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Hank's Billiards Draws Full Field at Recent Stay In Stroke Christmas Tournament.

Top Finishers from left to right: Mike Lopez, Steve DeBaca, Robert Martinez, Bryan Bell (back row), Mike Montoya, Eddie Garcia, Rich Zendejas

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It's Back-to-Back Wins for Marc Vidal at the Annual **Match Ups Turkey Shoot**

The 2013-2014 Pure X Cues All American Tour - presented by the American CueSports Alliance (ACS) - moved west for its eleventh Tour stop: The Annual "Turkey Shoot" at Match-Ups in Fort Collins, CO, November 30-December 1. The \$1,000-added 8-ball tourney on bar boxes drew a strong 60-player field.

On the A-side, defending champion Marc Vidal Claramunt (Denver, CO) continued his winning ways from the previous year by gaining the hot seat, which included a semi -finals win over Rich Cunningham (Denver, CO) 5-3 and a finals win over returning 2012 runner-up Mark Haddad (Denver, CO) 5-4. Haddad dominated his semifinals match over George Boyer (Denver, CO) 5-0.

On the B-side, Steve Chan (Greeley, CO) and Jeff Vanderschaff ((Fort Collins, CO) upended the hopes of Ruben Silva (Colo Springs, CO) at 7th place 4-2 and Tim Brandy (Rochester, MN) 4-2 respectively. In the next round Chan ousted George Boyer at 5th place 4-0, while Vanderschaaf tied Boyer at the hands of Rich Cunningham (4-1). In the B-side semis, Cunningham eliminated Steve Chan at 4th place by a 4-2 margin. In the B-side finals, Mark Haddad powerfully ended Cunningham's run at 3rd place by a 4-1 score. In a repeat of the tourney finals of 2012, Marc Vidal Claramunt took down the tourney title in the first



Mark Haddad, Marc Vidal and Rich Cunningham

set by outlasting Mark Haddad 5-3!

By virtue of Mark Vidal Claramunt also being the highest-finishing ACS member in the event, he qualified for a free 8-Ball singles entry into the 2014 Universal Cues ACS Nationals at the Tropicana Las Vegas - courtesy of the ACS. The ACS wishes to thank sponsors Pure X Cues, Championship Billiard Fabric and Nick Varner Signature Cases for their support in donating "Value-In-Kind" products for this and all stops on the Pure X All American Tour. Sponsorship opportunities and tour stop openings are still available for the 2013/2014 All American Tour by contacting the ACS.

The Tour moves to middle America this weekend, December 6-7, for an 8-Ball stop at the 727 Club in Tulsa, OK (contact Sandy Chamberlain at 918-906-8779). Further information, entry details and schedules for the 2013/2014 Pure X Cues All American Tour are available at:

www.americancuesports.org.

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Please call Richard Montoya 303-748-6653 Dave Mondragon 303-507-1087 stayinstrokebilliards@gmail.com

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Final Results:

1 st	Mark Vidal Claramunt (Denver, CO)	\$550+ entry to ACS Nationals
2 nd	Mark Haddad (Denver, CO)	\$400
3 rd	Ritch Cunningham (Denver, CO)	\$300
4 th	Steve Chan (Greeley, CO)	\$200
5-6 th	George Boyer (Denver, CO) Jeff Vanderschaaf (Fort Collins, CO)	\$100
7-8 th	Tim Brandt (Rochester, MN) Rubin Silva (Colo Springs, CO)	\$75
9-12 th	Nick Smith (Colo Springs, CO) Frank Urbaniak (Colo Springs, CO) John Baylor (Colo Springs, CO) Tim Parker (Fort Collins, CO)	\$50
13-16 th	Johnny Valasquez (Fort Collins, CO) Steve Ascherin (Fort Collins, CO) Danny Watson (Fort Collins, CO) Preston Hollis (Colo Springs, CO)	\$25



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MENS B	S55	Prelim 4 Finals 5	4:00 pm Fri
MENS C	\$55	Prelim 4 Finals 5	4:00 pm Fri
WOMENS B	S50	Prelim 3 Finals 4	4:00 pm Fri
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What Would Happen If I Tried Really, Really Hard

by OMG

November 14th, 2013

I went to a tournament in Florida.

I did not know this tournament would be held in the middle of the week, on a Wednesday and Thursday, until after I had won the qualifier. I had played the tournament before, but it had always been on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Because the tournament was in the middle of the week, I would have to miss at least three or four days of work if I wanted to play. I was out of paid vacation days (spent them all at BCAPL National Championships this year). If I decided to go, I would 1). not be paid for the time I was gone and 2). have to spend money going there. It would be a double financial whammy. I could not afford to go.

In the weeks after the qualifier, I thought about the tournament often. I had a discussion with a friend on a repeat topic that popped up every year or two.

"How about sponsorship? You could see if anyone wants to sponsor you."

"That's a possibility, I guess."

"You'd have to dress nice and stuff."

"Can do."

"You'd have to be nice to people, though."

"Huh."

"And not just people you like. You have to be nice to people you don't like. And if they say rude or mean or inappropriate things, you have to smile and take it."

We thought about this in silence.

Then we burst out laughing.

"No... that's not gonna happen. No can do."

"I didn't think so. You only win unpopularity contests."

"That's pretty much all I'm good at. I'll pay my own way."

"Is it worth the tournament?"

"It is worth the tournament."

"What if you can't afford to go?"

"Then I won't go."

With exactly one month until the tournament, I decided I would play in it.

I was not going to half-ass this decision. I was all-in. Everything, and I mean everything, I could put into this

tournament would be put into it.

For me, the months of November and December are vacation-from-pool months. There aren't any big regional tournaments out here during that time. I sometimes play league (For fun! Yeah, you read that right. FOR. FUN.) but it's really just an excuse to play bad pool and drink and eat with my friends. It is an enjoyable time with enjoyable people playing pool with nothing at stake.

So, when I told my friends I would not see them for a month because I wanted to put every resource I had into some random tournament they had never heard of, I hoped they would forgive me for doing so. When I sent out that message, they knew it meant I would go radio-silent. I would not text them, I would not email them, I would not go out with them. I would only be focused on one thing: the tournament.

Is that lame? Probably. If you can multitask, more power to you. I don't have that kind of brainpower. I can only focus on one thing at a time.

But, I didn't care because I was on this plane and I was going to a tournament.

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Turkey Shoot at Mile High Billiards Brings Out the Best in Andrew (ATM) Pettenger

By Rich Montoya, Tourney Dir.

To start things off, ATM drew Jose Cruz (3-time SIS champion) in the 1st round and in a well-heated match, ATM prevailed. What a rivalry! Then ATM went on to defeat another 3-time SIS champion James Fortin (6-4) and Ed Borrego, a very fined-tuned champion himself (6-3). Then in the hill match to get to the finals of his bracket, he defeated Kiko Ibarra, a very formidable player (6-3).



