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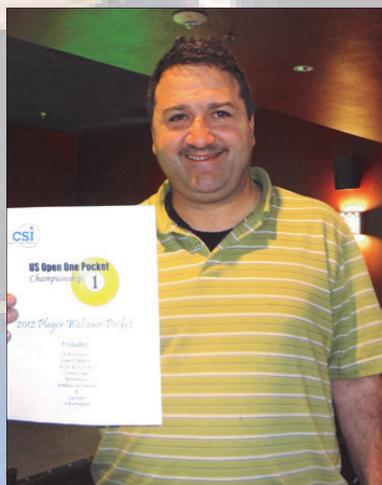
Check out the results of these recent events:



Rich Cunningham

claims the title of Top Gun against a strong field comprised of the "Best of the Best" in the APA Fall Session All Star Tournament.

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Mark Haddad

earns a qualifier to the US Open One Pocket Championships and two weeks later snaps off the 4 Bears 8-Ball Classic in North Dakota.

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Marc Vidal

dominates a field full of Denver's top players at the April Stay in Stroke Tournament held at Hank's Billiards. This tournament series is gaining a reputation of having the biggest fields and largest payouts around.

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Note from Editor: Due to an ongoing health issue, Tom will not be contributing new articles for awhile. For now, we will dip into his vast archives while he's on the mend. Please keep Tom in your thoughts and prayers.



October 2000

Each different pool game offers its own set of challenges to the player. A great one-pocket player for example employs tactical moves that would be inappropriate in other games. As we play each game inside the unique framework of its challenges our knowledge and skills grow while our performance improves. When we fail to recognize what the game asks from us we end up merely shooting at balls and find ourselves on a flat learning curve that leads nowhere.

When I observe beginning and intermediate players at the table for some games I see them responding to the challenges and playing in the same manner as the best players, simply not as well. The one game where this seems not to be the case is eight ball. Though I am not sure why, most players, some of them very good, fail to play eight ball in the context of what the game requires. If we can uncover the

essential challenge of eight ball then we can, with some practice, improve our performance and begin driving on the same road as the professionals.

The most obvious difference between eight

ball and other pool games is that it is the only game where some of the balls on the table are never available to the shooter. With a full rack the player shooting has fewer than half the balls on the table available to him, slightly less than 47%. Each ball pocketed reduces this percentage or increases the odds against the shooter until he gets to the last ball of the group, which comprises 11% of the balls on the table. Note that the odds against the shooter are worst when one ball remains of his designated flavor. If he pockets that ball and gets to eight while his opponent still has all of his balls remaining he now shoots at 12.5% of the balls on the table. If one thinks of the unavailable balls as the enemy, the shooter is always outnumbered and things get worse with every successful shot. In other pool games every ball pocketed decreases the traffic and opens up the table for the shooter. The mounting disadvantage to the shooter in eight ball becomes the opponent's advantage if he gets to the table. When you miss the eight your opponent gets a table with 87.5% of the balls at his disposal. This was not intended to be a math lesson but we must acknowledge the numbers'

relevance and consider how unlikely it is to win a game merely shooting a shot and hoping for another.

Good players lose eight-ball games mainly because of their refusal to believe that pocketing balls can hurt them. The fact is that once you start pocketing balls you must do one of two things, run out or play a good safety. That safety incidentally becomes more difficult as you move through the rack because you will have to hide more of your opponent's balls behind fewer of your own. We cannot discuss fully the many complexities and tactics of winning eight ball because of limited space so we shall focus on one aspect, running out.

Many players possess the skill to run eight balls but fail to convert the opportunities when they arise. The challenge of eight ball is not running eight balls but running eight balls that are laid out among a growing army of obstacles. The answer is simple though perhaps not easy. You must have a plan. Every time you come to the table in a game of eight ball you must make a complete plan for the order of shots in your run out. If you see a ball that needs to be moved before it can be pocketed, plan to that breakout and make a new plan from there. Often you will not see a simple plan; you must make one regardless. Map out eight shots from beginning to end and evaluate the plan after each shot to determine whether you are following it or need to change it.

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2012 ACS Nationals - May 5 - 12, 2012

Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV (On-Time Entries to be postmarked by March 26, 2012 - Late Entries to be postmarked by April 9, 2012)
For more information, including entry fees, go online at www.americancuesports.org or check with your ACS League Operator

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<u>May 1</u>	<u>May 2</u>	<u>May 3</u>	<u>May 4</u> ♦ 9-Ball Singles & 8-Ball Scotch Doubles check-in begins at 6:00 pm	<u>May 5</u> ♦ 9-Ball Singles begins at 9:00 am ♦ 8-Ball Scotch Doubles begins at 6:00 pm
<u>May 6</u> ♦ 9-Ball Singles concludes ♦ 8-Ball Scotch Doubles concludes ♦ All 8-Ball Singles check-in begins at Noon	<u>May 7</u> ♦ All 8-Ball Singles play starts at 9:00 am ♦ All 8 and 9-Ball teams check-in begins at Noon	<u>May 8</u> ♦ All 8-Ball Singles play concludes ♦ All 8 and 9-Ball teams check-in starts at noon	<u>May 9</u> ♦ 9-Ball Teams play begins at 9:00 am ♦ Open and Standard 8-Ball Teams play begins at noon	<u>May 10</u> ♦ All team events play continues	<u>May 11</u> ♦ All team events play continues ♦ Sportsmen (2nd Chance) Teams check-in TBA and play to start TBD	<u>May 12</u> ♦ 9-Ball Teams, Open 8-Ball Teams, Standard 8-Ball Teams and Sportsmen Teams conclude with times TBD

2012 BCAPL National Championships - May 9 - 19, 2012

Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV (On-Time Entries to be postmarked by March 26, 2012 - Late Entries to be postmarked by April 9, 2012)
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>May 6</u>	<u>May 7</u>	<u>May 8</u>	<u>May 9</u> ♦ 9-Ball Challenge begins at 1:00 pm ♦ 9-Ball Singles begins at 9:00 am	<u>May 10</u> ♦ Open Scotch Doubles play begins at 7:00 pm ♦ 9-Ball Challenge and 9-Ball Singles conclude	<u>May 11</u> ♦ Master & Advanced Scotch Doubles play begins at Noon	<u>May 12</u> ♦ Grand Master Singles begins at noon ♦ Singles play begins at 9:00 am
<u>May 13</u> ♦ Singles, Grand Masters Singles and Scotch Doubles play continues	<u>May 14</u> ♦ Second Chance Singles play begins at 8:00 pm ♦ Singles and Scotch Doubles play continues ♦ Artistic Pool play continues	<u>May 15</u> ♦ Singles, Second Chance Singles and Scotch Doubles concludes ♦ Grand Master Singles concludes	<u>May 16</u> ♦ Open & Women's Teams play begins at 9:00 am ♦ Artistic Pool play continues	<u>May 17</u> ♦ Open Teams play continues ♦ Master Teams and Trophy Teams play begins at 9:00 am	<u>May 18</u> ♦ Open Teams, Master Teams and Trophy Teams play continues ♦ Second Chance Teams play begins at 6:00 pm ♦ Artistic Pool play concludes	<u>May 19</u> ♦ Open Teams, Master Teams, Trophy Teams and Second Chance Teams play concludes

2012 VNEA International Championships - May 24 - June 2, 2012

Bally's in Las Vegas, NV (Entries and fees are due to your VNEA League Operator by Tuesday, April 17th)
For more information, go online at www.vnea.com or check with your VNEA League Operator

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>May 20</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>May 23</u> *NOTE: Singles do NOT need to check in if your name is already on the brackets. Teams MUST check-in on the appropriate day.	<u>May 24</u> ♦ 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles check-in from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm ♦ Certified Instructor Seminar from 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm ♦ Mini-Tournaments begin at 3:00 pm	<u>May 25</u> ♦ Special 9-Ball Singles check-in from 8:00 am to 8:30 am ♦ 9-Ball Singles play begins at 9:00 am (includes Classics and Seniors) ♦ Special 8-Ball Singles check-in from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	<u>May 26</u> ♦ Special 8-Ball Singles check-in from 8:00 am to 8:30 am ♦ 8-Ball Singles play begins at 9:00 am (includes Classics and Seniors) ♦ Prize Money available from noon to 7:00 pm & Scotch Doubles sign-up ♦ Scotch Doubles begins at 9:00 am
<u>May 27</u> ♦ 8-Ball Singles play continues ♦ Certified Referee School at 2:00 pm ♦ Team check-in from 7:00 to 9:00 pm ♦ Masters Singles Finals (TBA) ♦ Scotch Doubles Finals (TBA) ♦ Mini-Tournaments (TBA)	<u>May 28</u> ♦ 8-Ball & 9-Ball Finals (TBA) ♦ Certified Referee School at 9:00 am ♦ Certified Instructor Re-certification Class from Noon to 4:00 pm ♦ Team check-in from Noon to 6:00 pm ♦ Mini-Tournaments begin at 9 am ♦ Prize Money available from 10:00 am to noon and 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm ♦ Suds & Chips Mixer at 7:30 pm (includes Awards Presentations, Parade of Flags, etc.)	<u>May 29</u> ♦ Team check-in from 7:30 to 8:30 am ♦ Team competition begins at 9:00 am (except Master Teams) ♦ Team Uniform Photos @ VNEA Booth from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm ♦ Prize Money available from Noon to 4:00 pm ♦ Mini-Tournaments (TBA)	<u>May 30</u> ♦ Certified Referee School at 8:00 am ♦ Team competition continues at 9:00 am ♦ Team Uniform Photos @ VNEA Booth from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm ♦ Master Team competition begins at 9 am ♦ Prize Money available from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm ♦ Sports Division competitions begin (TBA) ♦ Hall of Famers Party from 6:00 to 7:00 pm ♦ Mini-Tournaments (TBA)	<u>May 31</u> ♦ Team competition continues at 9:00 am ♦ Executive Committee Meeting at 9:00 am ♦ Speed Pool Minis from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm ♦ Prize Money available from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm ♦ President's Reception/Meritorious Service Awards at 8:00 pm ♦ Mini-Tournaments (TBA)	<u>June 1</u> ♦ Team competition continues at 9:00 am ♦ Prize Money available from 10:00 am to Noon, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm ♦ Hardluck competition begins at 10:00 am ♦ Artistic Pool Finals from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm ♦ Charter Holders Meeting from noon ♦ Charter Holder round table 2:00 pm ♦ Cues for Kids Giveaways at 7:00 pm at VNEA Booth ♦ Team Finals (TBA) ♦ Mini-Tournaments (TBA)	<u>June 2</u> ♦ Team competition continues at 9:00 am ♦ Prize Money available from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm ♦ Charter Holder Roundtable at 11:00 am ♦ Team Finals (TBA) ♦ Banquet Cocktail Hour from 6:00 to 7:00 pm ♦ Banquet at 7:00 pm ♦ Awards Presentation and Entertainment at 8:00 pm

Make your reservations in Las Vegas early. GOOD LUCK and HAVE FUN!!!

