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to favor stripes since its path will be clear after the stripes are removed. Suppose that the eight ball has a clear path or is blocked by a stripe into one pocket and a solid into another, equally fa-

avorable, pocket. Then you must look backwards from the eight ball for the best key shot, the stripe or solid that will yield the easiest position for the eight ball after you pocket it as the last ball of the group. In one of those two situations the group that offers the best key shot is the one to choose. When the eight ball is in the rack area the best candidates for the key shot are balls lying between the foot string and the side pockets because they offer stop-shot position for a shot on the eight into the corner.

January 2001

Two months ago we discussed the importance of planning the run out before taking the first shot in a game of eight ball. This month we shall continue in that vein with some tips for making and executing a plan that will work for a run out or a plan that leads to a tactical move for a victory in games where the run out is too difficult.

Let's begin with an examination of an open table to find the key for putting together a complete run. When faced with an open table your first and most important decision is the choice between stripes and solids. You will make that choice by looking at the eight ball. If the eight ball's path to the most logical pocket is blocked by a stripe, that will lead you

From the key shot proceed backwards another step to find the ball that leads most logically to it. You can make a complete plan in this fashion proceeding backwards through the rack until you arrive at your first shot. Many books offer that method as the way to make a plan but I believe that there is a simpler and more logical approach. Once you have established your

key shot and the one preceding it you can now simply divide the table in half at the side pockets and examine the layout of the remaining balls. Because it is too difficult to move the cue ball up and down the table through the traffic of your opponent's balls, complete the remainder your plan to pocket all of the balls at one end of the table, then all of the balls at the other end. The simplest racks proceed with pocketing the balls at the foot end, making one trip up to the head for any balls there and finishing near the middle of the table with the key shot. Practice finding that pattern by breaking open racks and looking for a basic foot, head, middle procession to the eight ball.

Many racks will contain problem balls, balls that you must move or break out before you can pocket them. Always attack those problems as early in the run as possible. If, after identifying your key shot, you see a ball that must be moved, look for the most logical break ball and plan the most direct route to it. Make your plan to the necessary breakout, after which you will complete the plan from there to the eight ball. Remember that your options diminish with every ball that you pocket.

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Piazza Doubles Dips Cordova in the Finals at Bank Shot in Alamosa

Results courtesy of Al "Flats" Lujan

Bank Shot 2nd Annual Vegas Tune-up \$1000 added went great as expected with 50 shooters attending from as far away as Albuquerque to the south and Denver to the north.

Sam Cordova from Pueblo went to the hot seat by defeating Tony Piazza from Denver. However Tony came back from the losers side to beat Sammy 5-4 in the first set. Sammy had problems making a ball on good breaks and Tony wasn't missing a ball and took the 1st place cash of \$730.00.

Thanks to all sponsors for the added monies and thanks to all the participants for making this another successful event!



Top Finishers (left to right): Sam Cordova (2nd), Tony Piazza (1st) and Al Pack (3rd)

Tournament Results:

| | | |
|--------|---|----------|
| 1st | Tony Piazza, Denver | \$730 |
| 2nd | Sam Cordova, Pueblo | \$400 |
| 3rd | Al Pack, Sante Fe | \$300 |
| 4th | Bill Stroud, Ruidoso | \$150 |
| 5/6th | Johnny Lucero, Alamosa Tommy T, Albuquerque | \$100/ea |
| 7/8th | Rich Montoya, Denver Yogi, Alamosa | \$50/ea |
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Tournaments/Leagues/Committed to Growth

Have a Donut With Those Grapes of Wrath *By OMG*

March 18th, 2009

I played pool this past weekend.

Some of you may recall I played in a local/loco women's eight-ball tournament not too long ago. To say that was an interesting experience would be a massive understatement. There was no conclusion to the tournament because, although I made it all the way through the losers' bracket in twelve hours from my first-round match, I was not allowed to play the final match due to the fact that it was closing time (1:30 a.m.).

I had to split the first- and second-place prize money with Ginger, the ever-so-slightly less-than-affable lady who beat me in the first round.

I did not consider my finish a tie for first place as everyone else did, but rather a second-place finish since I had one loss and Ginger had no losses. If we had played the final match, I was confident I would have won both sets of the true double-elimination format. Of course, we will never know if that is what really would have happened, since this is all hypothetical.

To me, second place and last place are worth about the same as a vice presidency the way 32nd Vice President of the United States John Nance Garner put it: "not worth a bucket of warm piss."

Time passes, seasons change, Daylight Savings Time wreaks havoc with our schedules for a day or three, and just five weeks later, the tournament came around once again.

Once again, I woke up early and took the bus to the pool room.

Once again, the tournament started an hour later than it was supposed to. I don't blame the Tournament Director for waiting — at the supposed start time there were only four of us present. When the tournament began at almost 2:00 p.m., there were seven players entered. Last time, there had been twenty. Apparently, a lot of women had emailed TD that they were going to come and then didn't show.

Such is life.

Before we started, TD told us there were changes to the tournament format. Last time, it had been races to five on the winners' side, and races to three on the losers' side. TD, despite our warnings, did not anticipate that the tournament would run so VERY long. He had changed the format in the middle of the last tournament to races to three on both sides. Then, a change to shorten the races yet again, this time to a single game, was proposed. I did not agree to the race to one and the race to three was kept. We still did not finish the tournament.

This time, the races were to three on the winners' side and to two on the losers' side. The loser-breaks format was still in effect. Due to the low turnout, TD decided a round-robin format of races to three would be a better idea than the usual double-elimination tournament and give us all a chance to play more pool.

In a round-robin format, each player plays every other player once. This is good. The element of luck seems reduced, given that all competitors face the same opponents, and a few bad performances don't mean you can't win or place high. Winning is based on your win-loss record, so losing twice doesn't mean you are out of the running as it would in a double-elimination tournament.

Regardless of the tournament match format, a race to three is a very short race. The shorter the race, the less margin of error you have. In a race to five, two games make up 40% of the way to five games, and you must win three more. In a race to three, two games puts you at 66% and only one game away from winning. Each game is exponentially more valuable the shorter the race becomes. There is no room for error and so my primary mission for this tournament is not to win, but to hold everyone at zero.

#1

For my first match, I drew Kabocha, the player I had knocked out hill-freaking-hill in the last tournament in order to advance to the finals. She had not been happy about her third-place finish by letting me know, in no uncertain terms, that she "gave" me the win.

This was mildly annoying.

While neither of us had played well, I did not feel that the match had come wrapped in paper with a big shiny bow. We both fought for the win and, in the end, I may have gotten lucky or

toughed it out just a little bit more, but I would readily admit that it had been tough and had she won, I would have conceded that she was the better player that day.

I don't know why some people always have a need to point out that you didn't earn the win. They have so many reasons such as 1.) "I was off my best game and gave you that win"; 2.) "I don't really care that much about this tournament"; and I have even had this reason presented for my consideration 3.) "I knew you would feel bad about losing to me so I lost to you on purpose." The sad part about #3 is, it was said behind my back and a hell of a lot of people believed the speaker. I didn't believe it because money was involved in that match, but hey, who am I to turn down free money and good times?

Carrying on...

As I have said before, Kabocha is a dangerous player because she plays well and she is confident — almost arrogant — in her own abilities, and she is not afraid to tell you what she thinks of you, your game, and how lucky you're getting. This extreme confidence can be intimidating and makes her a very tough competitor. That is how I almost lost the previous match we played. Many, including myself, were interested in seeing whether I would handle this match differently.

Last time, Kabocha dressed casually, as did all the players. Today, she was dressed to the hilt in swishy black dress pants, bright multicolored silk blouse, stylish short-sleeve cardigan sweater, and most blindingly, dozens and dozens of crystal bangles that jingled like a herd of Christmas reindeer.

You could tell she meant business.