Top finishers Andy & Robert with MHB owner Greg Kingsbury and Rich Montoya

Next up he beat Pepito Lopez, a player that always seems to be around the cash (6-4) and an upcoming player by the name of Robert Martinez who's always very, very competitive. Robert took it to the hill, unfortunately lack of experience came into play and ATM prevailed. He then went on to defeat Robert again in the finals by a score (6-3) Congratulations ATM you are now a 4-time SIS Champion. An accomplishment unequaled in history of Stay in Stroke Billiards.

In the 11/12's bracket it was Pepito Lopez besting the rest of the field. He defeated a host of good players to make the final board. First on his hit list was Bryan Bell (Colo Spgs), then Ken Margetts (a former Scotch Doubles SIS champion), and John Santisteven, a very good solid allaround player and proud sponsor of Stay in Stroke Billiards. In the finals of his bracket he

defeated newcomer Romello Romero. On the final board he lost to ATM and James Fortin, ending up in 5th/6th. Congratulations. I have a feeling we'll be seeing more of this fine young

In the 9/10's bracket, Robert Martinez was on fire as he defeated a host of players starting

with a very strong (10) by the name of Mike Poitra who is almost always around in the

cash. Then he defeated Fred Martinez who plays in as many tournaments as he can trying to improve his game. Next in a hill/hill match, he overcame a few obstacles to defeat Jon Pakiser in a very competitive match. Then as if it were meant to be he defeated one of the strongest (10's) on the SIS circuit, Mike Lopez, to get to the final board where he defeated one of the nicest young women players around, Isabelle Gutierrez.

Isabelle got there by defeating a host of players from around the city. She started with a victory over Doug Dom. Then she defeated Leann Onesky (a very strong player) and Suzanne Cordova (a strong veteran) in a very good match. To make

it to the final board, she defeated Krista Diaz who shows up to compete all the time and does quite well I might add.

Thank you to all the competitors, Mile High Billiards and their staff, the Cue Times and the list goes on...

Please go teach someone, buy a cue, advertise in the Cue Times, practice at your favorite venue and most of all participate!

Here is how they finished:

1st	Andrew Pettenger (15)	\$400.00/\$700.00
2nd	Robert Martinez (10)	\$300.00/\$500.00
3rd	Mike Lopez (10)	\$200.00/\$400.00
4th	James Fortin (14)	\$150.00/\$300.00
5/6th	Isabelle Gutierrez (8)	\$120.00/\$200.00
	Johnny (Pepito) Lopez (12)	
7/8th	John Santisteven (12)	\$90.00/\$160.00
	Jesse Maes (8)	
9-12th	Kiko Ibarra (14),	\$45.00/\$90.00
	Romello Romero (12)	
	Dan Kulp (10)	
	Krista Diaz (8)	
13-16t	h Ed Borrego (13)	\$35.00/\$70.00
	Ken Margetts (12)	

Rich Zendejas (10)

Suzanne Cordova (8)





7:30 pm start, Open to All Race to 3 on winners

Handicapped, \$10 entry

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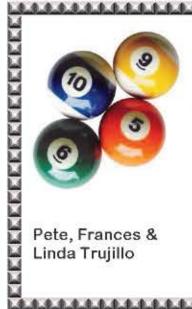
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Ask The Viper...

Q & A's by WPBA Pro Melissa Little

An Interview with Semi-Professional Player Marc Vidal from Spain (AND Colorado!)



The Interview:

Viper: Where were you

born?

Marc: Barcelona, Spain

Viper: What are your biggest accomplishments in the sport of billiards?

Marc: Not much to be proud of by my standards. I feel I'm still working for a big accomplishment. But the Empire State 9-Ball Championship in 2008 would be the biggest tournament I have ever won.

Viper: Do you have a nickname yet?

Marc: Lots of people call me "Spain" on the East Coast, but I don't like it. It seems like a lazy nickname some people from NYC came up with when I first came to the US. Some call me Spaniard

Viper: What are your short-term goals?

Marc: To be a better player and a better person

Viper: What do you do when you're not competing?

Marc: Work and family time.

Viper: Do you have siblings?

Marc: Older sister. She lives in Barcelona.

Viper: Who got you started in playing pool? Marc: Myself in bars as a teenager. I used to love to get drunk and play pool.

Viper: What do your parents think of your pool career?

Marc: They're happy I found a balanced life through pool. The road was bumpy for me for most of my youth because I dedicated my life to pool and moved to a country that is very different from the one I came from. They weren't that happy back then...

Viper: In your opinion, what parts of the world produce the best players?

Marc: Europe and Asia. hey seem to be dominating the game.

Viper: Who is/was your favorite pro player growing up?

Marc: More and more I don't like to think of a favorite player. However, I admired Francisco Diaz and Mika Immonen when I was just starting to play the game.

Viper: Do you currently have any sponsors? Marc: Str8-shots.com, Abilliards.com, 360rack .com and Felt Billiards in Englewood, CO.

Viper: Did you ever play in a pool league? Marc: Last year I played in VNEA.

Viper: Are you good at any other sports? Marc: I am fair at chess and soccer.

Viper: Describe yourself in three words? Marc: Serious, ambitious and independent. Viper: If you had to live your life over again, what would one thing you change about your-self and/or your pool career?

Marc: I would have practiced pool more than I did and I would never have taken a job like I did

Viper: How do you prepare for events?

Marc: Just practice 3-4 hours per day. Wish I could double these hours.

Viper: What was the best advice you were ever given?

Marc: If you're not sure, then you're not ready.

Viper: What is one thing that you enjoy most while playing pool?

Marc: Being in the zone.

Viper: If you could say one thing to a young, upcoming player what would it be?

Marc: The game is easier than you think. It's limitless, but it isn't as hard as it seems. To master the game, you just need to put in a lot of hours and play better players.

Viper: What's your Favorite game?

Marc: I like 9 and 10-Ball, but it gets boring to play these games in most tournaments. I like Rotation, One-Pocket and 14.1 just as much though. It's a shame they are not played as often as 9-ball. 15-Ball games are thinking games. Goes to show you the current promoters of most regional and pro events only care about what sells and draws people to their events. Sometimes we need to be a bit more pure and think for the good of the sport and not so much for our own financial interests. I think the game deserves better and it is not being respected enough.

Here are some Facebook questions for you Marc...

Linda Hensley from MO, asks: How many times per week and hours would you have to practice drills to be at the top of your game?

Marc: I usually practice 2-3 hours per day and 5-6 days per week. This is enough to get me playing at a good speed. As your level goes up you don't need to put as many hours. I used to need a lot more hours to just be playing decent. Drills are good but in moderation. Nothing beats top competition and pressure matches to improve quickly though. That is more important than drills. Some may think they don't have a chance at winning some weekly/regional tournaments, but don't give up. Play them for a year. You may still not win them then, but the guarantee that you would have become a better player by the end of the year is certain.

Richard Penny from FL asks: What's better for you... being a gambler or someone who plays the tournaments?

Marc: I respect both the gambler and the tournament player. To me it's about how they carry themselves In competition, you need to deliver and you need to perform whenever they tell you to go



play your round. Gambling has more time to get in stroke because you can play longer. That's why I think there could be more pressure in tournaments. Winning tournaments is harder than winning a money match. There's the wrong belief that anyone could beat anyone in a tournament but not in a money match. I don't think that's true always. Sure you can beat a great player in a tournament race to 9, but to go all the way and win the whole tournament, that's a little more difficult. I have enormous respect for the top pros that win the biggest tournaments in the world.