Haddad Tops Strong Field for One-Pocket Qualifier

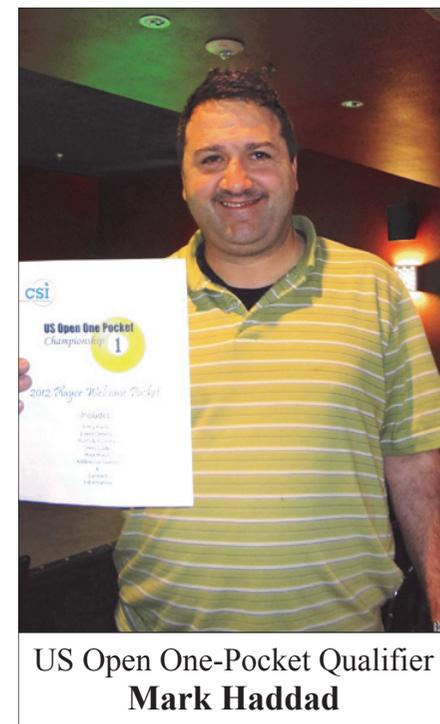
Photos & Story by Samm Diep, FeltBar.com

On April 7-8, Felt Billiards hosted the fourth event of its 2012 Felt Pool Tournament Series. This one-pocket event was a qualifier for the 13th Annual US Open One-Pocket Championships which will take place at the Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada on May 10-13, 2012. This event boasted a strong, intimate field of the top one-pocket players in town, including Tommy Tokoph from Albuquerque, New Mexico, who took a surprise early exit.

A special appearance was made by well-known and respected local player, Dave Gross from Fort Collins. This was his first return to competition in months and he hardly missed a beat, defeating Bill Skinner on the winner's side and finishing just out of the cash. Chuck Neilsen made his way to the semi finals with convincing wins over Marc Vidal and Ronnie Chavez before meeting up with Mark Haddad. Haddad continued his quest and went undefeated for the title and entry into the 2012 US Open One-Pocket Championships while Vidal, Neilsen, and Chavez settled for second, third, and fourth respectively.

With the absence of "ATM" Andrew Pettenger, the top finishes from Haddad, Vidal, and Neilsen have boosted them into the top four of the overall rankings for the tournament series. Details on upcoming events, along with a complete series schedule, player standings, and additional information can be found at feltbar.com/2012_series. Online brackets were made possible by AzBilliards.com.

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Another Day, Another Tournament *By OMG*

December 7th, 2010

There was a local women's tournament this weekend but I did not plan on going because I was 1). tired and 2). "local" in this case meant 136 miles. In my younger days, 136 miles would be nothing, but now the thought of getting up at 4:00 or 5:00 a.m. to bus it via city buses and then Greyhound and then more city buses — yeah. No.

After having settled down into the feathery thought of snoozing all weekend, I got The Call. A fellow friend and pool player made The Call. What separates The Call from a call is The Line delivered by aforementioned friend after some idle chit chat about the weekend's upcoming tournament. The Line is, "I'll go if you go."

Damn...

Sometime around 6:00 a.m. the next morning, I was bleary-eyed and riding shotgun, having been (very easily) bribed with the promise of pancakes and coffee before this week's Grand Expedition. I'd probably sell my soul for a donut (but only if it has icing AND sprinkles).

We made good time and arrived early enough to be stylish but not late enough to be fashionable.

Here is my trip through the brackets.

1.

In time-honored road-trip tradition, I drew my road partner and, more importantly, Person-With-A-Car-And-Valid-Driver's-License. We had a long-drawn out match (I believe we were second-to-last match to finish) but ultimately, I snuck away with the 7-6 win.

2.

I played a very nice local player in my second match and, somewhere along the way, the wheels fell off my bus. I lost 7-4.

* * * * *

My road partner was out and here I was, waiting waiting waiting for my loser's side match. We sat down on a bench. Through the occasionally opened doors, you could see that it was turning out to be a very beautiful day — all sunshine and bluebirds and maybe even a beer or two fluttering about — if you were not a pool player waiting for something. We sat there unspeaking, and I became comfortably numb. I said, "You know, we could go to the beach. There are really nice beaches out there. It's still early."

"Do you want to do that? I'm cool with that."

"Yeah. I'm so freaking tired. Be nice to take a break from pool for a bit, you know?"

"I know."

"Okay, then. Let me go wash my hands and then I'll forfeit."

"Okay."

I went to the restroom and when I returned, I noticed my road partner looked tense with contained excitement. She blurted out immediately upon seeing me, "You can't forfeit. You can't."

"Why not?"

"Do you know who you're playing?"

"No."

She broke into a smile and said, "You're playing 'The Red Angel'."

If you have not had the chance to meet this Sultana of Skullduggery (or would like to kill more time) you may read the whole enchilada on my blog at massiveunderstatement.com. Go to the "Greatest Hits" link and search for: The Mary Avina.

Forfeiting was out of the question.

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Another Day by OMG

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3.

I walked over to the table. She oozed arrogance the way bacon sweats grease. (Sorry, meat-lovers, there wasn't a better analogy.) She smirked at me and for a brief moment, I recalled all the put-downs and attitude she had slung around the internet and in person about women pool players, some of who were my close friends. Was she The Red Angel? I suppose so, because I saw red when I remembered all that bullshit she did in the name of pathetic self-promotion at the expense of others.

I glanced down at the carpet.

It is well-known that, unlike most players, I operate extremely well when I have reached a certain level of anger. Not the yelling, cussing, sarcastic anger you are all aware of, but the much rarer (and scarier) white-hot anger when I am on a mission from Hell. The red turned to white and when I looked up again, I did not see her at all.

She no longer existed as a person. She was the muddy puddle in the middle of the sidewalk. She was the last ten minutes at work on a

Friday. She was the angry ogre I had to outrun to get the best bargains at a Black Friday sale. Most of all, she was the last thing separating me from my dinner at the moment.

She was a minor inconvenience.

I nodded to indicate I was ready to begin. She won the lag and broke. She had an excellent break. The cue ball jumped off the table and three balls went in. I took ball in hand and missed the two-ball. With ball in hand. The rest of the balls were hanging in the pockets. She ran out.

Early in the match, I noticed whenever I was shooting either the seven-, eight-, or nine-ball in her direction, she would wave her cue back and forth or kick her legs. I remember looking up at this gorilla whose subtlety rivaled that of a herd of dancing hippopotamuses (hippopotami?), and feeling only mild amusement.

I bore down and played harder.

There was one particularly difficult long distance back-cut eight-ball I had to shoot and on this shot, she abandoned all vestiges of subtlety and swung her arms and cue like she wanted to land a plane or participate in a Richard Simmons Jazzercise session. She twirled back and forth on

the barstool. I glanced at the carpet. When I looked up again, the waving of her arms was nothing more than the mildewed straw ends of a sloppy scarecrow blowing limply in the wind. I drilled the eight-ball and made the nine.

I walked over to mark the score. I commented to no one in particular, "She's sharking the shit out of me." I looked up. The spectators nod-

ded. I caught the eye of Pooh Bear, who has known me for a long time. I looked at her and smiled. Pooh Bear's eyes widened with recognition at that smile. She knew what was coming.

I bore down and played harder.

As the match progressed, she tried a different tactic: she began to flirt with a photographer covering the event. She talked loudly about herself, hee-hawed loudly with donkey-laughter, and tried to act like she didn't care about the match. She didn't care? That was fine with me.

I bore down.

I played harder.

It ended at 7-1 and, by the accounts of those watching, after that first ball-in-hand miss, I played near-flawless pool. Most surprisingly, I had said nothing more than the phrases "thank you" and "push" throughout the duration of the match. I did not shake her hand after the match. 1). I don't like her, and 2). I did not want to catch anything from her.

You know what I mean.

I am happy to say that I have now notched a win against The Pool Player With The Most Friends On Facebook. Hoo-Ray. I can only dream of aspiring to the greatness my opponent has so effortlessly achieved in the realm of Total Bullshit. Unfortunately, I am fully aware it takes rare asshattery and PhotoChopped looks to attain so many friends on Facebook.

I have neither the asshattery nor the Chops.

I'll settle for bearing down and playing harder.

4.

If I won this match, I would return for the second day. I had to wait a long time for this match, and furthermore, my road partner had headed home. There was no turning back now, I had to win. If I was going to Greyhound it home, I'd better make it worth it.

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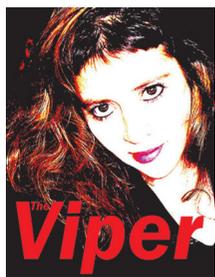
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Loveland, CO**
How does the intimidation factor affect players and what can I do to overcome it?

More Facebook Questions to "The Viper"

This month's feature reflects some more pool-related questions asked by my Facebook friends.

Mark Chernin/Topeka, KS

How many balls have to hit a rail on the break playing one-pocket?

Viper: After contact, only one ball has to hit a rail, which includes either an object ball or the cue ball.

Adam Pfeifer/Manhattan, KS

What kind of an aiming system do you use?

Viper: When I was younger I used the light system; the light system is looking at the reflection of the table lights on the object balls. When cutting a ball into a pocket you would draw a imaginary line from the right side of the reflective light on the cue ball to the left side of the reflective light on the object ball and shoot into that imaginary line to pocket the ball.