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A Bad Plan is Better than No Plan

by Samm Diep
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I don't even need to explain the title of this article because I'm sure you know exactly what I'm referring to. When we don't decide what we want to accomplish or if we don't fully commit to the outcome, it is more

likely that we'll miss or get bad position. How can we expect to achieve something when we don't even know what we're trying to achieve? How many times have you played position for "oh, somewhere in the middle of the table," and ended up with a bank shot, the cue ball frozen to the rail with a tester, or even hooked behind the only possible ball on the table? If you have no idea where you're going, chances are you'll get there.

What is a bad plan? A bad plan is a bad decision. Maybe you chose the wrong pattern and were left snookered on your last ball. Perhaps you're playing 8-ball and you carelessly got too straight on your key ball. Now you have to find a way to get through traffic back to the other end of the table for the 8. These are all

examples of poor decisions. In these instances, you had a bad plan.

Regardless of how your bad plan occurred, if you address a shot with no plan whatsoever, you're just as doomed from the beginning. Even the most beginner player that has yet to learn cue ball control has a plan. Their plan: Make the ball. Make the ball. Make the ball. They may not play perfect patterns, but if their alignment and mechanics are sound, they will most likely pocket the ball.

Once they discover rails and English, they graduate from simply making the ball to also controlling the cue ball. Their new plan becomes: Make the ball *and* draw the cue ball three diamonds. Whatever position is required of the cue ball, this new element now becomes part of their plan. The point is that there *is* a plan.

At a certain level, our abilities have strengthened and the challenge becomes putting it all together in a good plan. We know where to aim and what speed we should use to accomplish what we want. The part we often neglect is to develop a plan that takes advantage of all our current skills. Having a plan means that BEFORE we get down and address the cue ball,

we make a decision on exactly what we would like to see happen. We'll do our best to make it happen, but the only way to give ourselves the best chance is to have a full plan of attack, regardless if the plan is good or bad.

You may think, "Let's just make this ball and see what happens" is a plan, but it's actually no plan at all. Establish a plan and give yourself the best chance at the shot. Commit your mind to the full picture. If it's a bad plan, embrace it and have a better plan next time. Having no plan teaches us nothing.

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between the two of you... but what I can share, is the importance of catching these situations as early as possible. Otherwise its hard to prove discrepancies later!

More Facebook Questions to "The Viper"

This month's feature reflects the last of the pool-related questions asked by my Facebook friends.

Todd Palmer/Pocatello, Idaho

How do you get ready for a tournament?

Viper: Todd two weeks out, I schedule workouts with friends or Mark Haddad and play exclusively on my Gold Crown IV that has been in the Wynkoop Brewing Company since 2004. I mostly play long sessions of 15-Rack (45 games of 10-ball the ghost), sets of 9-ball, 1-pocket, banks, and straight pool. A couple of days before I leave, I quit pool all together and rest.

As soon as I get to the event I practice only for speed purposes. It's kind of funny to me to see players really practicing hard at the events as if they did not prepare from home. That is why when each of you practice at home it is important to play as if you were competing in the world championships... never hit balls without a purpose!

Tanya Chisum/Lafayette, CO

Can you tell me the differences in tables?

Viper: Tanya, there are the following manufactured tables; Bar table 3.5 x 7 ft, home tables 4 x 8 ft, regulation pool table 4.5 x 9 ft, Snooker & 3-Cushion billiards is played on a 5 x 10 ft in the USA, and an English regulation size Snooker table is 6 x 12 ft.

Here in Denver at the Wynkoop, where I am house pro, we have (10) 9 ft Brunswick Gold Crowns, (7) new Diamond Smart Tables 3.5 x 7 ft, (2) Brunswick Ventura 9 ft tables in our private banquets rooms, (1) vintage Brunswick 5 x 10 ft Snooker table, and (1) custom L-shaped table. And best thing, is we offer FREE pool Monday-Thursday from 12-5.☺

Mark Chernin/Topeka, KS

How would you handle a situation where you know you broke first and the score is wrong and it is your break but you know the score is not right. I had a guy move his coin once but I didn't see him move it a second time?

Viper: Mark, that is a hard question to answer because that situation is one where you could cause a confrontation

I remember once sloughing the break to Allison Fisher and it wasn't until after the match that the audience told me she broke three times in a row. Unfortunately, the way that tournaments are run, it is impossible to go back in time to replay those games.

Also, I just recently witnessed a match where a player sloughed a foul committed and another player on the sidelines said something after the game was over. A commotion irrupted between the players, and the tournament director tried to make the players start the game over until he found out that it was four shots ago and then called the match finished!

So the moral of this conversation is, don't wait too long to resolve issues otherwise it becomes your fault for missing/sloughing the advancement of coins, breaks, fouls, etc.

John Sandifer/Thornton, CO

What is the last thing you look at before pocketing an object ball?

Viper: This is a real question that came in from a friend of mine here in CO who is a great player.

John, I first look at the cue ball to make sure I am applying the correct English, and then transfer my eyes back and forth from cue ball to object ball, and lastly I look at the object ball and relying on a straight stroke to pocket the ball.

June Smith/Littleton, CO

What keeps your motivation to practice and play consistently besides your heart for the game?

Viper: June, what a great question... I do indeed LOVE the sport of billiards and that is the best answer but it is also its the way I make my living.☺ I truly can say that I love my job and feel blessed that I have great sponsors that allow me to do my job to the best of my ability.☺

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.



2012 BCAPL National 8-Ball Championships

Congratulations to the Top Finishers from Colorado

Super Senior Singles

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|------|--------------|-------|
| 9th | Angel Garcia | \$475 |
| 13th | Ron Lincoln | \$350 |
| 49th | Jim Valdez | \$125 |

Men's Senior Singles

| | | |
|-------|--------------------------------|---------|
| 1st ★ | Richard Andrada | \$4,400 |
| 33rd | Charles Zeigler | \$200 |
| 65th | Easy Money Drinnon, Wayne Arde | \$125 |
| 97th | Flats Lujan, Bill Sepelak | \$100 |

Men's Open Singles

| | | |
|-------|--|-------|
| 17th | Luis Valdez | \$900 |
| 65th | Floyd Farr, Cecil Monge, Mark Morgan, Greg Romero, Scott Sholes, Kevin Williams | \$375 |
| 97th | Jim McCrary | \$250 |
| 129th | Chisolm Woodson | \$200 |
| 193rd | Jonathan Amo, Preston Hollis, Jason McClure, Alcie Ponce, Ruben Silva, Brian Zabrocki | \$150 |
| 257th | Ricky Barnes, Erdal Bengogullari, Mike Heineke, Alex Kanapilly, Darian Trujillo, Pat Winters | \$125 |
| 385th | Olivier Bosmans, Dave Howell, Vic Solano, David Wendlowsky, Mike Willeford | \$100 |

Men's Advanced Singles

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|------|--|-------|
| 33rd | Rick Field, Dave Hubbard, Bill Skinner | \$100 |
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Men's Grand Masters Singles

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| 9th | Marc Vidal Claramunt | \$300 |
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Women's Senior Singles

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| 7th | Dar Kyle | \$325 |
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Women's Open Singles

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|------|----------------|---------|
| 5th | Aimee Peterson | \$1,400 |
| 25th | Jessica Moxon | \$300 |
| 97th | Ranee Breckel | \$125 |

Women's Advanced Singles

| | | |
|------|----------------|---------|
| 3rd | Chris Honeman | \$1,400 |
| 9th | Carol James | \$250 |
| 13th | Laura Lo-Birch | \$150 |

Women's Grand Masters Singles

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|-----|----------------|-------|
| 5th | Melissa Little | \$300 |
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9-Ball Men's Open Singles