I would like for the whole gambling atmosphere to be cleaner, and in the US, many times it is not. I think the game is not respected enough, and of course the fact that many semi-pros and regional players like myself, struggle to make money playing the game does not help. But still this shouldn't be an excuse. The losers should be better losers and still be friendly and respectful to the guy who has beaten them. I find players who gamble to have huge egos and act like children when they are beaten, in both a money match and/or at a tournament. I don't like these players' behaviors sometimes. And it is even more embarrassing when it is a top player crying after a loss.

Chris Macey from CO asks: How has becoming a father changed your perspective on the game in terms of its priority in your life?

Marc: My priority is shared now, but it's still the same. At times my only priority was to improve in pool, now I have an additional priority as a father. Most of my biggest mistakes came when I put pool aside for a while (for whatever reason). So I'm not looking back. I'm trying to be the best Papa I can be while at the same time trying to play my best pool and improve every year that goes by.

A special "Thank You" to Marc for taking time out of his busy schedule to participate in my "Ask the Viper".

Till next month you can find me on Facebook: www.facebook.com/melissalittleakatheviper

Viper ©

Melissa "The Viper" Little has been a WPBA Touring Professional for over a decade, has represented the USA in six WPA World Championships, and has over twenty-five top 10 WPBA career finishes. Melissa teaches monthly clinics, gives private lessons, and has developed a juniors program that promotes billiards education to the local youth.

141 Players Converge on Wheatland, WY for the Laramie Peak Invitational

Results provided by Valerie Bowen

The 4th Annual Laramie Peak Invitational was held December 13th - 15th in Wheatland, WY. There were 141 players from Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska gathered for stiff competition. This grass roots event quickly outgrew its beginnings in the local bars to its new location at the county fairgrounds, doubling in size since its inaugural year. The tournament featured 20 tables all with ANDY Billiard Cloth as well as online bracketing with Compusport, which brought great feedback from players.

After a long hill-hill battle with home town girl Samantha Whinery, Wyoming's Autumn Berg finished 1st place in the Women's C division. The Women's B and higher division went to Colorado's Rebecca Miller beating out last year's champion Mari Holste.

The Open C Champion was local first timer Morris Lovell defeating Justin Wood. Open B winner was Wyoming's Mike Kozeniewski over Craig Spatz also of Wyoming.

The A Division was a terrific field of players this year including AAA competitors Marc Vidal, E.J. Glode and Andrew Pettenger. There were 16 AA players as well, with the likes of

Rich Haines, Scott Walker, Ron Shino, Pom support the families of those same children Rai, Chico Cisneros and Thomas McGee to name a few.

The battle for 1st place ended up being between Pom Rai and Andrew Pettenger. They actually played 4 matches over the weekend, each one a long hard fight. Pom beat Andrew to put him on the loser's side, but Andrew fought back through the bracket to meet him again in the rocking chair. Andrew had to beat Pom twice to win, and he pulled it out, sending Pom to his third 2nd place finish at the Laramie Peak Invitational. Full brackets can be found online at http://compusport.us.

The Laramie Peak Invitational is a non-profit

event that donates a portion of its Calcutta and T-Shirt sales to children's charities. Last year, proceeds helped to provide Christmas gifts to a floor of The Denver Children's Hospital. This year, they decided to continue to partner with Wyoming Youth Outreach and







Rebecca Miller Lovell



through a donation to Ronald McDonald House.

For children facing a serious medical crisis,

nothing seems scarier than not having mom and

dad close by for love and support. A Ronald

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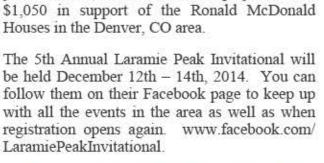
their hospitalized child at little or no cost. This

year Laramie Peak Invitational players raised

Houses in the Denver, CO area.

LaramiePeakInvitational.

Mike Kozeniewski





Andy Pettenger

What Would Happen by OMG

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The next thing I had to do was pay for everything I possibly could in advance.

Taking Greyhound to Florida was not an option. Each way would take three days. I would end up missing almost two weeks of work if I took the bus. Flying, although more than double the price of the bus, was the only

Plane ticket to Tampa + baggage fee Plane ticket back home

\$226.80 \$213.80 \$440.60

Because I had won the qualifier, I was entitled to free nights at the host hotel. The host hotel was 20-30 minutes away by car from the pool room. That meant the host hotel, although free, was not an option for me. I did not drive, and the cost of a cab going both ways would be ridiculously expensive.

I opted to pay for my own hotel that was about a mile away from the pool room. I'd rather be within walking distance to avoid any risk of forfeiting for being late. The reviews for the hotel were less than spectacular, but I did not need a spectacular hotel. I just needed a hotel. Luckily, the area I would be staying in was not exactly a tourist destination so the hotel rates were not astronomical.

That was a lot of practice time I traded for flight and hotel, but it had to be done.

The pool room I play at had recently raised its prices and reduced the number of day-rate hours. Night rate at the room was \$11.00 per hour and \$14.00 per hour on Friday and Saturdays. Some days of the week they had specials on hours, but those nights, the room could be packed with players and it was possible I would not be able to get a table at the specials rate. I might have to pay \$11.00 or \$14.00 an hour for practice on a regular

That was all right, too.

I made sure I bore down on every shot during practice. Every second of practice had to be worth it. If I was not concentrating, then I was wasting time and money. I was putting in a lot of time at work and sometimes, I was just extremely tired and I didn't want to practice. After one very long and hectic day, I went home and went straight to bed. Weirdly enough, I could not sleep. At about midnight, I got up and took the bus to the pool room, did drills for an hour, and then went home. Then I could sleep.

My existence revolved around one question: "How much do you want to win?"

My table time fund began to run low. I changed my practice schedule accommodate the reduction. I did drills almost exclusively. I am not a naturally talented player, so my game requires insane amounts of practice to even maintain the

C-level that I am at.

The reduction in practice turned out to be a good thing. Early this year, I injured my bridge arm. I went to doctors and therapists, but there was no fixing it. Sometimes, I would not be able to lift my arm. Really, what I needed was to not play pool and allow it to heal. Ha, what a charming thought. With all the events I went to this year, I never let it rest and it was punishing me now.

I was so focused on my goal nothing else existed for me. I stopped eating because I wasn't hungry. I watched a lot of TAR matches. I worked a lot. I did not sleep very much. I was waiting.

A reader of my blog sent me \$40 for practice and that changed everything.

I used half of it on the Sunday before the tournament for one last practice session. As I waited for the bus afterward, I felt an itch on my back. I couldn't reach it. I used a corner of the bus sign to scratch it and it hit something that hurt like hell. After a minute or two, I noticed my bridge arm felt the way it did after it "wakes" up from being asleep. Interesting. Carefully, I leaned against the bus sign again, and felt the twinge again. I moved my bridge arm and there was much less pain. Huh. Very interesting. Having pinpointed the nerve or tendon or whatever the hell it was that could fix my arm, I fixed it. And it was just in time for the tournament. Total miracle.

