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Instruction With Tom

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

July 2000

A few years ago I read someone's account of a meeting between himself and Willie Mosconi where he asked what he could do to play better straight pool. Mosconi's response was, "Don't miss." What might have sounded at first like a flippant dismissal is really great advice. Regardless of a player's knowledge and mastery of the game, when he misses the shot in front of him he sits down. Yet very little instruction addresses the subject of aiming and pocketing balls.

Every player's early encounters with pool are centered on one basic challenge, to shoot the balls into the holes. After hitting the first few thousand balls most people become comfortable with the hand-eye coordination required to pocket basic shots. Those who want to progress open themselves to learning the myriad techniques and strategies that make up



the game and, for the truly committed player, this stage of learning typically lasts two or three years. Those players who attain the skills and knowledge to compete at or near the championship level break through to a new challenge, pocketing every ball. Pool is odd in the way that it returns the player who has studied and mastered the complexities of the game back to the original problem.

Twice previously we have examined the separation of the analytical aspects of pool from the creative in columns on the subjects of tempo and concentration. Because position play is analytical once a player learns the answer to a specific position problem he has that information and the same situation never again occurs as a problem when it repeats itself. Making a shot on the other hand is wholly creative so the challenge to pocket balls consistently never changes or fades.

What I want to offer now is a set of directions that will fine-tune your shot-making skills and help with your consistency. Precise aiming results mainly from stance and alignment. Most players have natural, proper alignment, which is defined, for the right-handed player, as having the right foot, hand, wrist, elbow, shoulder, eyes and cue all centered on one line. If you are unsure about your alignment ask someone to look at your stance and tell you if everything listed above falls onto the line. If not take the time now to adjust your stance; as in other games the ball goes where your body directs it.

When you know that your alignment is good it is very simple to place that alignment onto the line of the shot. Set up a straight-in shot and look at the object ball while standing erect behind the cue ball. Make it a habit to begin aiming every shot from this upright position behind the cue ball. Hold your cue over the top of the cue ball so that it makes a line that goes through the centers of the two balls to the pocket. Now place the front of your right foot under your cue and make your stance while keeping your eyes on the object ball as you

bend down. Looking at the object ball while making your stance is critical to precise alignment because it places your body on the one line that connects the two balls correctly. If it were a thin cut shot you would make your stance while looking at the edge of the object ball. When we form the stance with our eyes on the cue ball we focus on only one point of a line and invite the possibility of aligning the stance imprecisely. After you place your bridge hand down you may have to adjust the distance of your feet from the table until your stance feels comfortable and balanced. Doing so will not change your alignment.

Once you feel comfortable with your stance the second critical element is how you look at the object ball just before you shoot it and how it looks to you. All beginners look at the cue ball when they shoot because it is the ball they are hitting. Most players learn that they must look at the object ball last after realizing that they will not miss the cue ball and therefore need to focus on the target. Many however do not learn to make an effective transition with their eyes from cue ball to object ball. Every player has a routine of practice strokes while looking at the cue ball to make certain he will hit it where he wants. After you complete this step practice moving your eyes very deliberately to the object ball and stopping them on it. With your eyes locked on your target now stop moving your cue. Whether you take this pause at the front or back of your stroke is not important, but it is critical that you stop completely with your eyes on the object ball. Now take one stroke and shoot.

That moment with your stroke paused and your eyes locked on the object ball is the moment of concentration when your creative mind can take over and pocket the ball. This is when you will know if you are ready to shoot. If you are looking at the ball and you know that you will make the shot shoot it. If anything other than the image of that ball as one certain to go into the pocket creeps into your mind, be it a doubt for pocketing it, a concern for position, a distraction from the room, or any thought, you are not ready to shoot and must stand up to begin again.

The final element of consistency is the discipline to apply the same set-up and aiming techniques to every shot instead of reserving the effort only for long or difficult shots. Attempting to regard shots according to their difficulty will upset your tempo and reinforce their distinction as difficult. When you regard every shot in the same manner and approach it from the same routine all shots will eventually merge into occurring for you simply as pool shots. Spend a moment to imagine the straight-pool champion shooting mostly easy shots for an hour or longer without a miss and how he must regard each shot to retain his focus and concentration.