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|------|---------------------------|-------|
| 5th | Luis Valdez | \$550 |
| 17th | Ruben Silva, Jr. | \$175 |
| 33rd | Greg Romero, Bill Sepelak | \$75 |

9-Ball Challenge

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|------|----------------------|--------|
| 2nd | Marc Vidal Claramunt | \$1800 |
| 9th | Melissa Little | \$500 |
| 17th | Sam Cordova | \$225 |

Open Scotch Doubles

| | | |
|------|---|---------|
| 3rd | Mark Morgan/Aimee Peterson | \$1,700 |
| 13th | Doug James/Jessica Moxo Ruben Silva/Shannon Shoemake | \$400 |
| 25th | Chisolm Woodson/ Terry Duncan | \$150 |
| 49th | Mike Heineke/Tonya Haselbush | \$150 |
| 65th | Chuck Dusbabek/Jodi Talmadge | \$100 |

Advanced Scotch Doubles

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|-----|--------------------------|-------|
| 9th | Bill Skinner/Carol James | \$175 |
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Mixed Open Team

| | | |
|-------|---|---------|
| 5th | Buffalo 2 - Ernie Martinez, Vic Solano, Darian Trujillo, Luis Valdez, Kevin Williams | \$4,200 |
| 33rd | Dream Crushers - Jimmy Gardner, Alex Kanapilly, Mark Morgan, Greg Romero, Chisolm Woodson | \$725 |
| 33rd | On Cue (Colo Spgs) - Ricky Barnes, Jason McClure, Jeff McKeon, Cecil Monge, Mark Trimble, Pat Winters | \$725 |
| 97th | BC's Blockheads - Keith Hanna, Mike Hogan, Chris Patrinas, Gary Schaffler, Manual Torres | \$350 |
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Women's Open Team

| | | |
|------|--|-------|
| 25th | Moxie Chicks - Ranee Breckel, Terry Duncan, Carol James, Jessica Moxon, Debbi Worcester | \$250 |
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9-Ball Open Team

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| 13th | DPPA - Alan Hogan, Mike Hogan, Dave Howell, Jacob Mitchell, Charlie Ray | \$100 |
| 13th | Dream Crushers - Jimmy Gardner, Alex Kanapilly, Mark Morgan, Greg Romero, and Chisolm Woodson | \$100 |

Grapes of Wrath by OMG

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I won the toss and broke the first game. I made a ball and began to run out. The equipment quality had not changed since the last tournament and I used that knowledge to my advantage. To prevent the shots from rolling off on the unlevel table, I hit them all with a crisp, firm stroke. I mapped out patterns that required less use of the rails since the rails were unpredictable. I was very conservative with the cue ball, preferring to move it only a few inches at a time. I could tell I was playing much better than before. I missed a cut by just a hair and now, it was Kabocha's turn.

Kabocha played with a forceful stroke and that proved to be her advantage last time. Because she hit all her shots fairly hard, they were less like to roll off. However, she would have to be much more accurate with her aim as the pockets were still fairly tight and if she didn't hit dead center of the pocket, the balls often rattled or bounced out. She also sacrificed some cue ball control in favor of power. Kabocha ran a ball or two before hitting one shot a little too hard and rattling it. It wasn't a terrible mistake, though, as the ball she rattled stayed in the jaws of the pocket, thereby ensuring her an easy shot later. Furthermore, that rattled ball now blocked that pocket from three of my balls which sat very close to it. Satisfied that the situation looked grim for me, Kabocha strutted back to her seat.

And indeed, the situation was grim. Kabocha had left me a relatively routine cut up at the head of the table, but my last three balls were at the foot of the table and her ball blocked their closest pocket. I could hear Kabocha telling herself the situation was all right because I had no chance of making my last three balls. I surveyed the table and saw what Kabocha could not see.

I cut the open shot in and sent the cue ball off the side rail where it bounced down toward the foot rail. It hit the foot rail and rolled up a few inches from the blocked corner pocket. I made a mental note to sacrifice a chicken to the pool gods who made sure the dead rails didn't screw up that shot. Kabocha was mystified as to why I sent the cue ball into such a crappy spot. Was I perhaps thinking of banking one of my balls in the side? But what shot would I have after that? The other lower corner pocket was also guarded

by another of Kabocha's balls — so what the hell was I doing? I had ended up almost exactly where I had wanted to be. To the random barbox banger, it seemed like I had no shot but to anyone who had spent any time at a quality pool room, the answer was obvious.

I lined up for a long, steep cut shot on one of my balls into the upper corner pocket. It was a low-percentage shot and even if I made it, there were still two balls in tough position. I shot with the stroke and speed I had seen the regulars in my pool room shoot this shot a thousand times.

The predominant game in my regular pool room is one-pocket. I have the benefit of watching this game being played by very capable players every time I stop in. I have seen the most amazing outs where a player has run several balls into the same pocket all the while maintaining precise cue ball control. I have watched Efen Reyes run fourteen balls into the same under four-inch pocket for a thousand dollars a game. Observing quality one-pocket has greatly expanded my knowledge of eight-ball.

The object ball was a thing of beauty as it traveled nine feet into the pocket. With such a steep cut, it was obvious that I was going to have to strike the cue ball quite firm and probably lose control of it. As I planned, the cue ball hit one of Kabocha's object balls and stopped, leaving me another long cut on my next object ball. I shot that into the same uptable corner pocket as the last one. The cue ball bumped into yet another one of Kabocha's object balls, repeating its acclaimed performance, and — ta-da! — I had a shot on my last object ball. That ball also went uptable into the same corner pocket as the rest, and afterwards, I had a nice shot on the eight-ball in the opposite side pocket.

Kabocha looked surprised. I do not think Kabocha saw that one-pocket style runout as a possibility. I do think she saw that I was not the same player she had almost beat a few weeks ago. But really, how much can a person's game change in five weeks?

A whole helluva lot.

Coincidentally (and hilariously), I won the next two games almost in identical fashion. In both games, she missed once, but her balls ended up blocking the easiest pockets for my balls and required me to position the cue ball on the short side to play the shots into much tougher pockets.

I won 3-0.

Shortly after the match was over, Kabocha declared to the room that she was leaving. TD quickly told her that it was a round-robin tournament, so she still had a chance to win because there were several more matches to be played. Kabocha replied, "I don't need to be here. If I was at the top of my game y'all wouldn't have a chance. I gots another tourna-

ment to go to where my friends are at." Kabocha left and forfeited her other five matches.

TD asked me, "You didn't do something to piss her off in the match, did you?"

"Nope." I hadn't said a word the entire time. I don't like to talk. If you don't open your mouth, you can't stick a foot in it, y'know?

"I can't imagine she'd just up and leave like that when the tournament's only just started. That's crazy! She's a good player, too, and has a great chance of winning this tournament."

"Well, maybe I did piss her off..."

"I knew it! What'd you do!?"

"I won."

Oh Kabocha, we hardly knew ye.

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I won this match 3-0.

#3

This was to be my first tough match of the day. My opponent, we'll name her DVF, was a former national eight-ball champion and played very well. We had played one game in a league match many years ago which I still remember fondly. We took probably a half-hour to play a single game of barbox eight-ball that featured some of the best kicks, kick-safes, and intentional fouls I have ever played. It had been a masterpiece of defensive eight-ball. I had blinked first, and lost, but I had learned much from that one game.

We both made uncharacteristic errors in the beginning of this match. I won the first game, lost the second, and lost the third. With the score at 2-1 in favor of my opponent, I broke and ran a very difficult fourth game to tie the score at 2-2. I lost the fifth game and DVF won, 3-2.

I really, really, really enjoyed playing this match. There is nothing better than to play a tough match with a good opponent who respects the game as much as you do.

I considered DVF to be the best player in the tournament. In her previous match, she had played Ginger who was a strong player, but not of the same caliber as DVF. DVF had probably won that match, and now, having beaten me, was the only undefeated player in the tournament. The remaining players were not even remotely close to DVF's level and she would have no problems winning those matches.