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Northern Colorado's Top Guns Gather to Determine the "Best of the Best"

8-Ball Top Gun

December was Top Gun month for APA of Northern Colorado's Summer 2013 session. It all started on December 7th at Match Up's in Ft. Collins with the 8-Ball Top Gun event. A 24 player board was filled up with the highest win percentage players from the Summer session throughout all of Northern Colorado. Coming down to the quarter final matches we saw Scott Unger defeat Joe Richards to advance to the Hot Seat. On the one loss side it was Jody Miller sending Joyce Hughes home trying to win his way to the finals. Jody then had to face Joe Richards giving him a one game spot in their race and was not able to hold on. Joe takes the win and earns the chance to match up with Scott again in the finals. Joe was able to take round one 5-1 making for one final match to determine the winner for the event. Joe took advantage of his momentum and was able to take the final match and walk away with a 1st place trophy and \$150. Scott took 2nd place along with \$100.



and Jody Miller (3rd)

9-Ball Top Gun

On December 14th it was time for the 9-ball Top Gun players to get together for their chance at glory. The 28th Street Tavern in Boulder was our host for this event and the turn out was great with 32 players signing up. Playing for the Hot Seat this week it was Brent Steigelman vs. Will Stridde. Will, a S/L 8, started his journey playing a S/L 2 and was able to keep his composure winning 5 straight including the win over Brent



Will Stridde (1st), Dan Schwenn (2nd) and Brent Steigelman (3rd)

to earn the Hot Seat. The one loss side was a match up between Scott Unger (of 8-Ball Top Gun 2nd place fame) vs. Dan Schwenn. Scott was unable to advance to the hardware level as Dan took him out this week. With Brent's early exit so his ride could get home allowed Dan to advance straight to the finals against his teammate Will. After some great play by each of them Will came up 3 balls short to his Captain forcing a final round. Again it was a back and forth match with Dan keeping it close down by 1 ball 19-20 after the first 4 games. With race between the 2 players of 55 for Will and 31 for Dan, Will knew he needed to step it up and managed to almost shut down Dan for the next 3 games picking up 27 of the 30 available points over the next 3 games leaving Will needing 8 points and Dan only 10 short of his goal. Dan picked up 6 points in the next rack leaving him only 4 points away but Will was not going to let this game get away and was able to close it out and earn the 1st place trophy along with \$200. Dan's payday was \$120 and a trophy.

Top Lady Gun

The final event was for Ladies Only hosted by Paradise Billiards in Evans CO. Eleven of the best ladies from the Summer made it out to Evans to play for the Top Lady Gun award. On the winners side it was Rebecca Miller vs. Romero Catherine playing for the Hot Seat with Rebecca sending Catherine to the one loss side. Over on the one loss side it was Annette Jewell sending Joyce Hughes home with her second 4th place finish of the Top Gun events. Annette advanced to play Catherine in the semifinals but was not able to take her down and finished in 3rd place. Catherine took the win and the chance for the rematch against Rebecca. Red Hot Rebecca just could not be stopped this weekend defeating Catherine and taking home 1st



Rebecca Miller (1st), Catherine Romero (2nd) and Annette Jewell (3rd)

place. Her win earned her \$140 and the Top Lady Trophy. Catherine made \$80 for her effort on the day.

Thank you to all of the player that came out and supported these APA events and thank you to each of our host locations, Match Up in Ft Collins, 28th Street Tavern in Boulder and Paradise Billiards in Evans for allowing us to play at your homes. The APA Spring session is just getting under way and it is not too late to join. Call Kevin and Erin at 303-862-00466 or e-mail NorthernColorado@APALeagues.com.





Exciting Changes Ahead for Rack'em Billiards Under New Ownership

by Chris Honeman (Cue Times Editor)

While Rack'em Billiards in Aurora, CO has been around for many years, you almost wouldn't recognize the place under the new ownership of Esau



New Owners Nate Maxey (R) and Esau Logan (L)

Logan and Nate Maxey. With 13 years of friendship and various other business endeavors under their belts together, they have teamed up once again to take Rack'em to the next level and make it one of Colorado's top places to play pool. Historically, Nate has considered himself a strictly recreational player and Esau readily admits he does not come to this with a pool-playing background, but their enthusiasm to make this a place that caters to the "real pool players" is palpable.

Ironically, Esau went back to school recently to pursue a degree in International Business and Marketing with the intention of opening sport bars/nightclubs internationally. But when Nate called him up after finding out Rack'em was available to purchase, it felt like the stars had aligned and that perhaps his dream could be realized right here in his own hometown. Within just a few weeks, they found themselves being handed the keys to one of the Denver area's longest lasting pool halls. It didn't take them long to recognize that Rack'em needed to stay a pool hall and they were just the ones to pull it off.

After seeking advice from some of the area's most accomplished pool players, they immediately put a game plan in motion to create the kind of place every player dreams of... quality playing conditions with lots of opportunities for league and tournament play. To that end, fresh coats of paint and new murals on the walls have gone a long way towards freshening the place up, but more importantly recovering their 10 Diamond 9-ft. tables with Simonis 860 cloth reflects their commitment to becoming one of Colorado's top places to play. Rumor has it they plan to bring back Denver's long-running Thursday Night 9-Ball, big table tournament -- money-added of course! They've also rearranged their tables to maximize the space in-between them and are looking to recover their 12 Valley bar tables with Championship cloth in the near future.

With two really strong in-house leagues already established (a dual-sanctioned BCA/ VNEA Wednesday night league and a

Sunday afternoon APA league), they are well on their way to providing pool players of all skill levels the opportunity to become eligible for local, regional and national events and championships. Add to that their plans to collaborate with the popular Stay in Stroke tournaments and to start up a juniors program, there's no reason why they won't exceed their goals and expectations.

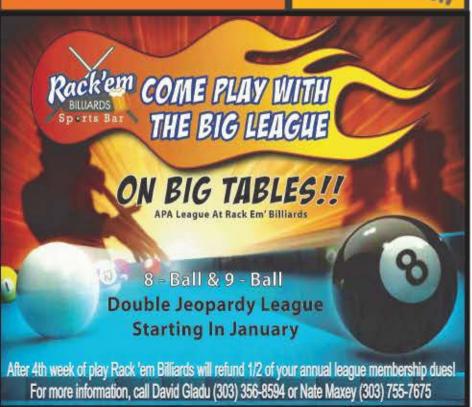
According to Nate, "Pool is FIRST in this house" but that doesn't mean they don't have a lot to offer in other ways. After all, they do have a full bar with 20 different beers and 70 liquors on hand (manned by everyone's favorite Craig Ware) and a new menu with some standard and not-so-standard food choices. They've also got 20 TV's strategically placed around the room so that there is no where you can be and not be able to keep an eye on the game. And if it's pay-per-view entertainment you're looking for, they will be offering all the major UFC fights along with the WWE and boxing. Be sure to like them on their Facebook page (Rack 'Em Billiards & Sports Bar) to stay on top of all their upcoming PPV events. If poker, darts or karaoke is your thing, then they've got you covered there as well.



