100
13 Kraig Ray \$100

02/01 - 02/02

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Gate City Billiards Club

Greensboro, NC
1 Norris Brady \$900
2 Josh Heeter \$600
3 Clay Davis \$380
4 Brandon Butts \$250
5 Stevie McClinton \$150
5 Chuck Ritchie \$150
7 Zac Leonard \$100
7 Jeff Abernathy \$100

02/01 - 02/01

Tri State Tour 2019-2020 Stop

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY
1 Matt Klein \$800
2 Ryan Dayrit \$560
3 Shivam Gupta \$340
4 Russell Masciotti \$225
5 Emit Yolcu \$140
5 Dementhriss Hudson \$140
7 Debra Pritchett \$100
7 Joe Mazzeo \$100
9 Max Watanabe \$80
9 Bianca Martinez \$80
9 Kevin Shin \$80
9 Thomas Schreiber \$80

02/07 - 02/09

Cajun Coast 9-Ball Open

Pool Do's Sports Bar

Morgan City, Louisiana
1 Johnny Archer \$3,200
2 Shane McMinn \$1,720
3 James Aranas \$1,030
4 Sergio Rivas \$740
5 Can Salim \$490
5 Josh Roberts \$490
7 Jason Lafluer \$265
7 Warren Kiamco \$265

02/07 - 02/10

5th Mezz Cue - Stella Artois Open

Ostende

Ostende,

1 Eklent Kaci \$3,252
2 Denis Grabe \$2,168
3 Niels Feijen \$1,355
3 Konrad Juszczyszyn \$1,355
5 Miesko Fortunski \$677
5 Jayson Shaw \$677
5 Fedor Gorst \$677
5 Maximilian Lechner \$677
9 Ronald Regli \$352
9 Wiktor Zielinski \$352
9 Francesco Candela \$352
9 Albin Ouschan \$352
9 Sanjin Pehlivanovic \$352
9 Ruslan Chinakhov \$352
9 Alex Montpellier \$352
9 Mario He \$352
17 Daniel Maciol \$216
17 Oliver Szolnoki \$216
17 Mickey Krause \$216
17 David Alcaide \$216
17 Moritz Lauwereyns \$216
17 Cliff Castelein \$216
17 Dimitris Loukatos \$216
17 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$216
25 David Vanhauwer \$162
25 Adam Lewis \$162
25 Jakub Koniar \$162
25 Wojciech Szewczyk \$162
25 Davy de Lee \$162
25 Rene Peeters \$162
25 Hao Nguyen \$162
25 Alexandros Kazakis \$162
33 Rattapol Sassmann \$108
33 Kacper Kielmans \$108
33 Elliot Sanderson \$108
33 Fran Palacios \$108
33 Wojciech Sroczyński \$108
33 Birtan Canoz \$108
33 Piotr Haraszczuk \$108
33 Aris Cakiris \$108
33 Chris Melling \$108
33 Nick Dierckx \$108
33 Ivar Saris \$108
33 Lynn Pijpers \$108
33 Cyriel Ledoux \$108
33 Frank Waerlop \$108
33 Tim De Ruyter \$108
33 Erwin Artels \$108

02/08 - 02/09

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2020 Amateur Stop #2

Steinway Billiards
Astoria, NY

1 Sherwin Robinson \$1,500
2 Eric Toledo \$1,000
3 Nick Croce \$750
4 Ron Bernardo \$500
5 Pascal Dufresne \$300
5 Ray Feliciano \$300
7 Kanami Chau \$220
7 Duc Lam \$220
9 Katie Baker \$150
9 Arturo Reyes \$150
9 Erick Carrasco \$150
9 Demain Patrick \$150
13 Jason Goberdhan \$120
13 Juan Melendez \$120
13 Suzzie Wong \$120
13 Lidio Ramirez \$120

02/08 - 02/09

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

The Clubhouse

Lynchburg, Virginia
1 Billy Walker \$850
2 BJ Ussery \$600
3 Jordyn Worley \$400
4 Zachary Hampton \$260
5 Billie Spadafora \$150
5 Janet Atwell \$150
7 Collin Hall \$100
7 Dylan Carr \$100