It crossed my mind that I was now playing for second place, but I let go of the thought and concentrated instead on my initial mission: keep everyone at zero.

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 3rd - Rosie T. \$45
 4th - Andre L. \$30
 5th - Sean T. \$20
 6th - Darren B. \$20
 7th - Jono M. \$15
 Top Lady - Rebecca T. \$15

SAT (4/28)

bar table 9-ball - 10 players
 1st - Darren B. \$45
 2nd - Joseph S. \$25
 3rd - Emily P. \$15
 Top Lady - Bert M. \$15

SUN (4/29)

big table 8-ball - 16 players
 1st - Andrew P. \$135
 2nd - Chuck N. \$85
 3rd - Fred L. \$54
 4th - Marc V. \$34

TUE (5/1)

big table 9-ball - 19 players
 1st - Kiko I. \$175
 2nd - Chuck N. \$90
 3rd - Andrew P. \$50
 4th - Juan P. \$30
 5th - Marc V. \$20

FRI (5/4)

bar table 8-ball - 19 players
 1st - Rick F. \$80
 2nd - Bert M. \$45
 3rd - Andy P. \$30
 4th - Sean T. \$20
 Top Lady - Brandie R. \$15

SAT (5/5)

bar table 9-ball - 15 players
 1st - Jono M. \$60
 2nd - Sean T. \$35
 3rd - Mike M. \$25
 4th - Darren B. \$15
 Top Lady - Rose R. \$15

SUN (5/6)

one-pocket - 10 players
 1st - Juan P. \$100
 2nd - Chuck N. \$60
 3rd - Gary G. \$40

MON (5/7)

FREE TOURNAMENT - 9 players
 1st - Chris R. \$20 cash
 2nd - Emily P. \$10 Felt gift card

TUE (5/8)

big table 9-ball - 18 players
 1st - Bill S. \$140
 2nd - Andrew P. \$75
 3rd - Kiko I. \$45
 4th - Greg Q. \$30
 5th - Mike D. \$15

FRI (5/11)

bar table 8-ball - 26 players
 1st - Derek S. \$100
 2nd - Rick W. \$65
 3rd - Earl D. \$45
 4th - Dave M. \$20
 5th - Andre L. \$10
 6th - Brandie R. \$10
 Top Lady - Rosie T. \$10

SAT (5/12)

bar table 9-ball - 14 players
 1st - Derek S. \$75
 2nd - Craig W. \$40
 3rd - Jeremy A. \$25

SUN (5/13)

big table 10-ball - 11 players
 1st - Tony P. \$119
 2nd - Danny M. \$70
 3rd - Chuck N. \$40

MON (5/7)

FREE TOURNAMENT - 9 players
 1st - Dave N. \$20 cash
 2nd - Quentin S. \$10 Felt gift card

TUE (5/15)

big table 9-ball - 14 players
 1st - Shane W. \$120
 2nd - Chuck N. \$80
 3rd - Juan P. \$50
 4th - Fred L. \$20

FRI (5/18)

bar table 8-ball - 26 players
 1st - Rick F. \$100
 2nd - Jono M. \$70
 3rd - Mike M. \$40
 4th - Rick H. \$20
 5th - Don L. \$15
 Top Lady - Sara W. \$15

SAT (5/19)

bar table 9-ball - 15 players
 1st - Greg Q. \$90
 2nd - Ivan B. \$40
 3rd - Don P. \$20

SUN (5/20)

big table 10-ball - 18 players
 1st - Bill S. \$130
 2nd - Jose C. \$80
 3rd - Danny M. \$40
 4th - Tony P. \$30
 5th - Don P. \$16

TUE (5/22)

big table 9-ball - 14 players
 1st - Bill S. \$120
 2nd - Danny M. \$90
 3rd - Kiko I. \$55
 4th - Chuck N. \$25

FRI (5/25)

bar table 8-ball - 25 players
 1st - Derrick S. \$100
 2nd - Jose C. \$60
 3rd - Andre L. \$40
 4th - Fred L. \$20
 5th - Sean T. \$15
 6th - Bert M. \$15

SAT (5/26)

bar table 9-ball - 13 players
 1st - Jose C. \$65
 2nd - Juan P. \$45
 3rd - David D. \$25

MON (5/28)

FREE TOURNAMENT - 7 players
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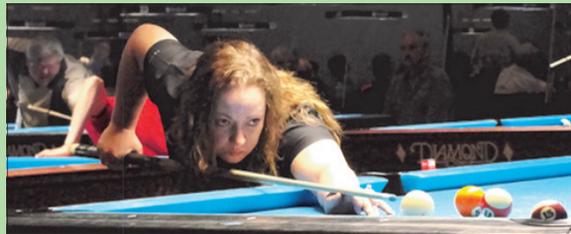
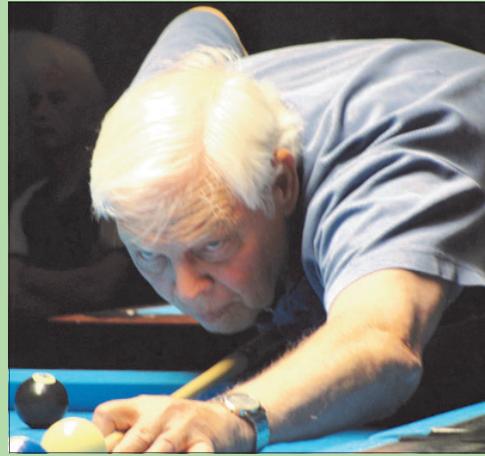
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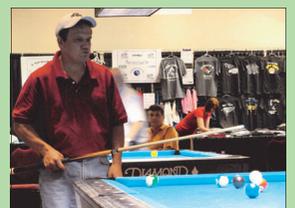
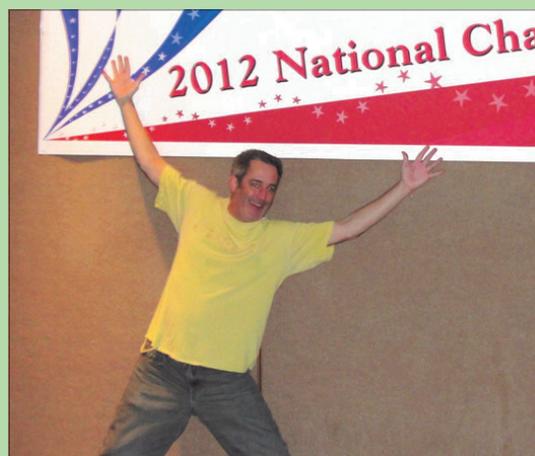
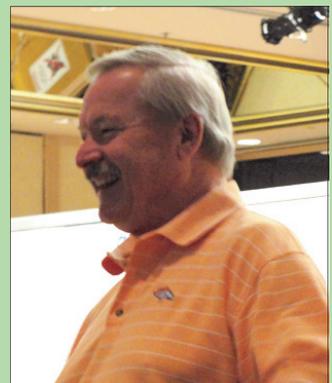
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Scenes from the 2012 BCAPL National Championships

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Orcollo Prevails in Battle of Champions at the US Open 10-Ball Championships

The last day of the CSI 4th US Open 10-Ball Championship, held May 14-19 at the Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, was a battle of three world champions, all from the Philippines, and a young gun from the United States. Three matches were scheduled, the quarter, semi and final.



2012 US Open 10-Ball Champion
Dennis Orcollo

The quarter final was between 25 year old US player, Mike Dechaine, and recent BCA Hall of Fame recipient Francisco Bustamante. In the past two years Dechaine ramped up his game from feared New England player to participant on the pool world stage. In 2011 he was a member of the US Mosconi Cup team and won the Ultimate 10-Ball Championship.