A sea of tables greets you upon entry at Rack'em

In other words, EVERYONE is welcome! Esau, Nate and the entire staff would like to extend their personal invitation to come and check out the new Rack'em. You won't be disappointed!





Instruction With Tom www.tomrosspool.com

November 2002

Many great players and instructors call the break in nine ball the most important shot of the game, comparing it sometimes to the tee shot in golf and the serve in tennis. Who can argue? A well-played break shot, where at least one ball goes in and the shooter has a clear shot, leads to a run out and allows the opponent back to the table only to rack again. As they say, "If you can keep your opponent in the chair, it doesn't matter who it is."

A powerful, effective and consistent break may also be the greatest challenge facing most players. But maybe it does not have to be that way. If we analyze the break and distinguish its two components perhaps we can find a way to break more effectively immediately. We shall discuss the break in terms of power and control.

Every player wants a powerful break and it is precisely that desire which leads to the most common problems. I want to hit my tee shots as far as Tiger's but I find that swinging harder does not help much. Swinging better however, when I have the discipline, at least moves me in the right direction. In pool we see some of the top pros with their killer breaks and try to emulate them by swinging harder and throwing our bodies into the shot. Most of us are attached to the idea that power comes from force, which leads us to try harder. Consider for a moment that real power results from timing and balance and never emerges when one of those elements is absent or even slightly

The first factor of a powerful break to consider is efficiency. A strong break is merely an efficient transfer of energy from your shooting hand to the rack, something

best achieved with a dead cue ball and perfectly square contact with the one ball. Any time that the cue ball makes partial contact with the one ball and continues rolling or sits spinning on the table, that rolling or spinning shows energy retained in the cue ball that did not go into the rack. A cue ball that moves slightly slower, but arrives at the rack to hit the one ball square with no spin always produces better results than a faster, spinning cue ball that makes less than straight-on contact with the one ball. Remember too that a cue ball moving wildly around the table after it hits the rack often finds a hole to fall into.

In order to develop a more efficient break stroke, practice with these guidelines. If you stand low with your chin near the cue for normal shots, stand taller when you break. Standing higher straightens your shooting arm and facilitates a longer, freer swing. Make sure that your back heel is slightly behind your rear end for balance. Instead of trying to take a hard, fast stroke, lengthen your bridge a couple of inches to take a long, smooth and slightly slower stroke; be sure that your shooting hand moves back on the butt of your cue for the longer bridge so that your forearm is perpendicular to the floor when your tip is about two inches from the cue ball. The extra two

inches of bridge length will allow for your accelerating cue to build up as much speed as you generate with a shorter, faster stroke. During your warm-up strokes focus hard on the center of the cue ball to avoid unwanted spin. With a relaxed shooting hand and a light grip (any tension or squeezing in your hand will slow down the cue) make sure that on your back swing the ferrule of your cue comes all the way back to your bridge before pausing slightly and starting forward, for perfect timing. The final stroke should feel like a long and relaxed throw of your tip straight toward the exact spot on the one ball that you want to hit. When you are hitting the rack as well as possible the entire process will feel effortless and relaxed. Finally, if you want to move your body forward with the stroke, a trick that requires tremendous coordination to execute properly, make certain that your stroke begins moving before your body, which should follow behind the stroke.

Because breaks that lack efficient power often make balls anyway the more important element of the break is control, which includes controlling the cue ball, certain object balls and ultimately the table. The first element of control to master is the cue ball. Picture a square defined by the four diamonds that sandwich the side pockets one diamond segment in from each long rail. Now, with no regard for making balls, practice breaking, at very slow speeds if necessary, and leaving the cue ball in that square consistently. As you develop your feel for doing that you can add speed until you are keeping the cue ball under control at your break speed. If you make three balls on the break and have to push out on your first shot you have just given away the advantage of the break and made yourself the underdog for that rack.

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Eleven Teams Show Up at Mile High Billiards To Do Battle

By Rich Montoya

It was a very fun day and a great learning experience for me and others. Team "Four Play" were the eventual winners with team members Adam Sisneros, Paul Norman, Elliot Fields and Jonas Martinez. "Four Play" did it in straight sets by first defeating Team "3 Men

and a Baby" (Greg Kingsbury, Andy Pettenger, James Beckemeyer and James Fortin) and then Team "Hank's Billiards" (Dave Mondragon, Romello Romero, Mike Montoya and Steve DeBaca). Next up, they defeated a good team from Colo Springs, "The Truth" (Ruben Silva, Frank Urbaniak, Nate Smith and Nick Smith) and then they triumphed over them again in the finals to win the whole thing

What a great bunch of players that finished in the top four. A really good team by the name of "Ninja Tur-



Adam Sisneros, Jonas Martinez, Elliott Fields and Paul Norman

tles" (Trent Davala, Kyle Englesman, Eric Kooi and Nick Dittmar) was the surprise team of the day. They took 3rd but not without a fight with Truth" in a hill /hill match that was a great match watch!

Chemistry is the

most important thing that I noticed about the top 4 teams. They communicated well and knew each other very well, never pointing a finger and staying on their game to the end.

The race in my opinion was too long and we need to get more added money from sponsors... something I lack experience in. We are going to make this a premier event in the Future

Oh, and thank you for the cheapest lesson I have ever taken.

Here is how they Finished:

1st Place Four Play - Elliott Fields, Jonas Martinez, Paul Norman, Adam Sisneros \$300.00/\$300.00

2nd Place The Truth - Ruben Silva, Nick Smith, Frank Orbanok, Nate Smith \$200.00/\$200.00

3rd Place Ninja Turtles - Kyle Englesman, Eric Kooi, Trent Davala, Nick Dittmar \$100.00/\$50.00

Stay in Stroke: Special Christmas Tournament at Hank's Billiards

By David Mondragon

I want to thank everyone who participated in my first "Stay In Stroke" tournament held at Hank's Billiards. Thanks to Hank for the use of the Pool Hall and the MON-EY added (\$300.00) to the tournament. The 32-player 12's and down was sold out with additional players wanting to be added that Saturday morning, which we were able to accommodate due to a few players not showing up.

There were excellent matches throughout the day which went smooth and quick. The Top 8 were as follows: Long-Stroke Mike Lopez over always in the money Pepito Lopez. Underrated Eddie Garcia over Phil Cordova. Colorado Springs player Bryan Bell over up and coming Mike Herrera. Cool player Robert Martinez losing in the winner's bracket to Rich Zendejas. Newcomer to Stay in Stroke Miguel Pena overcame a 4 to 1 deficit to defeat strong player Ricardo Bonillo 5 to 4. Shot maker Mike Montoya from the winner's bracket losing to Steve DeBaca. Experienced Rich Zendejas from the winner's bracket losing to Steve DeBaca.