But as I got older, I started working on my pre-shot routine and approach to each shot. So, my routine is to look at the ball to the pocket, then the cue ball to the object ball, and then walk into each shot. As far as my current system, I use more of the mirror image system. But, I suggest that each of you Google "Aiming systems for pool" and find one that best suits your game and way of thinking.

June Smith/Littleton, CO

What drills do you find most effective?

Viper: June, I think ANY drill is good for your pool game. Personally I like to play the ghost or 15-Rack which is basically the format of my local 10-ball league. For more on how to play visit www.15rack.com. But if you want just plain old drills visit a cool site here: www.ozonebilliards.com/drillsgt.html developed by Dominic Esposito and hosted by Ozone Billiards.

Viper: When others intimidate players, usually the victim's body goes into fight or flight responses. Their blood pressure rises, the mind is scattered, and/or their brain freezes. And most of the time their emotions cloud their thinking as well as their motor skills.

I was taught to practice as if you were participating in the world championships ALL of the time. So when it becomes show time, you will be ready for any kind of pressure. Now, if a player tried to intimidate me at the table then I try and go back to the basics of the game and really focus on my pre-shot routine. Believe me it's a work in progress for me and the other pros! Remember, that it's okay to be nervous... and all that means is that you're alive and ready to compete.

Travis Rohrich/West Fargo, ND

How do I know if the tip I use is right for me and how I shoot?

Viper: Travis, it really is trial and error but I suggest you ask your local pro what they use. There are sooo many good tips out there I could not even try and suggest them all. But I can tell you that I LOVE using a layered tip called the "Sniper" made by Tiger Products based out of California. Why? Because this particular tip does not allow for me to miscue, it lasts longer then a normal non-layered tip, and I feel like I get more action off of it.

If you have any pool related questions for the Viper please feel free to email them to Melissa@melissalittle.com or join her FaceBook page at www.facebook.com/wpbaviper

Till next month,

Viper ☺

Melissa "The Viper" Little has been a WPBA Touring Professional for over 10-years, she has represented the USA in Four WPA World Championships and has over 18 Top-10 WPBA Career Finishes. Melissa is currently the house-pro at the Wynkoop Brewing Company located in Downtown Denver.

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Breaks Can Be Deceiving

by Samm Diep
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In the infant stages of my pool game, I was constantly reminded of the importance of practice and repetition. I was building muscle memory and honing my skills. If I went for more than one day without practicing, I could feel

my game suffer. It seemed like I was taking an immediate step back and in some cases would even need to relearn things.

Of course, I never minded playing and practicing so much in the beginning because I was obsessed. I put in the hours because I was falling in love with the game. The breaks were seldom, by design.

These days, as I've improved and my skills and knowledge advanced, I find myself practicing for longer sessions but with less frequency. Let's face it, there comes a point where your priorities shift and "life" keeps you from putting in the hours that you were once accustomed to.

Over the past year, whenever I've taken a break, I've returned to the table renewed. I've found myself pocketing balls just as well or better than

I was prior to the time off.

Does this mean it's not necessary to practice on a regular basis anymore? What's the point of practicing if I'm playing just as well without it? The two main factors that infrequent practice affects are confidence and consistency.

Playing well after a long break can be deceiving for a couple reasons:

1. When you're playing well without practicing, you fool yourself into thinking you don't need to practice. You may be able to get away with it once or twice but over time, that lack of practice will accumulate and take its toll on your overall ability to execute. With waived confidence, tentative shots and decisions will lead to repeated mistakes and vice versa.
2. Playing well without practicing gives you a false sense of security. You might start hitting the balls well and feeling like you're ready for competition. It's only then when your abilities are put to the test that you realize you're pocketing balls on autopilot. Once you get to the money ball or key ball, that's when the inconsistency surfaces. Routine run outs become more work than they should be.

Confidence is so critical in the game of pool. If ever you tell yourself you're out of stroke, then you'll be out of stroke. You may be hitting the ball well but you will still be a bit rusty. The next time you return from a break, try to still play with confidence but do not be deceived. Be aware of your limitations and play within them. Until you get back in stroke, take fewer risks and be more patient.

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Another Day by OMG

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This was a hard-fought match for me and I made some spectacular shots. Seriously. I made shots that just — I don't know — I am not capable of making in my wildest ice-cream-and-bacon-and-alcohol-fueled dreams. I chopped in one nine-ball at an almost 90-degree angle eight feet down the table. Unbelievable. As I stared in pleasant surprise after making that shot, my joy was tempered by the thought that, as great as that shot was, it was worth EXACTLY the same as the ball-in-hand nine-ball in the previous game — which my opponent had made.

Reality.

Verily doth it bite.

I racked the balls and broke. In the middle of this game, my friend Tinkerbelle who had been sitting a little ways away said the four little words all pool players need to hear once in a while: "I saw that shot."

I went on to win.

Having made it to the second day, my new goal was to find a not-sold-out hotel room for the evening at Starving Pool Player rates. I was unsuccessful, but Tinkerbelle was nice enough to let me stay at her house after warning me that her mother would probably try to overfeed me. Really? A

place to stay and food? Bring it on!

After a fabulous night of sleep on a couch in a well-stocked library, I was ready to go. However, I had one minor problem — I couldn't find my contact lenses. The ones I had worn the day before ended up having tears in both and I had thrown them out. Now, I couldn't find a replacement pair. I'm a squirrel when it comes to contact lenses. I stash them in all my purses, travel bags, cue cases, jacket pockets, etc. Eyesight is important and a hundred times more important if you're playing a game that is often won or lost based on your aim. Well. I had finally run out. Due to frequent traveling lately, I hadn't replenished any of my stashes and now I had to suffer the consequences of carelessness.

No need to panic.

Tinkerbelle mentioned there were two optometrists nearby, one at a nearby Wal-Mart and a Lenscrafters at a mall near the pool room. Cool. This debacle may yet be salvaged.

We went to the Wal-Mart only to find out they didn't open until 11:00. My match was scheduled for 11:00. Arrgh.

No need to panic.

We went to the Lenscrafters to see if we could have any luck there. They, too, weren't open until 11:00. I explained my situation to the lady working there and she said if I could get my optometrist to fax over my prescription, she could at least

give me a sample pair. Sweet! I called my optometrist and kept getting the answering machine. After some internet research, we found out my optometrist's office didn't open until 12:00 noon on Sundays. Not so sweet.

It was past 11:00, and the tournament director had sent me a message letting me know I was on the clock to forfeiture.

Is it time to panic?

Never.

Tinkerbelle asked me, "What are you going to do?"

"Play blind," I said. "I should have packed an extra pair of contacts, but I didn't. Nothing else to do now but play anyways."

When we got in her car, Tinkerbelle remembered she occasionally kept a spare pair of her contacts in the car. She rummaged around the storage compartments and — miracle! — she found them. We looked at the prescriptions and although they didn't match my own, one of them was at least somewhat close. In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is king.

So, having armed myself with one contact lens of an incorrect prescription in one eye, we floored it to the pool room.

I made it in time.

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Metro Denver and Northern Colorado APA Top Gun Tournament Updates

Mary Vasquez Prevails at the APA Top Lady Gun Tournament

On Saturday March 31st, 2012 54 of the best female shooters from Denver Metro and Northern Colorado APA came together for the Top Lady Gun at The Mirage Sports Bar & Café. Let me tell you these ladies can SHOOT!!!

The top of the winners bracket was a battle between Annette Jewell and Mary Vasquez who traded games until Mary finally got the upper hand. On the losers side Liang Jiang over came terrific shooting and a 2-0 deficit to beat Amy Wilson 3-2 in a shortened race setting up a rematch with Annette who had knocked Liang to the losers bracket. There was a different outcome this time as Liang played some well timed defense to overcome Annette and reach the finals. Mary however, would prove too tough as she wins 4-1 to take home the coveted Top Lady Gun Eagle Trophy and Cash prize.



Left to Right: Amy Wilson, Mary Vasquez, Annette Jewell & Liang Jiang

The "Best of the Best" Gather at the Mirage to Determine the APA Top Gun All Star

On April 14th, 2012 51 of the top shooters from the Metro Denver & Northern Colorado APA that participated in previous Fall Session Top Gun tournaments were invited back to the Fall 2012 Session Top Gun All Stars at The Mirage Sports Bar & Cafe. There were 8 players who were ranked a 7 skill level and wouldn't you know it, three of them made the semi finals.

Mark Morgan had to beat teammate Aimee Peterson to face off against Charles Berger who had beaten Jerrod Velasquez. Mark was on fire in his match against Charles and moved on to face Jimmy Gardner who had just suffered his first loss at the hands of Rich Cunningham at the top of the winners bracket. Mark's shooting cooled off and Jimmy heated up, moving back to the winners side to face Rich once again. Both players paired excellent shooting with punishing defensive shots but it was Rich that came out on top 5-3 and took home All Star Eagle Trophy and Cash prize.



Left to Right: Rich Cunningham, Jimmy Gardner, Mark Morgan & Charles Berger

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Pool stories. I love to hear them. I find the more players I talk to, the more little gems of information fall into my lap. This month, I'd like to highlight small tidbits from four of the best players in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota. I struggled to select one great and memorable story that made a major impact on me that elevated my game, so I decided to pass on four small tips gleaned from great players.

Jimmy Wetch. Jimmy and I were at a major tournament watching a race to eleven between two players. One a legitimate pro and one with loads of talent and the ability to beat anyone, but not as seasoned in the pro circuit. The rookie played hard and happened to get down 7-2. From the bleachers, Jimmy and I could see the player losing steam and not playing with the same determination as the first part of the match. Jimmy said to me, "That's the worst thing he can do. Now he's gonna get punished by that guy for a long time." I asked Jimmy to explain further. The upshot is that by giving up he was letting his opponent gain confidence and knowledge for the next time they drew each other. He would have an edge on that player by knowing that he only had to get halfway to the finish line and his foe would ease up and he could coast in for the win.

The trailing player should have fought harder with every turn at the table and made the match a hard fought victory for the other guy no matter what the score was. Showing no give up, sometimes even in an un-winnable situation, the player will have a twinge of respect for showing determination and fighting to the end. That type of reputation might be more useful for the next match up than the alternative.