Bustamante is a legend, a multiple world champion and one of a handful of players whom other professional players hope to challenge at least once in their career, win or lose, just to say they did. On this day, Bustamante prevailed against rising star Dechaine 9-4 at the premier

CueSports International (CSI) event. Dechaine took home 4th place and \$4,800.

Now it was down to three, all former world champions. In the semi-finals Bustamante was pitted against fellow countryman, Alex Pagulayan. After a two year hiatus from pool competition, Pagulayan has been playing as fearless as ever. In this match he started off in the lead as Bustamante struggled, but

not for long, as Bustamante caught a gear and beat Pagulayan 9-7 relegating "The Lion" to a 3rd place finish and \$6,500.

Waiting in the hot seat was Dennis "Robocop" Orcollo. In the finals against Bustamante, Orcollo dominated from the first rack. The CSI US Open 10-Ball Championship final race was to 11. The winner was required to win two ahead with a maximum cap of 15 games to win. The final match took less than two hours with Orcollo quickly taking the win 11-5 and \$15,000.

4th US Open 10-Ball Championship, it includes the 2011 DCC 9-Ball Division, the 2011 World 8-Ball Championship, the 2010 World Pool Masters, the 2009 Predator International 10-Ball Championship, the 2008 Qatar World Open 9-Ball Tournament, the 2006 US Bar Table Championships 8-Ball Division and the 2006 Reno Open, just to name a few.

In 2013, the 5th US Open 10-Ball Championship will be moved from May to July and held at a new venue, the Rio All-Suites Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas in conjunction with the 37th BCAPL National Championships. To view online all of the brackets from the 36th BCAPL National Championships, the 13th US Open One Pocket Championship and the 4th US Open 10-Ball Championship, visit the CueSports Tournament System at www.ctsondemand.com. You may search by player or team name or can view by division or tournament.

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At age 33, Orcollo is currently one of the best players in the world. Ranked #6 on the World Pool Billiard Association men's list, he first burst on to the world pool scene in 2002 as a relative unknown, taking his first world championship. His list of wins in the past 10 years has been highly regarded. In addition to the CSI

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It was time to play Ginger.

Ginger, you might recall, had defeated me in the first round the last time we played in this tournament. In that match, she had repeatedly sharked me by talking, interrupting me at the table, and moving around. After my loss, I shook her hand, but she had been very ungracious about that, too. I had fought all the way back to the finals, but time constraints forced us to split instead of playing out the conclusion. And so, I left that tournament unsatisfied.

Ginger was also a former national eight-ball champion and she played well. This would be a tough match, and I looked forward to it. Ginger may not have looked forward to it — I could see the bitterness in her angry little-boy face. I think she knew what I also knew — sharking only works once. This time, I was prepared.

She brought her cues over to the assigned table and I said quietly, “Tails.”

Ginger instantly threw up her hands and exploded in a rage. Arms raised, she spun around as she ranted, “Tails? FINE! HEADS, then! HEADS! What the heck is that supposed to mean anyways?” She began to talk louder and louder and walked off towards a corner of the room. “Will SOMEBODY give me a coin since she obviously thinks I have one and I don’t? Heads! Tails! What is all this? Ugh!”

I patiently waited out the minutes of this pointless melodramatic death scene worthy of the most terrible high-school production of Romeo and Juliet. When she was done waving her arms, demanding justice from her angry gods, and executing various figure-skating moves, she turned around to face me and the spectators who had simply stared and watched in silence. Our silence startled her. She looked at me and looked down to the cue I held which pointed at something on the table. It was a coin.

“Oh.” Ginger’s eyes narrowed. “Where did that come from?”

“It’s been there. I put it there for you before I said, ‘tails’.”

“Oooh...”

“Yeeeah... Would you like to flip the coin now, or shall I wait?”

“No, no, I can do that.”

“Thank you. Tails.”

I won the flip and broke the first game. I came just short of running out by getting bad position on the eight-ball and missing the resulting shot. The table was wide open and there was no reason a player of Ginger’s caliber would not run out. Unless that reason was missing the first shot and giving me a clear shot on the eight. I was mildly surprised, but took the first win without comment.

Ginger’s pre-match theatrics may have tired her out beyond recovery as I gave her some opportunities, but she seemed to shoot without thought. She did not fill this match with inane chatter as she did before and I appreciated this as she only shuts up when she thinks she might not win. I also did not speak and thoroughly enjoyed the unfriendly silence.

When Ginger was racking the balls for the last game, I remembered something and before I could forget, I turned to TD and asked if he was still running a Sunday tournament as well. He answered that he was not, as the Sunday tournament did not draw enough people. I turned back to the table where Ginger was just waiting to bark, “I don’t talk when you’re playing!” I remembered how her mouth was on autopilot all the other times we played. I smiled sweetly at her in response.

Ginger continued growling and finally broke the rack. She broke very well and it was an open table that could easily be run out. There were no balls on the rail, no clusters, and the stripes were sitting absolutely perfect as most of them were just hanging in the pockets. Even if she missed, the way the solids were clustered together in the center of the table ensured I would have a very tough run out. Ginger started shooting the stripes.

As easy as the layout was, she surprisingly began to get out of line. She hit all the shots extremely hard even though the balls were all very close to pockets already. By the fifth ball, she had hooked herself. Ginger made a very, very nice kick on her nine-ball and left the cue ball and nine-ball in the jaws of the lower right corner pocket. “What an excellent kick!” I said. Ginger snorted.

All of my balls were clustered closely in the middle of the table and I only had one very difficult shot from where Ginger left the cue ball. I had to cut my object ball very thin into the opposite corner pocket. I could only hope it would not roll off course since I had to hit the ball rather gently to maintain control of the cue ball. As luck would have it, I made the ball and the cue ball softly collided with one of my clusters. The cluster broke up just enough to allow me another shot into the side pocket. One by one, I wove the cue ball in and out until I had shot all seven of my object balls into the side pockets. I got perfect on the eight-ball, and made it to shut Ginger out, 3-0.

Ginger is an anal-retentive stickler for sportsmanship. The last time we played, although I had shook her hand after my defeat and acknowledged her fine play, she had deemed it “not a real handshake” and had said I was rude for not giving her “a real handshake”. After this final eight-ball went down, she stomped off, totally ignoring the fact that I, too, might have looked forward to “a real handshake”.

This amused me.

People often have double-standards when it comes to sportsmanship. With me, I sometimes shake hands, I sometimes don’t. It doesn’t matter if I win or not, it just depends on how I’m feeling that day. I’m simply not a fan of physical contact. However, I don’t crucify my opponents if they don’t want shake my hand. Losing sucks enough as it is and I am not going to antagonize them further for something so small.

One of the spectators watched her storm off and remarked, “She doesn’t seem to like you very much.”

“She’s really nice to you if you’re not a good player,” I said. “She was nice to me a long time ago, but as I got better, she liked me less and less.”

“That sucks.”

“No,” I said. “That’s pool. But it’s okay — I’d rather be feared than loved.”



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Van Boening Takes Down U.S. Open One Pocket Championship

Story provided by AZ Billiards

Sunday play at the CSI US Open One Pocket Championship saw the last changing of the guard as the permutations of who would make it to the 10 pm final unfolded.

10 AM MATCHES

The first matches of the day took place at 10 am, as we saw the last four players on the losers side fighting it out. On the top of the draw we saw Alex Pagulayan matched up against Santos Sambajon with Alex coming out the winner to move into the next round to meet Francisco Bustamante.

At the bottom of the draw we had Charlie Bryant matched up against Ike Runnels with Ike moving to the next round to meet Sylver Ochoa.