Eddie Garcia lost to straight shooting Bryan Bell to place 7th. Hot player Miguel Pena soundly defeated Mike Lopez 5 to 0 but every game was close. Mike placed 8th. Bryan Bell fell to shot maker Mike Montoya to place 6th, Thanks for coming from Springs. Hot player Miguel Pena outlasted smooth stroking Robert Martinez. Robert placed 5th. Watch out for this



Rich, Steve and Mike show off their well-deserved winnings.

young man, he is a good player and getting better. Hot player Miguel Pena met his match on this night by the name of shot maker Mike Montoya. Mike was down 3 to 1 and then won the next 4 to win 5 to 3. Miguel placed 4th and had an excellent tournament. Rich Zen-dejas came to play. After losing to Steve DeBaca, Rich used his knowledge, skill and experience to defeat shot maker Mike Montoya in a thriller. It was a game for game match that went double hill. Rich picked his shots wisely and outlasted Mike Montoya. Mike placed 3rd. Outstanding tournament Mike.

Champion Steve DeBaca went undefeated until he met Rich Zendejas for the second time. Rich defeated Steve this time 5 to 2 to even up the score. The Championship match was the 3rd meeting of these excellent players. 12 Ranked Steve DeBaca spotted 10 ranked Rich Zendejas one game. In this match one game was not enough, Steve got his second wind and used skill and patience to win out the last 3 games. Great Tournament Steve... you played extremely well.

1st. Steve DeBaca	\$270.00/\$350.00
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4th. Miguel Pena	\$100.00/\$125.00
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Pro-player Melissa Little will be at Paradise Billiards to conduct a clinic with the kids!

Instruction With Tom

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To get a professional handle on control you can start working on the one ball and then the two ball. Try breaking from the side rail and moving the one ball with consistency to stop in front of the corner pocket that you are standing over to break. So, if you are breaking from the right side, hit the rack to make the one ball move toward the left side pocket and bank to the lower, right corner pocket. You will find that it is not very difficult to manage the one ball in this way. If the one ball is going into the side pocket on most of your breaks you have to see where the two ball is racked to raise the probability of coming up with a shot on it from the center of the table. Most tournament players are savvy enough to rack the two ball in the bottom row of two in the rack. When you see that, you should break from the same side of the table as the two ball in the rack. Generally, when a player breaks from the side rail, the ball in that bottom row of two on the opposite side of the table moves toward the upper rail and stays there while its partner in that

row rebounds from the upper rail and moves out away from it. A classic, controlled break pockets a ball, moves the one ball in front of the lower corner and leaves the cue ball in the center of the table with an easy shot on the one ball. If the one ball goes into the side pocket the two ball is often in good shape for an easy shot in the upper corner from the center of the table. When Cory Deuel's soft break is working he plays the one ball in the side and position on the two ball, often rolling it to the upper rail and moving the cue ball up table with it on the same side from which he broke.

Pool has many brilliant players who have come along and changed the break from a random explosion of balls into another shot that offers the kind of control we like during the game. After learning the elements of power and control you can break open some racks to study where balls in various positions tend to wind up on the table. Try breaking open some racks and taking ball in hand on the one ball to see how much easier it is to run out when you start off with such an advantage. From there you can work toward leaving yourself with ball-in-hand quality position from a standard, competitive break.

Mosconi Cup Update: It's Europe in a Landslide

Team Europe completed their finest ever Party-Poker.net Mosconi Cup win, as they beat the Americans 11-2, the second biggest winning margin in the 20 year history of the event. Needing three more points going into the third day, they reeled off the first three matches to hand out a humiliating defeat to the USA.

It was Europe's fourth win on the trot and their sixth in seven years. With a star-packed team, many felt that this was the Americans best chance in a while but after losing the first day 5-0, the writing was on the wall. America won two points on Tuesday but all in all it was a lame performance that will leave many questions.

It was Niels Feijen, partnered by Mika Immonen, who downed the winning 9 ball and the final point of this year's event gave the Dutchman his second Most Valuable Player trophy in three

European captain, Johan Ruijsink was thrilled with his fifth victory at the helm; "I am very, very proud of my team. They played like lions all week, they came out of the starting blocks really heavy on the Americans and I don't think they recovered. I am really sorry for my buddy Johnny Archer because it is his first time as a captain in the modern age and I think he deserved better than that. He is a great captain, a great motivator, and I feel sorry for him because 11-2 doesn't reflect the difference in quality."

Despite his obvious standing as a captain and motivator, Ruijsink was quick to put the credit

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where it was due; "I have a great team, world class players, and the only thing I need to do is channel their energy and quality into the right direction.

"The other wins have been more tense but I think the quality we put up every year is a guarantee for us to have a certain level of play.

"This is a game of details and as soon as the Americans don't have their details in order you can get beaten by this. I don't think the score is a reflection of the quality because they are much better than 11-2.

For Johnny Archer it was a bitter pill to swallow; "Everything went wrong. We didn't break the balls as well as they did, they played better, they were more of a team.

"The first day just killed us. We got behind really badly the first day and it was very hard. They kept coming out and they won a couple of close

"It is very disappointing and the whole team is really disappointed right now. All we can do is take a year to try and figure it out. It might be different players, all kinds of different things.

"I definitely think we need to improve on being more of a team like the European team. That is

> the number one thing right now and that is what we have to do."

Team Europe celebrates with

gusto their win over the Americans

Going into the third day, with three points required, the European pair of Darren Appleton and Ralf Souquet got the best possible start as they beat a talkative Earl Strickland and Dennis Hatch to get within two points of victory. The start looked so promising for the Americans especially when Dennis Hatch's golden break put them into a 2-0 lead but after the European pair reeled off the next four, it was the beginning of the end.

The end came via a 3/9 combination as Appleton took his time using the rest and clipped it home for

Strickland was back in the fray in the next as came up against Karl Boyes in a singles match and was soon 2-0 down, and complaining about pretty much everything. Boyes took the next but a well executed run out from Strickland reduced the deficit.

Boyes took the next after mistakes from both players and when Strickland failed to make contact with the 1 ball the Englishman took full advantage to clear the table for 5-1. Strickland received a warning from

referee Ken Schuman for his incessant talking but held himself together to take the next.

Some more fluid play from Strickland saw him move the score to 3-5. The verbose legend seemed to be hitting his stride as he made another superb clearance to get within one of Boyes. The Englishman though got back to the table and made a great shot pocketing the 2 ball and holding position. From there he composed himself together to make a great out and put Team Europe on the hill.

Rodney Morris and Dennis Hatch had the job of keeping America in the Mosconi Cup, while in the other corner, Niels Feijen and Mika Immonen were looking to become only the second doubles pair to bring home the Mosconi Cup.

Hatch and Morris gave it a go and got the score to 4-4 but the Europeans took the ninth game and then picked their way through the final rack to spark scenes of celebration in the arena.

A delighted Feijen, "I was on the team when we lost 12-1 and when it went to 5-0 on day one, that was already a record. On day two it was 8-2 and could have been 9-1 or 10-0 and from there on it was like, 'what is going on'?

"The first day we walked in and there was 650 people going nuts for the USA and we thought it would be intense. All of a sudden it was 5-0, 8-2, so we said today we just wanted to win the session again - that is all you can do.