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LeCavalier Crowned First USA Pool League Singles Champion!

Photos & Story by Samm Diep, RockyMountainPool.com

The Rocky Mountain USA Pool League is taking Denver by storm. Kicking off its first season with nearly 20 teams on three different nights, all players with a minimum of four weeks of league play were invited to participate in the first of the many upcoming USAPL events. The Singles Bar Table Championships were held at Felt Billiards in Englewood, Colorado on January 7th drawing a nearly full field of all levels.

The USAPL rating system has proven to be one of the most fair and accurate in the nation. Nearly 70% of league matches go hill-hill and this first singles event was no different. Throughout the day, there were many close



USAPL Singles Champion
George LeCavalier

matches that easily could've gone either way. Skill levels are anywhere from 30 to 125. Players receive 14 points for a win and one point for each ball pocketed for a loss, racing to the sum of the player rating.

The league players were grouped in the beginning rounds with other players of similar skill level. Making their way unscathed through their respec-

tive brackets were George LeCavalier of Westminster, a 30-rated player and Ray Padilla, a 109. LeCavalier won the second game, boosting him half way to his rating. Padilla continued to hold him until the sixth rack when LeCavalier only needed one ball to Padilla's 30.

LeCavalier waited patiently for his turn in the finals. Not only was this his first finals match, nor was it his very first tournament ever but this has also been his first and only league experience. But that's not all, this inspirational 66-year-old has been in a wheelchair since he was 20-years-old from a train accident with some friends. Clearly, it hasn't slowed him down.

On the left side of the bracket, 93-rated player Jimmy Gardner was clawing his way back with a series of close matches, defeating Don Posri, Dave Kato, Cannon Russell, and Greg Romero. He ultimately met up with Padilla in the semi-

finals where the gentlemen exchanged table runs in the first few racks before Gardner took off with the set in a final score of 93-47.

He was on a roll and prepared to claim the prize. He squeaked out the first set of the finals with a close 93-26 when a few unfortunate turns and some steady play by LeCavalier derailed his train. In rack six of the final match, Gardner scratched leaving LeCavalier ball in hand with only four balls for the win.

"I had a fun time today!" said Padilla as he collected his payout. This was the first of many more regular events to come for Rocky Mountain USAPL members. As more and more players join the USA Pool League, there will be more USAPL events on the books.

The upcoming PLAYER APPRECIATION EXTRAVAGANZA is also scheduled at Felt for Saturday, Feb 4 from 2-8pm. It's open to everyone. Meet other players, form teams, and win great prizes. There will be free pool, mini tournaments, challenge shots, and prizes & giveaways throughout the day.

The spring session is just around the corner. See the USAPL ad for more details on league nights and formats. To learn more about the Rocky Mountain USA Pool League, visit RockyMountainPool.com or call 303-667-8000.

Payouts:

1 st	George LeCavalier	\$340
2 nd	Jimmy Gardner	\$200
3 rd	Ray Padilla	\$130
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8-BALL MADNESS Results

We had a great start for the 8-Ball Madness event with 29 players showing up to participate. We ran three brackets: 2/3's, 4/5's, & 6/7's.

The fours and fives bracket showed up in numbers.

2/3 bracket (8 players)

1. Gayle Good
2. Bryan Wellensiek
3. Laura Aywek
4. Vicki Wessels
5. Trindy Randolph
6. Lorna Miller
7. Lynn Huey
8. Val Godel

4/5 bracket (14 players)

1. Naomi Sanchez
2. Debby Love
3. Dirk Oberlin
4. Leandra Johnson
5. Teresa Bates
6. Desiree Straign
7. Ayn Brink
8. Patty Welborn
9. Nancy Lash
10. Allan McClelland
11. Max Rary
12. Soren Gilbertson
13. Pat Potts
14. Mark Dalton

6/7 bracket (7 players)

1. Willie Balintucas
2. Cruz Martinez
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Question:

Can a person without natural talent rise to the professional level with hard work?" John S. - Denver

Answer:

People from all walks of life have deliberated over natural talent vs. hard work. In my opinion, even though there are natural born pool players, it is the dedication and hard work that gets them to the championship level. I think the natural player can get to the pros a little bit faster but a person who works hard on their game will eventually get there.