1 PM MATCHES

In the hot seat match we had the much improved Darren "Dynamite" Appleton dueling it out with this years Derby City Classic One Pocket Champion Shane Van Boening. Unfortunately Shane just made one too many scratches in this match and allowed Darren to come out the winner with a 4-3 score line. This match went with the break, and always had Darren ahead in the match. The last game was exciting for the fans that witnessed some great shot making by both players. Shane would then have to wait for the 7 pm match to see if he could get another stab at Mr. Appleton.

Next we had Alex Pagulayan playing Francisco Bustamante to get to the last two players standing on the losers side of the bracket. Francisco - not surprisingly - carried on his winning ways and came through in this match.

The other pairing was Ike Runnels up against Sylver Ochoa, in a match that Sylver had control of throughout, and came out the winner at 3-1.

4 PM MATCHES

The final pairing on the losers side of the bracket saw Francisco Bustamante scrapping it out with Sylver Ochoa. Sylver put a stop to Francisco's winning ways and came out the winner with a score of 3-2.

7 PM MATCH

Next Mr. Ochoa had to meet the waiting Shane Van Boening, who once again was poised to find his way back to the winning circle. It was no surprise that Shane put a stop to Sylver's great play in this event, with Shane winning with a 3-1 score line.

10 PM MATCH

They say that the cream always rises to the top. Well, here we had a final with two great young guns of the One Pocket game rising to the occasion. Darren was on top of his game immediately taking the score line to 3-2 in his favor. In the sixth game, by his own admission, Appleton missed an easy run out to allow Shane to level the match at 3-3.

Darren then had another relatively easy run out to win the next game, but missed an easy ball to once again allow Shane to win the game and take the lead at 4-3. In game eight Darren played a great combo but once again dogged the bank, and that was all she wrote as Shane was left an easy run out to take down the title with a 5-3 score.



2012 One Pocket Champion
Shane Van Boening

Once again Shane Van Boening has not only proved himself worthy of yet another highly prized One Pocket title, but has shown the pool world just what a talent he has in so many disciplines of the game. He really is a true champion that should be at the top of his games for many years to come. Well done Shane!!!

It must also be noted that CSI once again put on another very slick event, that went without a hitch, and not without the hard work put in by the great team of tournament directors Bill Stock, Ken Shuman and John Lehman.

It was great to see ONE POCKET being presented in such a high profile way by CSI, giving the discipline its rightful place in the pool calendar.

Four Colorado Kids Going to the BEF Junior Nationals

DENVER, Colorado – On Saturday, April 28th, 2012, the Wynkoop Brewing Company located at 1634 18th Street, in Denver, CO hosted its annual Billiard Education Foundation Junior National 9-Ball Championship qualifiers.

Several kids from all over Colorado's front range competed in this year's qualifiers and in the end the following young athletes have won divisional qualifiers and will represent the state of Colorado in this year's championship: 15-year-old Taren Stewart from Westminster, CO qualified for the Boys 18-under division, 14-year-old Joshua Bustos from Westminster, CO and 8-year-old Evan Balogh-Bryce from Denver, CO both have qualified for the 14-under division and 11-year-old Aryanna Davis from Aurora, CO qualified for the Girls 14-under division.

"I am so proud to see so many kids playing pool these days," says Melissa Little, house pro and

WPBA Touring Pro. "From the Wynkoop and myself I want to wish each one of them luck for the upcoming Nationals. GO Colorado!"

About the BEF:

150 young billiard athletes will compete in the 24th Annual BEF Junior National 9-Ball Championships held on July 11 -15, 2012 and will be hosted at Romine's High Pockets in Greenfield, Wisconsin. For more information about this event please visit:

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Junior Qualifiers: Evan Balogh-Bryce, Joshua Bustos, Taren Stewart, and Aryanna Davis



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San Antonio Teams Grab the Headlines at the 2012 ACS Nationals

The American CueSports Alliance (ACS) conducted its most successful national championships to date with a record \$36,500 in added prize monies drawing players from throughout North America to twenty-three divisions of competition at the *2012 Lucasi Hybrid ACS National Championships* in Las Vegas. Over 90% of attendees chose the host hotel, the Tropicana Las Vegas, for lodging – primarily attracted by early-bird hotel rates and discounted entry fees. The Tropicana Las Vegas is near the center of the action on the Las Vegas strip, and the dates – May 5-11 – and the gorgeous setting of this renovated property have quickly won over the players as a great site for pool action! The biggest highlight of these Championships was San Antonio TX capturing four of the nine team titles up for grabs!

Singles action began at the first of the week with handicapped 9-ball. Dustin Gunia of Omaha, NE, improved on his 4th place performance in 2011 by outperforming fellow Nebraskan – Chris Siefken (Lincoln, NE) – in the finals for the title by a 10-4 margin. On the distant side, Susan Orr (Las Vegas, NV) took two sets in the final against Richmond, Kentucky's Samantha Patton (2-5, 5-2) to earn her crown! Results from the many divisions of 8-ball singles included: Dustin Gunia performing a rare double by outpointing Glenn Atwell (Clay Center, KS) 7-4 in the finals of Men's Advanced Singles 8-Ball; Jessica Frideres (Fort Dodge, IA) adding to her growing list of ACS Nationals titles with a come-from-behind, two-set finals decision over undefeated Kawania Watson (San Antonio, TX) in the Women's Advanced 8-Ball Singles – 7-3/7-4; Richard Louapre (Jersey City, NJ) double-dipping undefeated Robert Nelson (Sycamore, IL) 5-4/5-3 for the Men's Open 8-Ball Singles championship; Susan Orr scoring another title with a 4-2 finals defeat of Mandy Schneider-Hood (Houston, TX) for the Women's Open 8-Ball Singles laurels; undefeated Joey Glover (Virginia Beach, VA) outdistancing David Field (Calgary, AB) in the first set of the finals – 5-3 – for the Men's Standard 8-Ball Singles division success; and Bernadine Crowchild (Calgary, AB) besting Arlene David (Virginia Beach, VA) by a 4-1 margin for the Women's Standard 8-Ball Singles glory.

In the senior-aged 8-ball singles divisions, Dennis Brown (Creston, BC) took down Claude Gragg III (Arlington, TX) in the deciding set of

the finals, 5-3, for the Men's Senior (55+) 8-Ball Singles crown; Shawn Modelo (Antioch, CA) captured her third straight Women's Senior (50+) 8-Ball Singles title by clipping Susan Kornerly (Two Rivers, WI) 4-3 in the finals; and Keith Parker (Henderson, NV) needed only one finals set to take the Super Senior (65+) Singles 8-Ball Singles title from Charles Smith (Whitesboro, TX) by a 5-2 margin!

The two Scotch Doubles 8-Ball divisions included the powerhouse duo of Dustin Gunia and Jessica Frideres (each winners of their respective Advanced Singles 8-Ball divisions) defending their 2011 title in the Advanced Scotch Doubles division with a narrow 7-6 finals win over Susan Orr/Ricky White (Las Vegas, NV); while the Canadian team of Anne Sinclair/Michael Therrien (ON) needed just one set as well to claim 4-2 victory over **Grand Junction, Colorado's Sandra Walsh and David Miles** in the Open Scotch Doubles category.