"Karl played a great match against Earl, and then we finished it off. It was unbelievable. I won the MVP but it is such a team thing this. I think Europe in the last few years has been so good at having a team spirit, sticking together, supporting each other and that is all because of Johan. I want to thank him for all the effort he has put in over the years and I hope he will be back."

Ralf Souquet's Mosconi Cup has come full circle. He was in the losing side in the inaugural event in 1994, and 20 years on he played a full part in a great victory.

"It feels great, a little unexpected score-wise because nobody ever dreamed of beating such a great American team 11-2. On the other hand we played great, took advantage of their mistakes and didn't make too many mistakes ourselves.

"I think if somebody had bet money on that score line he would have made a lot of money. I was on the 12-1 losing team several years ago so at least I got a little payback time on this year. I am happy for us, for the team. We have a great team spirit and it was a great team effort. Now it is time to celebrate."



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What Would Happen by OMG

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I flew out on a Monday night because redeye flights were the cheapest. Everything I had done and not done finally caught up to me and the flight was terrible. I was sick with something like a bad cold and I did not sleep at all.

When I arrived at my hotel on Tuesday afternoon, I felt like microwaved death. The hotel room smelled strongly of bleach. The longer I thought about that, the more I was thankful they used bleach. The carpet was charmingly sticky. The toilet was not attached to the floor. The bedspread had bloodstains on it. I lay down, sick as a dog, and slept.

When I woke up, I felt much better.

I walked to the pool room where I used the other half of the donation for practice. Then I walked back to the hotel and slept some more.

During the next two days, I had only coffee and water. I started out weak, but got stronger as the tournament progressed. I did not require food or rest, only competition. I do not remember much about it all. I saw some friends, talked with some people, cracked some jokes, and treated myself to a Kahlua and coffee before the hot seat match.

After I lost in the finals, whatever supernatural force it was that held me together for this tournament vaporized and disappeared.

I realized I had not eaten in four days. I was suddenly very cold and realized I was still sick with whatever I was sick with. I was in a lot of pain and although I had dulled it with incredible focus, now it was back. The room seemed very small and I felt an impending panic attack. I was about to fall over. I needed to lie down and sleep for a month.

I left.

Back at the hotel, I took some ibuprofen and tried to sleep. I did not sleep well, but it did not matter. It would soon be time for me to fly back.

On the flight back, I sat next to a very angry toddler with an excellent set of lungs and strong kicking feet shod in Crocs. He would be America's next Olympic swimmer, no doubt.

I was glad we landed on time. Going from the east coast back to the west meant I still had much of the day left, that I could go to work. The intense focus I had maintained for the last month began to fade. I got my bags and waited for the bus. So it goes. The tournament was over. It was time to return to regular life. So I went. I did not meet or exceed my expectations in the tournament. I do not feel joy or disappointment in how I finished. I do feel content. I think this is what they mean when they say if you try your best, you will never be unhappy at the result. I did not understand that concept before, but I do now.

I wanted to win the tournament and fell short. In the eyes of those who play for money, I am an idiot. I spent all this money and time and life on a tournament that did not pay money. I went into the event knowing I did so at a financial loss, and would only incur more financial loss. Why would you play such a thing, my practical friends would ask me. And I would answer, because it's a hard tournament to win—and I have not won it yet.

Almost everyone plays for pride or money. I find now that I only play for myself. I do not care how others measure me. The metrics I use to measure the success of my efforts are my own. No money or trophy could equal what I gained from this experience which only lasted a little more than 30 days.

If I want to play this tournament again, I have about 300 days left to work on it.

Sounds like a plan.

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RED LION TAVERN - 9502 W. 58th Ave., (303) 423-2046, APA leagues, FREE pool on Wednesdays
SPORTS BARN, THE - 10480 Ralston Rd, 720-898-8788
STARDUST LOUNGE - 5205 Marshall, 303-424-9987, In-House & Traveling Pool Leagues
WOODY'S PIZZA & POOL - 7995 Sheridan, 303-650-5500 AURORA AMERICA'S BAR & GRILLE - 2340 S Chambers Rd, 303-337-3721 BD WOLFS SPORTS BAR - 15162 E Hampden Ave, 303-699-2222 BQ'S - 16961 E Quincy, 303-693-1915 CHALLENGERS-12161E Iliff Ave, 303-750-5558 DOC'S PUB - 10890 E. Dartmouth, 303-671-5324 DYLAN'S BAR & GRILL-2627 S Parker Rd., 303-755-2874 FAMOUS DOOR - 15220 E Hampden Ave, 720-870-3236, 16 Pool Tables, Leagues, Tourneys, Darts FAT BOYS BAR & GRILL - 10660 E Alameda Ave, 303-344-1905

FRIENDS BAR & LOUNGE - 1470 Jamaica St, 303-366-2566 FRONTIER CLUB - 18881 E. Colfax, 303-367-8637 KASBAH NIGHT CLUB - 15373 E.6th Ave, 303-367-0591 LEGENDS OF AURORA - 13690 E Iliff Ave, 303-671-0560 LEGENDS OF AURORA - 13690 E Iliff Ave, 303-671-0560
MAJESTIC - 3140 S Parker Rd, 303-695-4478
MAYA SPORTS BAR & GRILL - 455 Havana St, 303-360-7271
MCCARTHY'S - 15350 Smoky Hill, 303-693-4500
MONTVIEW BAR & GRILLE - 11680 Montview Blvd, 303-366-3132
PITCHERS - 1670 S Chambers Rd, 303-751-7115
PLAINSMAN, THE - 652 Peoria St, 303-366-6478
Q BILLJARDS - 2712 S Havana St, 303-745-7322
ROK'EM CUE CLUB - 1919 S Havana St, 303-755-7675, In-House & Traveling Pool Leagues,

SAM'S BAR - 6801 Leetsdale, 303-322-6401
SAND CREEK LOUNGE - 16893 E Iliff Ave, 303-337-4984
SCOOTERS - 13698 E Alameda Ave, 303-366-0019 SHEABEEN PUB - 2300 S Chambers Rd, 303-696-6131

SPORTS STATION - 850 Dayton, 303-343-2950 STARDUST CLUB & RESTAURANT, 1770 S. Buckley Rd, 303-632-8761, Pool Leagues

TABLE STEAKS EAST-3253 S Parker Rd, 303-743-8888 BROOMFIELD

BUENOS TIEMPOS – 1000 Depot Hill Rd, 303-466-6386, Pool Leagues, Great Mexican Food NIGHT OWL LOUNGE – 2000 Midway, 303-460-8928 ZOOSTERS - 300 Nickel St, 303-465-9298, www.zoopool.com, In-House & Traveling Pool Leagues

COMMERCE CITY
HIDEAWAY TAVERN - 6171 Olive, 303-289-2194
HALFTIME SPORTS BAR - 6051 Quebec, 303-286-1122
SHARP'S ROADHOUSE - 6496 Highway 2, 303-227-0430