Lee Heuwagon. Years ago, Lee saw the frustration in my eyes after getting bounced out of a tournament earlier than I had hoped. We started to discuss my disappointing performance and

he suspected that I was putting too much pressure on myself. It is true that I felt I should have done very well in that particular tournament. I went in with high hopes. My preparation for the tournament was as good as it could have been. I had been practicing and the field was one that I really felt I had a chance to win. Maybe all these factors took me out of my best game because the high bar I'd set was exerting undue pressure. His advice was that when it is time to win, it will happen. He suggested that I focus on playing the great pool I was capable of and that winning would come easier if I relaxed and let it happen.

The magical blend of high level play, confidence, and determination is still a complicated equation. Learning from every experience but not beating yourself up about it is a more productive and pleasant way to deal with an early exit from a tournament.

Demetrius Jelatis. Demi is a real student of the game. Every serious player would benefit from watching Accu-Stats matches. Demi has found inspiration in some matches so compelling, he's able to commentate matches from memory from seeing them so many times. His unusual advice about the DVDs is that you should watch some sub-par matches too. Pat Fleming's company denotes recommended matches in their catalog with an asterisk to help customers select great discs, and they are great. Many of them are semi-finals or finals matches with an incredible level of play. The players who win tournaments are usually on a roll, playing tremendous pool and shooting in the high 900's according to the Accu-Stats rating system. Demi says that players can be fooled and discouraged to see such high level pool. I think we have all seen a shot or a miraculous run-out that has made us groan and during the appreciation, thought, "I can't believe how good that was. I don't think I could do that in a million years."

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Colorado Players Haddad, Keeney and Little Take North Dakota by Storm

By Ray Poitra --
Tournament Director

Some of the best players in the country showed up to participate in the 21st Annual 4-Bears 8-Ball Classic, April 19th-22nd, 2012 held at the 4 Bears Casino in New Town, ND.

Thursday's \$3,000 added 9-ball mini tournament didn't turnout to be so mini with 86

players signed up before the 5 PM deadline. The field consisted of many of the top pros and amateurs from across the country. In the finals it was pros, Jeff Beckley who won the host-seat match and John Morra winner of the loser's side match. Morra would have to win 2-sets races to 9 to win the title and was up for the challenge by winning the 1st set 9-4. In the second set, Beckley rallied back to win 9-7 and earn his first 4-Bears Classic title and a purse of \$1,300.00.

By Thursday's 5:00 PM deadline, 128-players had maxed out the field abandoning some extra players, so the committee decided to open up the field so that ALL 149-players could participate in this year's main event.

In the \$10,000 added 8-ball main event, players from 14-states and 4-Canadian providences which included some of the top rated professionals in pool; Shane Van Boening, Stevie Moore, John Morra, Brandon Shuff, Shane McMinn, Jeff Beckley, Jesse Engel and Mark Haddad.

Jeff Beckley, Reno Open 8-ball winner and just winning the 9-ball classic had his eyes set on winning back-to-back-to-back championships, which proved to be a little too much by exiting early with a 24th-32nd finish in the 8-ball event. However Beckley wasn't the only



8-Ball Champion
Mark Haddad (center)

professional to exit early, Shane Van Boening and defending champion Lee Huewagon also failed to make the money and/or the final 32-redraw.

Mark Haddad of Colorado and Jesse Engel of Minnesota paired up in the 8-ball championship final match. Mark who went undefeated though the winner's side bracket and Jesse winning from the 1-lose side bracket, and once again just like the 9-ball event

Jesse would have to beat mark twice to win the title. Jesse proved he had a shot at the title winning the 1st match 7-4. Mark's strong play continued as he won the second set 7-4 to win the title, cash and was awarded an embroidered jacket for his efforts.

The women's division was just as tough which included some of the best players from North & South Dakotas, Montana and two top WPBA touring professionals Nicole Kenney and Melissa little. But in the end it came down to Melissa and Nicole in the finals. And just like the men's event Nicole would have to beat Melissa twice, in two-sets race to 5 to win the championships. The first TV match went to Nicole winning 5-3 and in the second match Nicole squeaked by with another 5-3 win over Melissa to win the championship and 1st place purse of \$1,500. 00



Nicole Keeney (center)
accepts her winnings from
casino representatives

The committee would like to thank all of the players who played in this year's championships, Big Truck from Texas for televising the Internet matches, all the vendors and sponsors. and a special thanks to our host; 4 Bears Casino and Lodge, including all of their employees and general manager Pat Packinua.

9-Ball Payouts:

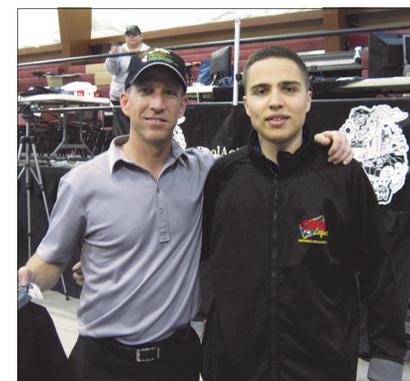
1st	Jeff Beckley	\$1,533.00
2nd	John Morra	\$1,022.00
3rd	Mark Haddad	\$730.00
4th	Brandon Shuff	\$511.00
5th	Stan Tourangeau	\$438.00
6th	Shane VanBoening	\$438.00
7th	Stevie Moore	\$366.00
8th	Shane McMinn	\$366.00

8-Ball Payouts:

1st	Mark Haddad	\$4,500.00
2nd	Jesse Engle	\$2,500.00
3rd	Danny Olson	\$1,500.00
4th	Eric Durbin	\$1,000.00
5th	Brady Gollan	\$700.00
6th	Gene Albright	\$700.00
7th	Michael Perron JR	\$550.00
8th	Danny Watson	\$550.00

Ladies 8-Ball Payouts:

1st	Nicole Keeney	\$1,500.00
2nd	Melissa Little	\$1,000.00
3rd	Timi Bloomberg	\$700.00
4th	Val Wilhelmi	\$500.00
5th	Stephanie Barnes	\$300.00
6th	Rachael Nadeau	\$300.00
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9-Ball Top Finishers
Jeff Beckley (left)
and John Morra (right)

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Four New Champions Prevail at Hank's Billiards

Results provided by Rich Montoya

Forty-four players showed up to do battle at Hank's Billiards and what a battle it was. Here's the breakdown of the brackets: 8 Ladies, 8 AAA's, 14 AA's and 14 A's.



Left To Right: Brian Krapes (2nd), Marc Vidal (1st), Chris Foster (3rd) and Kyle Engelsman (4th)

In the AAA's, Rich Cunningham (2005 National Masters Champion) matched up against Marc Vidal, while Mark Haddad matched up against Andrew Pettinger (ATM). The competition proved to be too much for Rich and ATM. Meanwhile Jose Cruz beat the rest of the field and looked as if he might win the winners side of the AAA bracket, as he bested Greg Romero and Chris Onesky. But ultimately he succumbed to Marc Vidal (5-2). He was not done though. He fell behind (4-1) on the losers side to Mark Haddad and looked as if he was non-existent. When all of a sudden Mark scratched on the ball before the 8, and that's when Jose showed that he has more heart than most and clawed his way back to a (5-4) victory over one of the best Denver has to offer. Melissa Little, one of our local professionals, also played in the tournament but forfeited out due to back problems. José finished 7/8th place.

In the AA bracket Brian Krapes, who said one of his goals is to move to the AAA bracket, lost his first match to Johnny (Eskimo) (5-2) before going on a terror defeating Rich Pope, Mike Hogan, George Summet, Don Clements, Caleb Lovato, Donald Plotkin, then Jose Cruz and Leonard Romero, who seems to have more lives than a cat, when he came up short to take 2nd place overall.

In the A bracket both Kyle Engelsman, and Chris Foster dominated the

A bracket then matched up to play for the winners side. With Chris Finishing on top (5-3), both players agreed that are ready for the AA bracket. It is so much fun seeing players grow. Chris finished 3rd overall and Kyle finished 4th.

In the women's bracket, I asked the players who they thought was the favorite and everyone agreed that Holly Figueroa was their first choice, but Tina Payne was determined to win and did just that by defeating Holly (5-3) to make the final four players on the winners side. Deb Worcester also defeated Holly in a rubber match. Deb finished in 8th place.

What a beautiful game pool is. It really comes down to imagination, lots of practice, and the will to win under a lot of duress. Please continue to support Billiards in the Denver Metro area. It

is my belief that we have been blessed with so many good players here in Denver. Good luck to all whom are going to Vegas for VNEA or BCA Championships. Show the rest of the country just what we are made of.

Thank you to Hank's Billiards for the \$500.00 added to the main event and \$125.00 on Friday night. Please invite someone to teach, play, and participate in all the events Colorado has to offer and don't forget to support the Cue Times Billiard News. Special thanks to Holly Figueroa, Larry Sposato, Tina and Karen at the bar and everyone in the Billiard Community.

And oh by the way, what a beautiful shot Marc Vidal made to win the tournament...a four-railer with perfect shape on the 8. You are a true professional when it comes down to your conduct, attitude and determination!

Here is how they finished:

1 st	Marc Vidal AAA+	\$450.00	\$500.00
2 nd	Brian Krapes AA	\$350.00	\$400.00
3 rd	Chris Foster A	\$250.00	\$300.00
4 th	Kyle Engelsman A	\$150.00	\$250.00
5 th	Tina Payne	\$100.00	\$125.00
6 th	Leonard Romero AA	\$100.00	\$125.00
7 th	Deb Worcester	\$50.00	\$60.00
8 th	Jose Cruz AAA	\$50.00	\$60.00
9 th	Mark Haddad AAA+	\$25.00	
10 th	Donald Plotkin	\$25.00	
11 th	Mike Poitra	\$25.00	
12 th	Holly Figueroa	\$25.00	

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This kind of blue sky thinking isn't reality. Every top professional is human and they have bad matches, bad tournaments, and bad months. Demi suggested watching some early matches that didn't have the Accustats asterisk. These matches sometimes show top professionals struggling to run out. They may show great exchanges where safeties and silly mistakes are made. These can be the types of games that happen to you and maybe you can see some familiar shots and learn from them. It also might just make the pros less intimidating and give you the confidence to know that you too can play with the pros.