With the ACS schedule in the latter portion of the week allowing non-conflicting accommodation of entry into both 9-ball and 8-ball team competitions, there was still plenty of competition to keep every player involved – especially those out of the money who automatically qualified for free second-chance team divisions! In the Men's Advanced 8-Ball Team division, *Dick's Pick* [Greg Kuhl, Donnie Branson, Rocky Phipps, Fred Boggs, Lyn Wechsler and Jimmy Moore] (Las Vegas, NV) defended its 2011 title by eclipsing Virginia's *Brass Bell* 13-8 in the title match. The Women's Advanced 8-Ball Team division showcased *Knaw Kaw Min* [Becky Mowdy, Brandy Phillips, Judy Griffith, Sherry Griffin and Jan Aust] (WA) battling to a final's win over Ontario's *Eenie Meenie Miney Moe*. At this point, *Team Mireles* from San Antonio, TX started collecting titles. In the Men's Open 8-Ball Team competition, undefeated *Team Mireles* [Frank Ferrer, Shane Manaole, Pat Powers, Jacob Jimenez, Rick Robles, Gerard Jimenez, Lupe Sanchez and Eric Aicinena] outdistanced New York's *Foreign Policy* 13-9 in the title match. The Women's Open 8-Ball Team division showcased the Virginia team of *Footers Femme Fatale* [Alena Joyce, Tiffany Ebner, Diana Wirt and Marcia Schomburg] recovering from big deficits in two sets of the finals (2-7/4-7) to claim the top prize by 10-8/10-7 scores over Iowa's *No Balls Just Racks*.

The Men's Standard 8-Ball Team division witnessed a similar rebound for eventual winner, *The Tribe* (BC) [Tyler Chan, Doug Narcisse, Charles Narcisse, Adam Beeds and Bill Armstrong]. In the first match of the tournament, *The Tribe* faced Las Vegas's *Dick's Pick* and trailed 8-12 before recovering for a 13-12 win. *Dick's Pick* was not deterred and marched through the B-side of the bracket for another shot at *The Tribe* in the finals. Again, *The Tribe* was down again at 9-12, but won the last four games for the Championship by another 13-12 margin! In the Women's Standard 8-Ball Team division, Virginia's *Inland Reef 1* [Michelle Carawan, Tavonia Millender, Beverly Michelle Carawan, Teresa Price, Jennifer O'Brien and Ashley Hoover] took the undefeated route to the finals and repelled El Paso's *Twinz* by a 10-7 margin for the crown.

The 3-person 9-ball team divisions were swept by San Antonio TX! Once-defeated *Team Mireles Too* [Rick Robles, Shane Manaole, Pat Powers and Gerard Jimenez] took down Las Vegas's *Ray's Babys* in two sets by 19-17/19-11 margins for the Men's Advanced 9-Ball Team title. Another San Antonio team, *Vito's Ladies* [Mary Ida Gamez, Elizabeth Blancas, Kawania Watson and Sophie Lopez], captured the Women's Open 9-Ball Team laurels with a 10-8 victory over *Eenie Meenie Miney Moe* [ON]. In the Men's Open 9-Ball Team category, *Team Mireles* [Frank Ferrer Jr., Jacob Jimenez, Lupe Sanchez and Eric Aicinena] struck again with a 19-13 finals decision over New York's *Foreign Policy* (victims in the MOT8 finals as well!).

In the 8th Annual ACS National Artistic Pool Championships, Connie Eddins of Santee CA. edged out the boys for the title. ACS would like to especially thank our title sponsor – Lucasi Hybrid Cues, as well as Gary Benson and his tournament direction staff at High Country Promotions, as well as the exhibiting vendors and the host site – the Tropicana Las Vegas! The ACS Nationals is already looking to returning to the Tropicana May 11-17, 2013! The ACS is a national non-profit, member-governed association which will sanction any local pool league (whether player-run or owner-operated) via a \$10 annual sanction fee. Contact the ACS at 1-888-662-1705 or www.americancuesports.org for complete information on sanctioning your league!



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Instruction With Tom

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In *The Eight-Ball Book* the Monk states that if you have to execute two or more breakouts to complete a rack you should consider an early safety and play for a tactical win. Balls on or near a rail, especially a short rail, present another problem simply because they require more precise position play. Place those balls as early as possible in your plan. Keep in mind that the best balls to play at the end of the run are ones near the middle of the table.

From a defensive standpoint it's also important that you identify balls of yours that will cause a problem for your opponent if you relinquish the table. You may have a ball that you can pocket easily but blocks the path for one or more of your opponent's balls to the best pocket. Place these balls later in your plan since they will work for you in case of an error or

miss on your part. When pocketing such a tactically favorable ball it's always good to feel confident that you will proceed from there to finish the rack. NEVER pocket a ball that will stymie your opponent while you still have a problem ball of your own on the table. Look instead for a safety or better, a shot that moves your problem ball into the clear before giving the table back to your opponent with a ball of yours still there to block his run out.

Because eight ball requires shot selection it contains myriad tactical possibilities that are absent from nine ball. As you practice and play in the context of planning the run out you will learn that planning leads to execution as you become a run-out player. In those racks that are too difficult to run out you will identify your problems before taking your first shot and will no longer find yourself the victim of a surprise dead end. Great players like eight ball because it rewards great thinking as much as great shooting.

sounds. Since Gina was such a good shotmaker, she would always go for shots, no matter how difficult. Since she hit them hard, when she missed, the cue ball and object ball would go flying and often rearranged the layout — and often not in a good way. I could spend several turns moving balls with surgical precision only to have her wipe it all out with one crazy smack. Finally, I won the first game.

Using the same extreme patience, I won the second game. The fatigue was beginning to get to me and I found it increasingly difficult to look for, and play, the right defensive shots. I was only one game away from winning 3-0, so I tried to pull everything I had together for the last game.

In the third game, Gina ran out to the eight-ball before I did. My last two object balls were in tough positions on the rails and I played safe time and again in an effort to move them. Finally, I got ball-in-hand. The last two balls were on the same rail and the run out was pretty straightforward. I made the first ball, but didn't concentrate on the second ball, and missed it. The eight-ball was not an easy shot, but Gina stepped up and fired it in.

Arrgh! Stung by this, I said, "That's it. This is unacceptable. No more poor play." I racked the balls and when I broke, I smashed that rack

open. Many balls flew past the headstring to the head of the table. It was a pretty phenomenal break, even by Super-Angry-Little-Asian-Girl standards.

Everything was wide open except one cluster of three balls down by the lower left corner pocket. There were two solids and one stripe in this cluster. I could shoot a solid ball that would allow the cue ball to break up that cluster. I immediately lined it up and shot it. I made the ball, but the cue ball did not hit the cluster as full as I liked and only one of the solids broke out. The other one remained stuck to the stripe.

This frustrated me.

That is a massive understatement.

Here I was, with a wide open table that I earned with probably the best break of the day. I had been completely in a position to run, run, run out and I had messed it up with the first shot. And that shot had been the only shot to break up that cluster. Goddammit! I was angry, irritated, and the blood was rushing through me at hundreds of miles an hour. I was going to find a way to run out. I was completely in offense mode and I wanted to run out more than anything. I had to find a way to run out.

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I won this match 3-0.

#6

I had not seen this girl, let's name her Gina, before. She had gotten to the pool room at the same time I did which was almost three hours before the tournament started. This was the very last match of the day, and it was only fitting that it should be between the people that had been there the longest.

Gina was a very rapid shooter, but her aim was very good. She hit all the balls with the same hard stroke and didn't think much about position, but with her exceptional aim, she didn't have to. I was beginning to feel tired so I knew I had to be very, very careful with how I played Gina. Given an open table, she could run out at any time.