02/08 - 02/09

Maryland State 8-Ball Bar Table Championship 2020

Brews & Cues

Glen Burnie, Maryland
1 Shaun Wilkie \$1,400
2 Rick Molineiro \$830
3 Kristina Tkach \$600
4 Eddie Abraham \$500
5 Steve Fleming \$300
5 Tom D'Alfonso \$300
7 Roger Haldar \$225
7 Shane Wolford \$225
9 Del Sim \$175
9 Eric Moore \$175
9 Dominic Noe \$175
9 Tom Zippler \$175
13 Eric Lyons \$125
13 Brandon Sluzalis \$125
13 Melvin Garcia \$125
13 Matt Kraus \$125
17 Daniel Jarquin \$90
17 Scott Haas \$90

17 Tommy Baldwin \$90
17 Tim Tanana \$90
17 Matt Suite \$90
17 Rick Scarlato \$90
17 Grai Rasmehchai \$90
17 Rob Metz \$90

02/09 - 02/09

Tri State Tour 2019-2020 Stop

Shooter's Family Billiards

Wayne, NJ
1 Ed Wooley \$510
2 Brandonne Alli \$340
3 Adrian Daniel \$210
4 Qian Y Chen \$125
5 Michael Graf \$80
5 Joe Mazzeo \$80
7 Artur Trzeciak \$60
7 Shweta Zaveri \$60

02/12 - 02/17

6th Texas 10-Ball Ladies Championship

Skinny Bob's Billiards

Round Rock, Texas
1 Jennifer Kraber \$800
2 Courtney Peters \$500
3 Michelle Yim \$330
4 Kim Sanders \$220
5 Ming Ng \$175
5 Nicole McDaniel \$175

02/12 - 02/17

6th Texas Open 10-Ball Championship

Skinny Bob's Billiards

Round Rock, Texas
1 Dennis Orcollo \$4,000
2 Warren Kiamco \$2,400
3 Francisco Bustamante \$1,300
4 James Ray Davis \$900
5 Roberto Gomez \$610
5 Naoyuki Oi \$610
7 Junior Jueco \$420
7 Josh Roberts \$420
9 Can Salim \$300
9 Sergio Rivas \$300
9 Jeffrey De Luna \$300
9 Skyler Woodward \$300
13 James Aranas \$210
13 Brian Sanders \$210
13 Kevin Guimond \$210
13 Rudy Sanches \$210

17 Billy Dyke \$175
17 Justin Espinosa \$175
17 Jonathon Demet \$175
17 Sajal Ghimire \$175
17 Justin Hall \$175
17 Manny Chau \$175
17 Jesus Atencio \$175
17 Daniel Schneider \$175

02/13 - 02/16

2020 NAPT Division II Championship

Bullshooters

Phoenix, AZ

1 Stephanie Hefner \$1,400
2 Bonnie Og \$1,100
3 Gigi Callejas \$800
4 Suzanne Smith \$700
5 Susan Williams \$525
5 Bernie Store \$525
7 Marion Poole \$425
7 Michelle Hughes \$425
9 Ricki Lee Casper \$325
9 Jaye Succo \$325
9 Teresa Garland \$325
9 Nathalie Jacob \$325
13 Tam Trinh \$250
13 Leandrea Gaff \$250
13 Gail Roles \$250
13 Justine Bishop \$250
17 Yvonne Asher \$150
17 Marilina Nieves \$150
17 Khanh Ngo \$150
17 Olga Azarova \$150
17 Nathalie Chabot \$150
17 Judie Wilson \$150
17 Sophia Morquecho \$150
17 Kelly Nickl \$150

02/15 - 02/16

Va State 10-Ball Championship 2020

Diamond Billiards

Midlothian, VA

1 BJ Ussery \$2,000
2 Reymart Lim \$1,300
3 Shane Wolford \$800
4 Scott Roberts \$550
5 Mike Davis \$400
5 Eric Moore \$400
7 Justin Martin \$300
7 Nathan Childress \$300
9 Kelly Farrar \$225