Beau Runnigen. Beau means business. At only 25 years old, he has demonstrated the patience and wisdom of a player one might expect to see in a player twice his age. Local players talk about the guy who did nothing but break for 2 hours straight, or the guy who didn't pocket a ball during an hour long practice session because he was working on safeties. Beau takes every part of a tournament

seriously beginning with planning for a tournament months in advance. He's got notebooks full of diagrams, drills, match notes, and the like.

All this planning and preparation seems to be regurgitated on the pool table. Beau makes run out after run out look routine. In fact he makes them look boring, which is really a compliment. No nail-biting shots, no wild chances with the outcome unknown, just the facts. Taking inspiration from Beau's attention to detail and serious approach to every aspect of the game can do wonders for your game. In fact, my New Year's resolution is to make a plan, work that plan, and repeat. Repetition of good habits breeds good habits.

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Scotch Doubles \$10 per person (each must register separately)

General Information:

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TUE (3/27)

big table 9-ball - 27 players
 1st - Danny M. \$200
 2nd - Robert R. \$115
 3rd - Miguel P. \$70
 4th - Kiko I. \$40
 5th - Mark H. \$25
 6th - Ken M. \$25

FRI (3/30)

bar table 8-ball - 18 players
 1st - Andre L. \$80
 2nd - Juan P. \$50
 3rd - Bert M. \$30
 4th - Rick W. \$10
 Top Lady - Jogina R. \$10

SAT (3/31)

bar table 9-ball - 16 players
 1st - Jose C. \$70
 2nd - Juan P. \$50
 3rd - Greg \$30
 Top Lady - Nikki \$10

SUN (4/1)

one-pocket - 8 players
 1st - Robert R. \$100
 2nd - Bill S. \$60
 3rd - Jose C. \$25

TUE (4/3)

big table 9-ball - 27 players
 1st - Mark H. \$225
 2nd - Bill S. \$115
 3rd - Jim C. \$70
 4th - Kiko I. \$45
 5th - Chuck N. \$30
 6th - Ronnie C. \$30

FRI (4/6)

bar table 8-ball - 32 players
 1st - Rick W. \$115
 2nd - Rick F. \$80
 3rd - Kris R. \$50
 4th - Eddie B. \$30
 5th - Nick D. \$15
 6th - Juan P. \$15
 Top Lady - Bert M. \$15

SAT (4/7)

bar table 9-ball - 17 players
 1st - Greg Q. \$80
 2nd - Don P. \$50
 3rd - JB P. \$20
 Top Lady - Brandie R. \$20

SUN (4/8)

big table 10-ball - 10 players
 1st - Gary G. \$130
 2nd - Marc V. \$70
 3rd - Tommy T. \$40

TUE (4/10)

big table 9-ball - 22 players
 1st - Bill S. \$175
 2nd - Robert R. \$100
 3rd - Chuck N. \$65
 4th - Kiko I. \$40
 5th - Marc V. \$20
 6th - Danny M. \$20

FRI (4/13)

bar table 8-ball - 24 players
 1st - Jose C. \$90
 2nd - Rick R. \$60
 3rd - Rick W. \$40
 4th - Andre L. \$25
 5th - Chisolm W. \$15
 Top Lady - Bert M. \$10

SAT (4/14)

bar table 9-ball - 20 players
 1st - Adam D. \$90
 2nd - Brian A. \$50
 3rd - Mikey E. \$35
 4th - Brandie R. \$15
 Top Lady - Jogenia R. \$10

SUN (4/15)

big table 10-ball - 24 players
 1st - Andrew P. \$190
 2nd - Marc V. \$120
 3rd - Chuck N. \$70
 4th - Mark H. \$40
 5th - Bill S. \$20
 6th - Gary G. \$20

TUE (4/17)

big table 9-ball - 24 players
 1st - Kiko I. \$180
 2nd - Chuck N. \$110
 3rd - Derek S. \$60
 4th - Andrew P. \$40
 5th - Marc V. \$20
 6th - Miguel P. \$20

FRI (4/20)

bar table 8-ball - 28 players
 1st - Juan P. \$110
 2nd - Earl D. \$60
 3rd - Fred L. \$40
 4th - Kris R. \$25
 5th - Chad L. \$15
 6th - Bert M. \$15
 Top Lady Debbie R. \$15

SAT (4/21)

bar table 9-ball - 16 players
 1st - Juan P. \$70
 2nd - Saud A. \$45
 3rd - Neil M. \$30
 4th - Dave L. \$15

SUN (4/22)

big table 10-ball - 16 players
 1st - Marc V. \$150
 2nd - Derek S. \$90
 3rd - Greg R. \$60
 4th - Juan P. \$28

TUE (4/24)

big table 9-ball - 16 players
 1st - Marc V. \$135
 2nd - Chuck N. \$85
 3rd - Juan P. \$50
 4th - Kiko I. \$30

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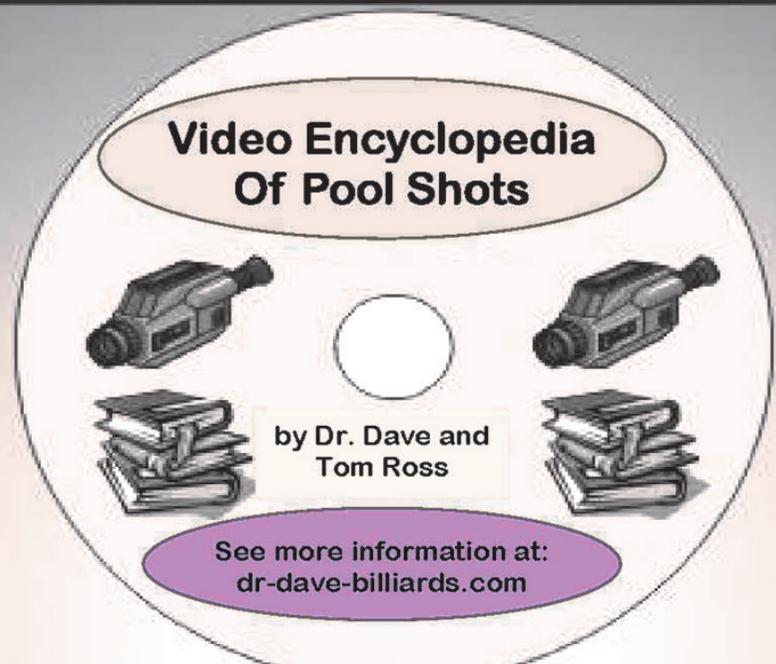
Here is a great practice routine to transform you into a player with a plan. Scatter all of the balls around the table and take cue ball in hand. Now name your next five shots and begin shooting; include all of the balls with no regard for stripes and solids. This routine works best with two players taking turns because the shooter gains more and improves faster from declaring the plan openly. Keep shooting until you miss but remember to evaluate the plan after each shot. If it looks as though you will not complete the original plan for five shots announce a change in plan and name the next five. As you practice and experience the planning of your shots, mapping out the rack will begin to feel routine. If looking at a rack of balls and planning its sequence is new to you ignore the initial discouragement that usually arises from this exercise. The

change that this exercise will cause in your game is very powerful so you shouldn't expect it to occur quickly and easily.

When you begin to feel some comfort with the exercise you can modify it for eight ball. Scatter the rack around the table and, with cue ball in hand, make a plan for a run out of stripes or solids and the eight ball. When that becomes a piece of cake you can break a rack and shoot from there with your plan in the context of a real game.

Eight ball, with built-in odds against the shooter that make a casino seem generous by comparison, is very challenging in a unique way. Foremost among the challenges is the precision required to maneuver the cue ball through traffic for a run out. Although the ability to plan the run out is only one of the skills that eight ball requires it is certainly the biggest and the one that, more than anything else, will move you and your game closer to greatness.

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Grady 'The Professor' Mathews Passes Away

ONE POCKET LOSES ITS BIGGEST ADVOCATE

On the 18th of April 2012, Grady Mathews lost his uphill struggle against cancer. His loss will be felt throughout the pool industry, but most severely hit will be the fans of One-Pocket, a discipline that Grady devoted so much time to throughout his career. Mathews is almost single handedly responsible for putting the game of One-Pocket on the map.



Grady Mathews

Grady first started playing pool in the late fifties as a fourteen year old living in San Mateo, CA, where he played in a local bowling alley. In the sixties his game had progressed to the point where he took his game on the road playing Straight Pool, 9 Ball, One-Pocket and Banks. Over the next 35 years he picked up Major Titles in all four disciplines. However, Grady will always be remembered for his knowledge in the One-Pocket arena.

Grady was tireless in promoting and producing numerous events throughout his career, the most significant being the Legends of One-Pocket for which he will always be remembered. He also added the title of actor to his resume in 1986,

when he picked up the part of "Dud" in the movie "The Color of Money" starring Tom Cruise.

He was inducted into the "One-Pocket hall of Fame" in 2004. In addition to his many successes at the table, Grady was technical adviser to movie producers, as well as being a regular commentator on pool matches, a producer of instructional tapes, and as an author. He wrote monthly articles for several pool magazines throughout his career - "Inside Pool Magazine" being his last assignment. His One-Pocket instructional diagrams will be missed by all of his readers.

Grady was born on January 3rd 1943 in San Antonio, Texas. He is preceded in death by his wife, Randi, who passed on August 9th 2009. He is survived by his two children Marie and Grady IV.

THE FOLLOWING CITATIONS AND TRIBUTES ARE FROM HIS COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS THAT HE MADE THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER:

ALLISON FISHER;

"One day back around 1998 Grady appeared at Mother's Billiard Parlor in Charlotte and approached me about doing a tour East of the Mississippi. It was a battle of the sexes. He agreed to arrange everything and I showed up. We played 21 nights and it was fantastic. I loved our trip because he was honorable, articulate and very professional.

He taught me a lot during the times in between traveling and playing. I have always respected Grady so much and he has contributed a lot for many players all over the World. We had a lot of fun and I enjoyed talking with him and listening to his stories. I will really miss him and his laugh especially."