DENVER

BRECKENRIDGE BREWERY - 2220 Blake St, 303-297-3644 CHAMPION BREWING CO - 1442 Larimer, 303-534-5444 FILLING STATION - 3507 Brighton Blvd, 303-296-3586 JUST ONE MORE-1910 S Depew, 303-989-8300 MECCA TAVERN - 815 Federal Blvd. 303-595-0221 MICKY MANOR - 2544 Federal Blvd, 303-458-0043 MICKY MANOK - 2544 Federal Blvd, 303-458-0043
PARAMOUNT CAFE - 16th & Glenarm, 303-893-2000
PARK TAVERN & RESTAURANT - 921 E 11th Ave. 303-832-7667
PUB ON PEARL - 1101 S Pearl, 303-777-6768
READY ROOM, THE - 1141 Syracuse, 303-377-2642
ROCK BOTTOM BREWERY - 1001 16th, 303-534-7616
ROMES SALOON - 785 W Mississippi, 303-744-6643
SKYLARK LOUNGE - 140 S Broadway, 303-722-7844
SORO 151 - 151 S Broadway

SOBO 151 - 151 S Broadway WYNKOOP BREWING CO - 1634 18th St, 303-297-2700, www.wynkoop.com, Weekly Pool

DENVER NORTH
BEER DEPOT – 4231 W 38th Ave, 303-477-0903
GRIZZLY ROSE - 5450 N Valley Hwy, 303-295-1330
LIL'S PLACE - 7575 N Broadway, 303-430-7176, Pool Leagues, Full Kitchen
LOS POTREROS - 5880 N Broadway, 303-292-4548
LOVE'S SHACK - 7290 N Pecos, 303-426-6420, Pool Leagues, Texas Hold'em, Weekly Pool Tournaments

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

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 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
THE WRECK ROOM SALOON - 2695 W 92nd Ave, 303-412-0257, Pool Tournaments & Leagues,

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

LAKEWOOD

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, 303-989-2991
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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
PUB ON COLFAX - 7785 W. Colfax, 720-612-7279, Pool Leagues and Tournaments

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

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

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FOX AND HOUND - 8996 W Bowles, 720-922-0400

FUCGLIES SPORTS BAR -11614 W Belleview, 303-933-7761, In-House & Traveling Pool Leagues

MIRACE SPORTS BAR - 8340 W Coal Mine, 303-979-9220, Pool Leagues, Darts, Texas Hold'em

POCKETS BAR & CRILL, 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, 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

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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 Main Street, 303-841-7179

WESTMINSTER
92ND AVENUE TAVERN - 7701 W 92nd Ave, 303-422-6353
BLITZ SPORTS BAR - 8468 Federal Blvd, 303-426-0260, Pool Leagues
CHARLIE'S WEB - 8364 Sheridan Blvd, 303-412-8120
DAVIE'S LOCKER - 8855 Lowell Blvd, 303-429-0096
HOFFBRAUBAR & GRILL - 7690 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

WHEAT RIDGE

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

*** Around Colorado ***

ALAMOSA

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

CU MEMORIAL CENTER - 1669 Euclid Avenue, 1st floor, Boulder, CO 80309, 303-492-6338
PEARL STREET PUB - 1108 Pearl St, 303-939-9900
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

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

ANTIQUE 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

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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. Elkhom 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

HATRIXX - 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 POUR MULE - 2385 W 27th St, 970-506-4000, APA, VNEA, Darts

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

LONGMONT

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

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

CLASSIC Q'S - 1715 South Prairie Avenue, 719-924-8250 PARISE'S LOUNGE - 430 W 30th St, 719-542-9708

SIDE POCKET LOUNGE - 4111 Club Manor Dr, 719-546-3636 TUMBLEWEED TAVERN - 214 S. Mc Cullough Blvd, Pueblo West, 719-547-9995

VISIONS - 4001 N. Elizabeth St, 719-543-8050

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

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

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

*** Wyoming-Places to Play***

CHEYENNE

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

RAPID CITY, SD BREAKROOM BILLIARDS - 355 11th St, 605-716-7676

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ACE GAMES INC - 12200 W 52nd Ave, 303-432-9876
ALL BILLIARDS SERVICE - 2417 N Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs, 719-597-7974
ALPINE BILLIARDS SALES & SERVICE - 380 S Potomac St, Aurora, 303-617-0220
BEST QUALITY BILLIARDS - 10405 West Colfax Ave, Lakewood, 303-233-2557,
www.bestqualitybilliards.com
BIG BREAK BILLIARDS - 6920 S. Jordan Rd. #E, Centennial, 720-270-1444
BILLIARDS EMPORIUM - 250 S. Santa Fe Ave, Pueblo, 719-542-7665, 719-583-3660 billiards,

darts, etc.
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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3978 S. Broadway, Englewood
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
COLORADO BILLIARDS & SPAS - 9140 E Westview Rd, Lonetree, 303-721-8181
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
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INTERNATIONAL HOT TUB CO - 1640 S Abilene St, Aurora, 303-960-2658
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

*** Leagues/Tours ***

APA OF NORTHERN COLORADO - Kevin Leivonen, 303-862-0466, northerncolorado@apaleagues.com APA - NORTH & WEST DENVER AREA - Peggy LeBlanc, 303-205-9781,

paleblanc@comcast.net

APA - SOUTH & EAST METRO DENVER - Chuck Rooney, 720-427-4629.

apapool1@comcast.net

APA - WESTERN SLOPE - Jan Maez, 970-523-8661, wcoapapool@bresnan.net APA - Yampa Valley Pool League (Routt & Moffat Counties) - Michelle Reed, (970) 826-2783, vvapa@msn.com

BMW BILLIARDS - Judy Mehle, 970-391-7664, VNEA Pool Leagues in Northern Colorado CHAMPION POOL LEAGUES - Richie Cunningham & Angela Jackson, 303-647-4282, BCA,

VNEA, USAPL, richie.angela@championpoolplayers.com DENVER POOLPLAYERS ASSOCIATION, Charlie Ray, BCA, 303-902-3014,

playdpa@gmail.com

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY- Cindy Plank, 720-289-1471 MILE HIGH TAP LEAGUE - Bill Davis, 303-817-6996, Adams & Arapahoe counties in Denver

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



Kaleb Cross (12) playing pool with his mom Pennie (taking the photo) on table #36 at Felt. "We are loving the new felt on the tables!"

Larry Romero Wins First "STAY IN STROKE" Title

Larry started out by defeating Andrew Pettenger (Turkey Shoot Champion) 5-0 and ended by defeating Jose Cruz (former 3-time SIS Champion) in a double dip match 5-1, then 5-2 in the final set. Congratulations Larry and thank you to everyone that competed in the Christmas Shootout!

Here is how they finished:

1st Larry Romero \$650.00/\$400.00

2nd Jose Cruz \$\$450.00/\$300.00 1st (15) Bracket

3rd Mike Poitra \$350.00/\$200.00 1st (10) Bracket

4th Mike Montoya \$250.00/\$150.00

5th Maria Finley \$185.00/\$120.00 1st (8) Bracket

6th Herb Grube \$185.00/\$120.00

7th Michael Ellis \$\$150.00/\$90.00 1st (12) Bracket

8th Brad Peterson \$150.00/\$90.00

9th Ruben Silva \$80.00/\$45.00

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