9 Graham Swinson \$225
9 Greg Sabins \$225
9 JT Ringgold \$225
13 Larry Kressel \$175
13 Chris Bruner \$175
13 David Hunt \$175
13 Mark Nanashee \$175

02/15 - 02/16

Va State 10-Ball Championship 2020 LADIES

Diamond Billiards

Midlothian, VA

1 Liz Taylor \$900
2 Janet Atwell \$500
3 Deeqa Nur \$250
4 Lisa Cossette \$150

02/15 - 02/16

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2020 Amateur Stop #3

Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar & Grill

West Hempstead, NY

1 Euryel Castillo \$1,500
2 Miguel Laboy \$1,000
3 Michael Callaghan \$700
4 George Poltorak \$500
5 Ilija Trajceski \$300
5 Monika Callaghan \$300
7 Mikhail Kim \$220
7 Troy Deocharran \$220
9 John Francisco \$150
9 Jaydev Zaveri \$150
9 Ada Lio \$150
9 Katie Baker \$150
13 Debby Buyukveniz \$110
13 Brandonne Alli \$110
13 Duc Lam \$110
13 Jason Carandang \$110

02/15 - 02/16

New England 9-Ball Tour 2019-2020 Stop #13

Straight Shooters Family Billiards

Fall River, MA

1 Joe Dupuis \$750
2 Suad Kantaravic \$550
3 Bill O'Mara \$400
4 Scott Reynolds \$250
5 Henry Leighton \$150
5 Paul Soucy \$150

7 Paul Laverdiere \$110
7 Andrew DeChristopher \$110

02/16 - 02/16

Tri State Tour 2019-2020 Stop

CueBar Billiards

Bayside, NY

1 Max Watanabe \$705
2 Bianca Martinez \$460
3 Julien Tierney \$285
4 Qian Y Chen \$175
5 Jason Goberdhan \$115
5 Kevin Shin \$115
7 Shweta Zaveri \$80
7 Sherwin Robinson \$80

02/20 - 02/22

2020 Dynamic Billard Treviso Open

Best Western Premier BHR Treviso Hotel

Treviso,

1 Jayson Shaw \$5,039
2 Eklent Kaci \$3,359
3 Fedor Gorst \$1,959
3 Mateusz Sniegocki \$1,959
5 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$1,399
5 Maximilian Lechner \$1,399
5 Mickey Krause \$1,399
5 Tomasz Kaplan \$1,399
9 Jani Uski \$1,119
9 Petri Makkonen \$1,119
9 Roman Hybler \$1,119
9 Mario He \$1,119
9 Karol Skowerski \$1,119
9 Mieszko Fortunski \$1,119
9 Tim De Ruyter \$1,119
9 Tobias Bongers \$1,119
17 Albin Ouschan \$671
17 Sanjin Pehlivanovic \$671
17 Fabio Petroni \$671
17 Ralf Souquet \$671
17 Wojciech Szewczyk \$671
17 Jere Virtaranta \$671
17 Wiktor Zielinski \$671
17 Nick Malai \$671
17 Sergey Lutsker \$671
17 David Alcaide \$671
17 Radoslaw Babica \$671
17 Pepijn De Wit \$671
17 Marco Dorenborg \$671
17 Marharyta Fefilava \$671
17 Joshua Filler \$671

17 Dimitris Loukatos \$671
33 Quinten Pongers \$307
33 Ronald Regli \$307
33 Fabio Rizzi \$307
33 Elliott Sanderson \$307
33 Jani Siekkinen \$307
33 Oliver Szolnoki \$307
33 Aleksa Pecelj \$307
33 Alexandros Kazakis \$307
33 Konrad Juszczyszyn \$307
33 Mark Gray \$307
33 Niels Feijen \$307
33 Nick Ekonomopoulos \$307
33 Jose Delgado \$307
33 Ruslan Chinakhov \$307
33 Attila Bezdán \$307
33 Gianmarco Tonini \$307