JOHNNY ARCHER:

"Grady has been a big asset to the game, and has always been very passionate about the game, and a very accomplished player. He excelled at One-Pocket. I would advise any young player that wants to learn about One-Pocket, to get hold of any DVD's by Grady. He knew the game inside and out. He was also very knowledgeable about all of the disciplines of pool and was an accomplished and entertaining commentator. We have certainly lost a legend with his passing. He will be sorely missed."

NICK VARNER:

"Grady was really a great all round player at all of the disciplines and worked so hard for all of his career to promote the game. I remember beating him at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas in the final of the Brunswick World 9 Ball Tournament back in 1989. Can you believe it that the first prize was \$15,000 all that long ago! I also remember doing commentary with him back in the day, and it was always so enjoyable.



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PoolDawg Announces the Launch of Their Free Pool Hall Finder App

PoolDawg, a leading online retailer of pool cues and billiards equipment, is proud to announce the launch of their first smartphone application - HallDawg. This new free app gives pool players the ability to locate pool halls across the United States via their built in GPS functionality.

"Pool halls are extremely important to us and our customers, but they can be hard to find, especially if you're new to the area." said PoolDawg President Michael Feiman. "We wanted to give pool players a free and easy way to find

places to play pool. This new application identifies the locations of pool halls and their addresses on a map, showing players the closest places to play. Knowing that our database of pool halls is not exhaustive, we included a means for users to add new pool halls, allowing for constant improvement of the tool".

This app is currently only available for Android based phones. It can be downloaded for free at the Android App Store and requires the use of the phone's GPS system to operate.



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This match was interesting.

After some initial craptacular and shanktastic play, I figured out which of the balls in my double-vision I should aim for. Once that fell into place, I managed to find a rhythm. My opponent's play went in the opposite direction.

She seemed ill at ease and scratched a lot. At one point, I had pushed out after the break and she picked up the cue ball. I told her I had pushed and she threw her hands up in the air in frustration. I told her to just put the cue ball back where it was and shoot from there. I did not take the foul. We all have those days and I knew she was just "out of it" and had not meant to take ball-in-hand on purpose.

It didn't get better for her as I could see the frustration compound over and over again. She took to lengthy stays at the table after a miss or scratch as she stared on in dramatic disbelief. When she scratched, she bounced the cue ball on the table towards me instead of leaving it on the table or handing it to me. I understood how she felt. Who among us has not? I patiently waited when she took her — moments — to vent her feelings.

I won 7-3.

She went and complained that I had SLOWPLAYED her and that is why she lost.

Really.

I've been called a lot of things in my time, most of them unprintable, but the general consensus is that I play FAR too fast for my own good.

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Rodney Morris Wins Wyoming Open

Many Top Finishers From Colorado

By Dragon Promotions Press Release

Saratoga, Wyoming- Rodney "Rocket" Morris won for the second time in Saratoga at this year's 5th Annual Wyoming Open. He went through a talented field of 8-Ball players that included the likes of Charlie Williams, Raj Hundal, Amar Kang, Mark Tadd, Tony Piazza, Marc Vidal, and more. The event was sponsored by Poison Cues by Predator and Asia's #1 cloth Andy Cloth will be the official cloth used during the event.

The Wyoming Open drew nearly 150 players from Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and of course the top pros which came from England, Florida, and California. There were a total of 5 events including the opening night Saratoga Open, and the 8-Ball main events with Sportsman, Classic, Masters, and Ladies divisions.

"Almost all the divisions were full, so I'm really ecstatic about that. There will definitely be a 6th Annual Wyoming Open next year. I plan on making the event bigger and better for all the players and divisions. We always want improvements." says EJ Glode, promoter of the Wyoming Open.

In the Classic Division which was hosted for intermediate level players, Ronnie Chavez defeated Chris Wilson in the 64 man field. Jordan Thayer and Chris McCreary rounded out the top four.

In the Sportsman Division, Eric Burgman won the event over Brian Guice. The Poison Cues

Ladies Open saw Melissa Little go undefeated over Tenille Whitten in the finals.

The Masters Division drew fifty-seven players with several contenders. Defending Champion Charlie "Korean Dragon" Williams took an early loss to Raj Hundal in the second round but managed to come back and qualify for the final 16 bracket. Raj Hundal only dropped 2 games (to Williams), in his first 3 matches with two 7-0 shut-outs. Rodney Morris cruised through along with road buddy Amar Kang to the winner's bracket finals which Amar won.

In the final sixteen round, the players were all drawn into a new double elimination bracket. Unknown local Utah talent Ace Brown upset Charlie Williams 6-4 in a stellar played match. Raj Hundal dropped his match to Amar "AK-47" Kang but rebounded with a 7-6 decider over Ace Brown. Williams rebounded with back to back wins including a 7-1 over Vidal, a 7-6 revenge match over Hundal, and a 7-6 over Mark Haddad. Leaving the final three players Williams, Morris, and Kang which became known as the Rat Pack, the pro crew of players that traveled to the event together and roomed.

Morris stopped Williams from a Wyoming Open repeat at 7-4 and then defeated Kang 7-6 in the first set of the finals. Forcing a deciding set, Morris came back from a 2-0 deficit to win 7-4 to become the Wyoming Open Champion again.

"EJ does a terrific job promoting pool in this region of the country. I always look forward to



Rodney "the Rocket" Morris

coming here to play and help out", said Morris. Rodney is sponsored by Poison Cues made by Predator, which he has his own signature line, and managed by Dragon Promotions.

Coincidentally Morris, Kang, Williams, and Hundal all use Predator Poison technology and they represented the top 5 finishers of the event which was sponsored by Predator and Poison Cues.

The event is primarily supported by the town's own businesses which include : Hotel Wolf, Duke's Bar & Grill, Valley Foods, Riviera Lodge, Carbon County, and Shively Hardware.

For more info or to play in the Wyoming Open, contact EJ Glode at ejglode@yahoo.com or 307-329-8924.

Masters Division

1st	Rodney Morris	\$3,200
2nd	Amar Kang	\$2,400
3rd	Charlie Williams	\$1,800
4th	Mark Haddad	\$1,300
5/6th	Raj Hundal Tony Piazza	\$750
7/8th	Marc Vidal Steve Pierson	\$400
9-12th	Shane Wertz BJ Spencer Ace Brown Tom Bourdeon	\$200
13-16th	John Sandifer Mike Kushlan Andrew "ATM" Pettenger EJ Glode	\$100

Classic Division

1st	Ronnie Chavez	\$1,250
2nd	Bruce Wilson	\$1,000
3rd	Jordan Thayer	\$800
4th	Chris McCreary	\$600
5/6th	Ole Olson Chuck Gemelli	\$350
7/8th	Alan Hendricks Travis King	\$225
9-12th	Aaron Schnitker Nick Dittmar Shannon Fisher Samm Diep	\$125
13-16th	Troy Maben Jason Burt Kirk Brenamann Bobby Brown	\$65

Sportsman Division

1st	Eric Burgman	\$400
2nd	Brian Guice	\$300
3rd	JJ Morris	\$200
4th	Trey Brattin	\$150
5/6th	Tyler Hopkins Bill Ward	\$85
7/8th	Jason Michael Earl Espy	\$50
9-12th	Desi Grootegoed Reg Forster Casey Tully Jackie Norwood	\$30

Tournament Trail

▲ SUNDAY
 Felt 10-Ball, 9' tables, 2pm start, \$\$ added
 Ike's Bar & Grille 8-Ball, bar tables, 7pm, \$\$, 303-934-9000
 Match Ups, Ft. Collins 9-Ball, 9' tables, \$\$ added, 3pm start

▲ TUESDAY
 Felt 9-Ball, 9' tables, \$\$ added

▲ WEDNESDAY
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▲ THURSDAY
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▲ FRIDAY
 Antique Billiards 9-Ball, Colo Spgs, 719-597-9809
 BC's Sports Pub 8-Ball, bar table
 Felt 8-Ball, bar table, \$\$ added
 Match Ups, Ft. Collins 8-Ball, bar table, \$\$ added, 7:30 pm

▲ SATURDAY
 BC's Sports Pub 9-Ball, bar table
 Felt 9-Ball, bar table, \$\$ added, 4:30 pm
 Love's Shack 8-Ball, no AAA's, \$\$ added, 7pm

The Tournament Trail is free for advertisers (\$15 for Tournament Trail listing **only**). Listing of tournaments does not guarantee the event will take place.

Special Events

May 5th
 BC's Sports Pub Open 8-Ball, 1 pm start
 Felt Mixed Scotch Doubles, \$\$ Added
 Love's Shack 9-Ball Scotch Doubles, 1pm start
 Match Ups, Ft. Collins Cinco de Mayo Weekend, 3 events, \$\$

May 6th
 Felt One Pocket, 9' tables, 2pm start, \$\$ added

May 12th
 Love's Shack 8-Ball Madness, APA

May 26th
 BC's Sports Pub Open Scotch Doubles, 1 pm start
 Love's Shack 9-Ball Scotch Doubles, 1pm start

May 27th
 Felt 8-Ball, 9' tables, 2pm start, \$\$ added

Upcoming Events
 June 2 BC's Sports Pub Open 8-Ball
 June 22 Hank's Billiards Stay in Stroke Event
 July 28 Antique Billiards State Games

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If you've got to dig down THAT deep, way past the 6-foot under mark, past the dinosaur bones, and into the very molten core of the earth to find a reason why you lost to me, I think it is safe to say that the blame lies not with the equipment, nor the opponent, BUT YOUR OWN SELF.

YOU, my dear, are one of the SLOWEST if not THE slowest player EVER in these events. Now, I went out of my way for you, and you KNOW this. I didn't take that foul because I felt sorry for you. I didn't complain about your dramatic pauses because I felt sorry for you. I felt that you were, like me, just another player struggling to get better and I know how tough it can be when it seems everything is going against you. I had a modicum of respect for you.

I have nothing for you now and I swear, if I can, I will blank you every single time we play.

Also, in case you forgot, I BEAT YOU WITH ONE EYE.

Thank you for this lesson: no good deed goes unpunished.

From now on, whenever someone has an excuse or reason for me as to why I won, I will agree.

Some recent gems from this tournament and others:

"The pockets were too big."