I won the toss and broke the first game. The rack did not break apart very well and left many clusters. Using extreme patience and self-control, I played defensive shots until I had broken up the clusters and moved my balls into makeable positions. This was a lot harder than it



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Friday, July 27 (Scotch Doubles)

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Saturday, July 28 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Open & Senior Singles 12:00 p.m. - Junior Singles

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Early Registration (February 1 - July 13); Fee: \$20 Singles;

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Registration Deadline (July 14 - Day of Registrations), Fee: \$30 Singles;

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

General Information:

Open to amateurs only. Singles competition in six divisions: Juniors (girls and boys in one division determined by age, both divisions limited to the first 32 entries); Open Men (limited to the first 128 entries); Open Women (limited to the first 32 entries); Senior Men (limited to the first 32 entries); and Senior Women (limited to the first 16 entries). **For the Scotch Doubles Mixed, each partner must register separately, this is limited to the first 16 entries.**

Competition Rules and Format:

Double-elimination 8-Ball-World Standardized rules will govern the tournament (<http://www.americancuesports.org> and www.wpa-pool.com); Races to 5 (Men's Divisions); Races to 4 (Women's/Junior's Divisions); Scotch Doubles can be composed of any male/female - Races to 4/ 3; flip for opening break, alternating break. Competition on 3 by 7 foot tables. Tables are \$0.50 per game. Individuals may enter only one singles division. **Coaching will not be permitted in any division.**

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- Scotch Doubles Mixed

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| Love's Shack | 9-Ball Scotch Doubles, 1pm start |
| June 9th | |
| Love's Shack | APA 8-Ball Scotch Doubles Qualifier |
| June 16th | |
| BC's Sports Pub | Open Scotch Doubles, 1 pm start |
| Love's Shack | APA 9-Ball Scotch Doubles Qualifier |
| June 23rd | |
| Felt | 8-Ball Open, 9' tables, 10am, \$ added |
| Hank's Billiards | Stay in Stroke Weekend Event |
| Love's Shack | 9-Ball Scotch Doubles, 1pm start |
| June 24th | |
| Felt | 8-Ball A's Down, 9' tables, 10am, \$ added |

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| July 28 | Antique Billiards | State Games |
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I looked at the uncooperative table, stared down a shot, wound up my stroke and hit...

...a dinky little safety.

It will always be in my blood and nature to want to be a shotmaking runout machine. There is nothing so fantastic as to pull off a spectacular shot from a position of certain defeat that takes you to ultimate victory. Sometimes, that shot just isn't there and recognizing that it isn't there is just as important, if not more so, than pulling off those spectacular shots. If you cannot attack, you must defend. I had no offensive shot available to me so I did the next best thing — make sure there was no good offensive shot available to Gina, either.

Gina tried a long bank and she hit it so hard it went up, down, back up, and on its way back down, it caromed off another ball into the pocket. Nifty! She ran a few more balls but was unable to break out that lone cluster. She eventually got to the point where that was her last ball and there was no way to make it. She tried to bank it somewhere, missed, and I ran out.

A 3-1 victory. Gah.

Afterwards, I said to Gina, "You shoot very well

although you shoot very fast."

Gina burst into laughter and said, "I don't care about this tournament. I don't even want to be here."

"You don't want to be here? Then why did you come?" I was very surprised. She had been here as early as I had been. Why would you come that early to a tournament and play the whole day if you didn't care? "You could have left long ago."

"My teacher made me play in this tournament."

"Oh. That's unfortunate. No one should make you play pool if you don't want to play. You shoot well, even if you shoot really freakin' fast."

"Pfft." Gina tossed her hair and rolled her eyes. "I don't care. This whole thing is silly."

"That is the only difference between you and me..."

At this point, TD came over to give me my prize money. It was for first place. "First? How did I get first place?"

"You had the best record out of all the players."

"But I thought DVF was undefeated."

"No, she lost to Ginger. That meant you, DVF, and Ginger all had one loss each. You were all tied regarding match wins and losses, so we calculated it by how many games you each won. You won your matches by bigger margins — you had a lot of 3-0 matches — so you win, overall."

"I never bothered checking the scores to see who was in the lead... That was probably a good idea."

"Whatever you did worked for you."

And this, dear reader, is why you should ALWAYS focus on playing your best, first, and think about winning the tournament second. If I hadn't made it my mission to hold everyone at zero, I would not have won.

I turned back to Gina. "As I was saying, that is the only difference between you and me."

"What? That you shoot slower?"

"No, that I care. I cared about playing well in this tournament. That is why I won."

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 PIPER INN - 2251 S Parker Rd, 303-755-0771
 SAM'S BAR & LOUNGE - 6801 Leetsdale Dr, 303-322-6401
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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

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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

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

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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

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

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

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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,
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 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
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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
 LONGSHOT'S 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

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

ASPEN

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

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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

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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

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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

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

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

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

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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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A BIT OF BILLIARDS - 700 Ken Pratt Blvd #105, 303-776-3952, Leagues, Tournaments, & Great Food

GROUP THERAPY - 1644 N Main St, 303-776-9541

LOVELAND

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

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

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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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BREAKROOM BILLIARDS - 355 11th St, 605-716-7676

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BEST QUALITY BILLIARDS - 10405 West Colfax Ave, Lakewood, 303-233-2557,

www.bestqualitybilliards.com

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

BMW BILLIARDS (Vending) - 970-391-7664

BROADWAYS BILLIARD CUES & SUPPLIES - 303-781-5755

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

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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 Phillips 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

SPLASH AND RACK - 13750 E Quincy Ave, Aurora, 303-680-2000

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

TD ROWE AMUSEMENTS (Vending) - 303-455-4500

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

WOODY'S BILLIARDS INSTALL & REPAIR - 720-628-6053

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DENVER POOLPLAYERS ASSOCIATION, David Howell, 303-668-6090

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MILE HIGH TAP LEAGUE - Bill Davis, 303-817-6996, Adams & Arapahoe counties in Denver Area

PLAYERS CHOICE POOL LEAGUES - Deb & Bob Winter, 303-477-2333, www.vneapool.com or

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STAY IN STROKE BILLIARDS - Rich Montoya, 303-748-6653, offering leagues and tournaments

TAP POOL LEAGUES - Scott Prater, 303-944-2994, www.tapleague.com, TAP Pool Leagues



News from APA North

Spring Tri-Cup Tournament Top Finishers



**Scratch and Sniff
Board A Champions**

The Northern Colorado APA Spring 2012 Tri-Cup Tournament was held at Match Up's in Ft Collins May 19-20th, 2012. Thirty-two teams earned the right to play this weekend through weekly league play. Each team had two goals for this weekend. First, they wanted to be one of the top 8 teams which would earn them the opportunity to play in the Northern Colorado Annual Regional Tournament and the chance to play for one of the coveted spots in the Worlds Largest Pool Tournament, The APA National Team Championships, this August.

Our top 8 were Shoot To Thrill of Ft Collins, Alley Cats of Boulder, Rad Balls of Boulder, Scratch & Sniff of Longmont, Shoot Last Inc of Longmont, Moose Nuts of Longmont, Just Having Fun of Ft. Collins, and Pool Cats of Boulder. Each of these teams returned on Sunday with the first goal accomplished. Play on Sunday was strictly for the money as they played their best to win their share of the almost \$3000.00 purse. Two boards were played over the

weekend with a Champion crowned on each board.

The Board A Final was a match up between The Alley Cats and Scratch & Sniff. Scratch & Sniff took the early lead when Nathen Erickson won in a hill/hill battle. Alley Cats were unable to gather any momentum and were shut out in the next 2 matches allowing Scratch & Sniff to take the \$1000.00 after three matches. Alley Cats took home \$400.00.



**Moose Nuts
Board B Champions**

Our Board B match up was between two teams that refused to give up with Moose Nuts facing off vs. Just Having fun. The first match again went hill/hill with Jacob Glass winning after Mark Heinle scratched on the 8 in the last game giving Just Having Fun the one match advantage. Match 2 was a battle of 6's with Wes Dycus of Moose Nuts tying it up 1 to1. The next two matches were also split with Jeanette Heinle winning for Moose Nuts and Jose Erives getting Just Having Fun back to even. The final match came down to Patti Zlaten (SL5) of Moose Nuts squaring off against Frances Bustos (SL2) for Just Having Fun. Fran was unable to get anything started and Patti won 5-0 for Moose Nuts, earning them the \$1000.00 prize. Just Having Fun earned \$400.00 for their efforts this weekend.



**Alley Cats
Board A Runner-ups**



**Just Having Fun
Board B Runner-ups**



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