02/21 - 02/23

Andy Mercer Memorial 9-Ball Tournament 2020

Rum Runner

Las Vegas, NV

1 Vilmos Foldes \$5,000
2 Chad Vilmont \$2,500
3 Dennis Orcollo \$1,600
4 Warren Kiamco \$1,100
5 Edgie Geronimo \$850
5 Chris Robinson \$850
7 Tommy Baker \$600
7 Brian Parks \$600
9 Gary Lutman \$425
9 Mitch Ellerman \$425
9 Mark Jarvis \$425
9 Gary Onomura \$425
13 Don Branson \$300
13 Mike Hutcheson \$300
13 Lance Salazar \$300
13 Kings Santy \$300

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Northeast 9-Ball Open XXXII

Sharpshooters Billiards & Sports Pub

Amsterdam, NY

1 Qais Kolee \$1,150
2 Bucky Souvanthong \$800
3 Jeremy Sossei \$650
4 Sean Zeng \$500
5 Len Gianfrate \$350
5 Josh Thiele \$350
7 Mark Creamer \$250
7 Ron Casanzio \$250

9 Derek Forchilli \$150
9 Dwight Dixon \$150
9 Greg Antonakos \$150
9 Michael Toohig \$150

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NWPA Tour 2020 Stop 1

Legends Billiard Room

Beaverton, Oregon

1 Liz Cole \$760
2 Cindy Sliva \$540
3 Kira North \$360
4 Melissa Rushton \$220
5 Donna Kingsbury \$145
5 Robin Adams \$145
7 Deby Welfringer \$115
7 Shirley Morgan \$115
9 Mary Beth Johnson \$80
9 Claire Binci \$80
9 Celia Curry \$80
9 Joyce Robinson \$80
13 Alison Meacham \$65
13 April Garcia \$65
13 Rosemary Dunn \$65
13 Cindy Doty \$65

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Treviso,

1 Jasmin Ouschan \$1,679
2 Aleksandra Guleikova \$1,119
3 Vania Franco \$895
3 Ina Kaplan \$895
5 Dina Fatykhova \$671
5 Marharyta Fefilava \$671
5 Kristina Tkach \$671
5 Kristina Zlateva \$671

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Northeast 9-Ball Open XXXII Second Chance

Sharpshooters Billiards & Sports Pub

Amsterdam, NY

1 Geoff Montgomery \$320
2 Brian Tierney \$210
3 Willie Oney \$150
4 Jordan Turner \$100
5 Dawn Fox \$50
5 Jamie Garrett \$50

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Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Borderline Billiards

Bristol, TN

1 BJ Ussery \$900
2 Reid Vance \$625
3 Joe Edmisten \$450
4 Anthony Adams \$300
5 Anthony Mabe \$100
5 Hank Powell \$100
7 Jaiden Hess \$100
7 Brandon Helton \$100

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DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop #2

The Billiard Den

Richardson, TX

1 Brian Cady \$1,050
2 Louie Pacheco \$680
3 J.P. Kinman \$500
4 Jeff Georges \$425
5 Mike Sauer \$300
5 Joe Pelayo \$300
7 TJ Davis \$180
7 Brendan Fuller \$180
9 Jeremy Jones \$100
9 Robin Barbour \$100
9 Eric Smith \$100
9 Robbie Smith \$100
13 Douglas Pitts \$85
13 Brandon Sisemore \$85
13 Carl Bodeker \$85
13 Viet Nguyen \$85
17 Billy Guy \$70
17 Crispian Ng \$70
17 Juan Parra \$70
17 Paul Kirch \$70
17 Miguel Hernandez \$70
17 Ray Hinton \$70
17 Todd Hansell \$70
17 Misha Ivanenko \$70

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Tri State Tour 2019-2020 Stop

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

1 Eddie Perez \$580
2 Robert Calton \$370
3 Alex Green \$230
4 Patrick Meyers \$140
5 Terry Mohabir \$85
5 Luis Lopez \$85
7 Bob Toomey \$65
7 John Aquino \$65

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