Why, yes. They were. And only when I shot. After I made a ball, they immediately shrank back to 1.75 inches. Those sneaky Pocket-Shrinking Gnomes must be stopped!

"You play too slow."

You're right. Although I play at Mach 6, I really should aspire to play at light-speed. Thank you for your input and enjoy your stay in the chair as I run out at 2041.74 meters per second.

"You play too fast."

I was trying to help you out by sabotaging myself, but, okay. You're right. To hell with impulsiveness and carelessness!

"You don't talk enough."

So sorry. Me no speak English.

"You talk too much."

I'll try not to breathe.

From a guy: *"You're a chick and I have trouble playing chicks."* Let's chop off your testi-

cles right now and we can play as you bleed out.

From a girl: *"You're a chick and I have trouble playing chicks."* Perhaps you should practice by playing with yourself. And leave the pool playing to pool players.

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Fueled by my last match, I won this match as well. For those of you who wanted to know how I got into such a high gear for this match, it was my opponent's complaint about me from the previous match. I love playing angry.

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Unfortunately, all good things must pass, and my anger was no exception. I lost this match, 7-3, due to many careless errors. I have to bear down more, and play harder.

All in all, it was a good experience and I'm glad I played. This event taught me how to play again with a closed bridge, something I haven't done in many, many years. We'll see how that works out.

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 MUSIC BAR - 4586 Tennyson, 303-458-5360
 WELCOME INN - 3759 Chestnut Pl, 303-296-7229, Pool Leagues

DENVER SE

CITY PUB - 3575 S Yosemite, 303-694-0454
 DEVON'S PUB - 4992 E Hampden, 303-756-5507
 DIRTY DUCK BAR-4780 E Evans, 303-758-3667
 DR. PROCTORS - 4201 E Mississippi Ave, 303-756-1665
 DUKE'S BACK STREET SPORTS TAVERN-1150 S Galena, 720-213-0393
 EXTRA INNINGS - 3333 S Tamarac Dr, 303-337-4075
 FOUR MILE HOUSE - 4590 Leetsdale Dr, 303-797-1120, Monday night APA Tournament
 JASON'S BILLIARDS II - 2200 S Monaco, 720-377-1560, No Alcohol, Weekly Pool Tournaments
 JL'S CHEERS - 3415 S Monaco Pkwy, 303-692-9183
 MCDONOUGH'S IRISH PUB-10395 E Iliff Ave, 303-369-9819
 MY BAR-10139 E Colfax, 303-367-0426
 NAUGHTY PRINCE - 7950 E Mississippi Ave, 303-368-4959
 PIPER INN - 2251 S Parker Rd, 303-755-0771
 SAM'S BAR & LOUNGE - 6801 Leetsdale Dr, 303-322-6401
 W.T.SHORTY'S SPORTS GRILL-990 S Oneida St, 303-388-2883

DENVER SW

ATHMAR LOUNGE - 1795 W Mississippi Ave, 303-935-5238
 FAT FENDERS B&G - 2490 W Hampden Ave, 303-781-9408
 IKE'S BAR & GRILL - 1050 W Evans Ave, 303-934-9000
 LONGSHOT LOUNGE - 3665 S Federal Blvd, 789-9653
 O STREET TAVERN - 3425 S Oleander Ct, 303-758-0332
 ROCKET LOUNGE - 2950 W Evans Ave, 303-934-9729

WHITEHORSE LOUNGE - 5130 W Alameda, 303-935-2656

ENGLEWOOD

ARAP'S OLD GUN SHOP - 3866 S Broadway, 303-761-7823
 AUSSIE PUB - 4386 S Broadway, 303-781-1192
 BROADWAYS SPORTS TAVERN - 3978 S Broadway, 303-781-5755
 ENGLENOOK - 3470 S Broadway, 303-788-1770
 FELT - 101 W Floyd Ave, 720-266-6190
 MAGNET INN - 2893 S Broadway, 303-781-5262

ERIE/FREDERICK

MINER'S TAVERN - 524 Briggs St, 303-828-9997
 SUSIE CUES CORNER POCKET - 513 Oak Street, 303-833-5518

FEDERAL HEIGHTS

DAVIE'S LOCKER - 8855 Lowell Blvd, 303-429-0096
 ROADHOUSE SPORTS BAR - 8980 Federal Blvd, 303-487-1933
 SHOTZ - 2695 W 92nd Ave, 303-427-9910

GOLDEN

300 CLUB / GOLDEN BOWL - 525 24th St, 303-279-9083
 BUFFALO ROSE SALOON - 12th & Washington, 303-279-5190

HENDERSON

TAILFEATHERS - 11010 120th Ave, 303-286-1475

LAKWOOD

AMERICAN LEGION POST #178 - 1655 Simms St, 303-233-9758
 BC'S SPORTS PUB - 6501 W Mississippi Ave, 303-936-8513, In-House & Traveling Pool Leagues,
 CORDIAL LOUNGE - 1521 Pierce St, 303-233-9621
 CUCKOO'S NEST - 7893 W Jewell Ave, 303-988-9893
 ECK'S SALOON - 9890 W Girton Dr, 303-989-2991
 FIDDLESTICKS - 10815 W Jewell #Q, 303-969-0855
 FRONTIER TAVERN - 1195 S Sheridan Blvd, 303-936-9896
 GREENFIELDS SPORTS BAR - 3355 S Yarrow St, 303-989-9820, In-House & Traveling Pool Leagues,
 Weekly Pool Tournaments, Live Music, www.greenfieldsbar.com
 GUIDO'S NICKEL - 9500 W Colfax Ave, 303-238-0711
 HOFFBRAU BAR & GRILL - 3355 S Wadsworth Blvd, 303-980-6200
 HOLIDAY BILLIARDS - 10350 W Colfax, 303-238-0407, Pool Leagues, Texas Hold'em
 LAKEWOOD GRILL & BAR - 8100 W Colfax Ave, 303-237-8051, Pool Leagues
 MS T's CIGAR BAR - 8529 W. Colfax, 303-233-3304
 NITE OWL BAR & GRILL - 1050 S Wadsworth, 303-922-0797
 PENALTY BOX BAR & GRILL - 1862 S Wadsworth, 303-980-4020, Pool Leagues
 ROADHOUSE - 2035 S Sheridan, 303-980-5614,
 SHARK'S SALOON & GRILL - 11475 W Colfax, 303-239-8859
 T BONE'S - 8807 W Colfax, 303-238-6627
 TAVERN ON 26TH AVE - 10040 W 26th Ave, 303-238-2549, Pool Leagues, Weekly Pool Tournaments

LITTLETON

ALIBI'S GRILL - 7983 S Broadway, 303-730-0123
 BREAK ROOM - 5151 S Federal Blvd, 303-797-1155, Leagues, Wkly Pool Tournaments, Texas Hold'em
 DUBB'S PUB - 5301 S Broadway, 303-798-6711
 FOX AND HOUND - 5170 E Arapahoe Rd, 720-493-0111
 FOX AND HOUND - 8996 W Bowles, 720-922-0400
 FUGGLIES SPORTS BAR - 11614 W Belleview, 303-933-7761, In-House & Traveling Pool Leagues
 MIRAGE SPORTS BAR - 8340 W Coal Mine, 303-979-9220, Pool Leagues, Darts, Texas Hold'em
 POCKETS BAR & GRILL, 5935 S. Zang St, 720-981-7665, Pool leagues and tournaments
 TOAD TAVERN - 5302 S Federal Blvd, 303-795-6877

NORTHGLENN / THORNTON

@CHEERS - 11964 N Washington St, 303-955-5660
 CASTAWAYS - 451 W 84th Ave, 303-430-9834, Pool Leagues, Pinball, Darts, Dancing, Poker, Bingo, Food
 EXTRA POINT SPORTS BAR- 4050 E 100th Ave, 303-452-9353
 FOX AND HOUND - 4750 W 120th Ave, 303-464-7366, Pool Leagues
 GAME, THE - 8101 Washington St, 303-287-4507, Pool Leagues
 GINGERS LOUNGE - 7310 Washington, 303-288-9824, Pool Leagues
 HICC UPS II - 10250 Ura Ln, 303-466-1829
 LAKE AVENUE INN - 2181 Lake Ave, 303-452-9079
 MR. K's - 8830 N Washington St, 303-288-7118
 PRIME TIME - 10280 Washington St, 303-457-1902
 SILVER BULLET SALOON - 3734 E 120th Ave, 303-457-4470
 TAFOLINO'S - 524 Malley Dr, 303-452-6172
 THIRSTY'S SPORTS PUB - 1294 E 104th Ave, 303-451-9918
 TRAILSIDE - 10360 Colorado Blvd, 303-920-9852
 TWO DOORS DOWN - 8880 N Washington St, 303-287-9167
 VILLAGE PUB - 9150 Huron St, 303-427-7745, Pool Tournaments

PARKER

BUFFALO BOYDS - 12543 N Highway 83, 303-841-6782
 FUNUGYS - 17785 E Cottonwood Dr, 303-699-5999
 TAILGATE TAVERN - 19552 E Mainstreet, 303-841-7179

WESTMINSTER

92ND AVENUE TAVERN - 7701 W 92nd Ave, 303-422-6353
 CAPTAIN JACKS - 8468 Federal Blvd, 303-428-0600, Pool Leagues, Weekly Pool Tournaments
 CHARLIE'S WEB - 8364 Sheridan Blvd, 303-412-8120
 DAVIE'S LOCKER - 8855 Lowell Blvd, 303-429-0096
 HOFFBRAU BAR & GRILL - 7699 W 88th Ave, 303-422-7755
 HICC UPS - 7980 Sheridan Blvd, 303-429-9523
 OUTPOST - 6921 Lowell Blvd, 303-429-5737
 PARK CENTRE LOUNGE & GRILL - 12011 N Pecos, 303-450-9913
 REAR INN LOUNGE - 4991 W 80th Ave, 303-426-4500
 SWEETWATER - 9975 Wadsworth Pkwy, 303-420-1004
 TOMMY'S - 6801 Lowell Blvd, 303-426-4167

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44TH AVENUE GRILL - 7605 W 44th Ave, 303-421-4544, Pool Leagues, Full Kitchen
 CLUB CORNER - 6551 W 44th Ave, 303-424-5424
 HANK'S BILLIARDS - 5250 W 38TH Ave, 303-424-1822
 HOPPERS - 1-70 Frontage Rd N of Kipling, 303-456-0257
 JAMMIN JOE'S - 4700 Kipling St, 303-428-4597
 LONGSHOTS BAR & GRILL - 4400 Ward Rd, 303-403-0227, Pool Leagues, Texas Hold'em,
 ROCKETTE - 10006 W 44th Ave, 303-422-9163
 STAN'S CARAVAN - 11221 W 44th Ave, 303-467-3557

Places to Play

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BANK SHOT SPORTS BAR - 1212 8th Street, 719-589-9895

ASPEN

ASPEN BILLIARDS - 315 E Hyman Ave, 970-920-6707

BOULDER

28th STREET TAVERN - 2690 28th St, 303-444-1562

PEARL STREET PUB - 1108 Pearl St, 303-939-9900

FOUNDRY, THE - 1109 Walnut St, 303-447-1803

OUTBACK SALOON, THE - 3141 28th St, 303-444-0081

'ROUND MIDNIGHT - 1005 Pearl St, 303-442-2176

SUNDOWN SALOON - 1136 Pearl St, 303-449-4987

WALRUS - 1911 11th Ave, 303-443-9902

BRIGHTON

BILLIARDS C & E - 122 N Main St

J DAWG'S DD SALOON - 245 S Main St, 303-659-9948

JERRY'S BAR - 130 N Main St, 303-659-3788

JORDINELLI'S CAFE - 25 N Main St, 303-659-1055

COLORADO SPRINGS

ADAM'S APPLE - 3302 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, 719-528-6525

ANTIQUA BILLIARDS MUSEUM - 3628 Citadel Dr, 719-597-9809

CJ'S SPORTS BAR - 3535 N. Carefree Cir, (719) 572-1860

CLEAT'S LOUNGE - 6624 Delmonico Dr, 719-548-8267

DIAMOND BILLIARD LOUNGE - 3780 E. Boulder St, (719) 596-9516

DUFFY'S TAVERN - 4861 N. Academy Blvd., (719) 599-7739

FINISH LINE - 1812 E. Monument St., (719) 634-9870

FRANKIE'S BAR & GRILL - 945 N Powers Blvd, 719-574-4881

GEE CUES SPORTS BAR - 3906 San Miguel, 719-638-6855

GOLDEN CUE - 2790 Hancock Expressway, (719) 390-7633

HARMONY BOWL - 3845 N Academy Blvd, 719-591-1000

HOT OWL LONGE - 6437 Omaha Blvd, 719-596-9771

JOE'S BAR - 4763 Flintridge Dr, 719-599-8382

MURRAY STREET DARTS - 609 N Murray Blvd, 719-573-0467

ON THE BOULEVARD - 2855 N. Murray Blvd, (719) 471-4424

PAUL'S BAR - 310 S. 8th St #B, (719) 520-9737

PHANTOM CANYON BREWING CO-2 E Pikes Peak Ave, 719-635-2800

RASCALS - 1785 B St, 719-576-2238

RILEA'S PUB - 5672 Union Blvd, 719-598-6622

THIRSTY'S - 2028 Sheldon Ave, 719-444-8515

TIME OUT LOUNGE - 3721 Brennan Rd, 719-390-7257

STUDEBAKERS BAR & GRILL - 1840 N. Academy Blvd., (719) 637-8412

WILLIE'S SOUTH - 1865 N Circle Dr, 719-389-0607

YUKON TAVERN - 525 S Circle Dr, 719-475-0050

COLORADO SPRINGS AREA

CORNER POCKET BILLIARD LOUNGE - 6502 S US Hwy 85-87, Fountain, CO (719) 392-9480

SILVER TONGUE DEVIL - 10530 Ute Pass Ave, Green Mountain Falls, 719-684-2555

TOWNHOUSE LOUNGE - 907 Manitou Ave, Manitou Springs, 719-685-1085

UTE INN - 204 W Midland, Woodland Park, 719-687-1465

CRAIG

MATHER'S BAR - 420 Yampa Ave, 970-824-9946

DURANGO

COLORADO PONGAS - 121 W 8th St, 970-382-8554

ESTES PARK

ESTES PARK REC CENTER - 555 S Saint Vrain, 970-586-8625

TRIPPERS LANE 110 W. Elkhorn St. 970-586-4346

EVERGREEN

CACTUS JACK'S TAVERN - Evergreen Pkwy, 303-674-1564

FORT COLLINS

COOPERSMITH BREWERY & BILLIARDS - 5 Old Town Square, 970-498-0483

HATRIX - 6013 S College Ave, 970-229-1599

MATCH UP'S - 625 S Mason, 970-482-2337, Pool Leagues

PITCHERS! SPORTS RESTAURANT - 1100 W Drake Rd., 970-493-5374

GRAND JUNCTION

BANK 8 BILLIARDS- 2460 F Road Ste #3, 970-255-8808

BRASS RAIL - 476 28 Road, 970-241-8686

GREELEY

BARLEYCORN'S - 2385 W 27th St, 970-339-5901

IDAHO SPRINGS

BARD CREEK INN - 409 E Parker Ave, 970-569-9827

HANSON'S LODGE - 1601 Colorado Blvd, 970-567-9391

INDIAN SPRINGS RESORT - 302 Count Rd 140, 970-567-9475

TOMMYKNOCKERS BREWERY PUB - 1401 Miner St, 970-567-1022

WEST WINDS - 1631 Miner St, 567-2029

JOHNSTOWN

LEO'S PLACE, - 191/2 S Parish, 970-587-4866

LEADVILLE

SILVER DOLLAR SALOON - 315 Harrison Ave, 719-486-9914

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GRAY'S - 143 S. E. 14th St., 970-663-6133

NIGHT SHOTZ - 3329 Garfield Ave, 970-669-3727

PUEBLO

BIG DADDY'S SPORTS BAR - 4111 Club Manor Dr, 719-546-3636

CLASSIC Q'S - 1715 South Prairie Avenue (719) 924-8250

CLUB ENVY SPORTS BAR - 4065 Club Manor Drive Pueblo, CO 81008 (719) 696-8698

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

VFW POST #4264 - 924 Lincoln Ave, 970-879-9959

VAIL

ALTITUDE BILLIARD CLUB - Evergreen Lodge, 970-476-7810

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MINGLES - 1618 Stillwater Ave, 307-632-9966

PLUSH CUE BILLIARDS - 1715 Pioneer Ave, 307-632-9615

CASPER

BEACON CLUB - 4100 W Yellowstone Hwy, 307-577-1503

HORSESHOE BAR - 7515 W Yellowstone Hwy, 307-472-5770

MOONLIGHT LIQUORS - 2305 E 12th, 307-234-7787

SANDBAR LOUNGE - 100 N Ash, 307-266-2745

VFW POST #10969 - 4570 W Yellowstone Hwy, 307-266-3221

LARAMIE

COWBOY SALOON - 108 S 2nd St

MINGLES BILLIARDS - 3206 E Grand Ave, 307-721-2005

DOUGLAS

NORTHGATE LIQUORS - 711 N 4th, 307-358-6806

PLAINS TRADING POST - 628 E Richards, 307-358-4489

GILLETTE

FIRESIDE LOUNGE - 114 N US Hwy 14-16, 307-682-7545

JAKES TAVERN - 5201 S Douglas Hwy, 307-686-3781

MINGLES - 2209 S Douglas Hwy, 307-686-1222

GLENROCK

FOUR ACES BAR - 316 W Birch St, 307-436-9010

MOORCROFT

DEWEY'S PLACE - 307-756-3713

RIVERTON

BOOT, THE - 702 E Main, 307-856-7595

CEDAR BAR - 413 E Fremont Ave, 307-856-6721

RALFF'S - 121 N Broadway, 307-856-2837

RIVERCITY BAR - 910 S Federal Blvd, 307-856-4652

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www.bestqualitybilliards.com

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BLACK HILLS NOVELTY-209 Stocktrail Ave, Gillette,WY 307-686-2111

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BROADWAYS BILLIARD CUES & SUPPLIES - 303-781-5755

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CAL SPAS - 1035 Zuni, Denver, 303-623-0100

CAREFREE SPAS & POOLS - 7450 W 52nd Ave Unit V, Arvada, 303-422-0100

COLORADO BILLIARDS & SPAS - 1555 S Havana, Aurora, 303-337-1818

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FIERCE EAGLE CUE CO - 4014 Tennyson St, Denver, 303-455-1412

FODOR BILLIARDS - 9030 E Philips Pl Ste 100, Centennial, 303-770-7771

FODOR BILLIARDS - 16565 N Washington St, Thornton, 303-920-0800

FODOR BILLIARDS - 3310 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Colorado Springs, 719-598-4611

FRONT RANGE POOL TABLES - 1600 E. Mulberry St. #3, Fort Collins, 970-419-0816

FRONT RANGE BILLIARD SUPPLY - 303-717-0040

GAME EXCHANGE OF COLORADO - 2650 W 6th Ave, Denver, 303-893-4300

GAME MASTER - 107 Quincy Street Pueblo, CO 81004 (719) 542-5832

HOME STARS DESIGN STUDIO - 2855 W Oxford Ave Unit 1, Englewood, 303-979-1200

HOT SPRINGS SPAS OF COLORADO - 4275 Broadway, Denver, 303-296-7727

INTERNATIONAL HOT TUB CO - 1640 S Abilene St, Aurora,303-755-4772

LG CUES / Chris Briggs - 2785 S Patton Ct, Denver, 303-922-4003

POOL SHARKS INC - 1020 28th Ave #107B, Greeley, 970-304-6837

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOME & LEISURE - 163 Goldmine Dr, Pagosa Springs, 970-264-1717

SPA PALACE - 8601 W Cross Dr, Littleton, 303-972-4932

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN POOL TABLE - 301 Main, Windsor, 970-686-1111

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TRIANGLE BILLIARD SUPPLY - 5950 S Platte Canyon Road Unit A1B, Denver, 303-935-3734

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yvapa@msn.com

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