Either way it takes an enormous amount of work for both. Over the past decade I have been playing on the WPBA pro tour and have noticed that there are a few players without natural talent but who have dedicated their game to hard work and it's paid off.

I think its very important to set some goals and then dedicate your time to hard work and in due time the rest will come. If you place all of your energy on a trophy prize then you set yourself up for disappointment. My goal is **not** to be the number 1 ranked player in the World but to become the BEST pool player that I can be. If I dedicate my time and energy to hard work then championship titles will come. Be patient and ponder on your thinking.



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Best of luck to you,

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. She teaches monthly clinics, give private lessons, and has created a juniors program that promotes the local youth in our sport.

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Piazza Tops Field at the Greenfields All American Tour Event

The **2011-2012 Lucasi Hybrid Cues All American Tour** – presented by the **American CueSports Alliance (ACS)** – conducted its nineteenth stop at **Greenfields Pool & Sports Bar** in **Lakewood, CO, Saturday, January 28**. The \$1,000-added 8-ball scratch tourney on 7-foot Dynamo bar boxes drew 49 players. On the A-side, Tony Piazza (Lakewood, CO) and Roy Yamane (Littleton, CO) met for the hot seat after Piazza dispatched Andrew Pettinger (Denver, CO) 5-2 and Yamane upended Sam Cordova (Pueblo, CO) 5-4 in the semi-finals. Piazza then remained the lone undefeated player by out-

pointing Yamane 5-2.

On the B-side Jim Fraser (Westcliffe, CO) and Ed Borrego (Denver, CO) were eliminated at 7th place to the cues of Kevin Williams (Pueblo, CO) 5-0 and Ron O'Meara (Colorado Springs, CO) 5-2 respectively. But in the next round both Williams and O'Meara were ousted, courtesy of Andrew Pettinger 5-4 and Sam Cordova 5-1 respectively. Cordova kept up his momentum in the next round by stopping Pettinger at 4th place by a 5-1 margin. Sam then avenged his only loss by taking down Roy Yamane in the B-side finals by a 5-3 score. Cordova had to defeat Tony Piazza two sets for the title, but Piazza was having nothing of that – dispatching Cordova 5-2 for the title!

By virtue of Roy Yamane being the highest-finishing ACS member in the event, he qualified for a free 8-Ball singles entry into the **2012 Lucasi Hybrid ACS Nationals at the Tropicana Las Vegas** – courtesy of the ACS. The ACS wishes to thank sponsors Lucasi Hybrid Cues, Championship Billiard Fabric and Nick Varner Signature Cases for their support in donating "Value-In-Kind" product for this and all stops on the Lucasi Hybrid All American Tour. Sponsorship opportunities and tour stop openings are still available for the 2011/2012 All American Tour by contacting the ACS at

www.americancuesports.org.

The Tour showcases one stop this **Saturday, February 4**: a **\$500 added 8-Ball Tourney** [not open to Elite, Advanced or A players] at **Cue Masters Billiards** in **Dubuque, IA** (contact Bill Kramer at 563-599-7884). Further information, entry details and schedules for the 2011/2012 Lucasi Hybrid All American Tour are available at www.americancuesports.org.

Final Results:

1 st	Tony Piazza (Lakewood, CO)	\$790
2 nd	Sam Cordova (Pueblo, CO)	\$400
3 rd	Roy Yamane (Littleton, CO)	\$200
4 th	Andrew Pettinger (Denver, CO)	\$150
5-6 th	Kevin Williams (Pueblo, CO) Ron O'Meara (Colo Spgs, CO)	\$75
7-8 th	Jim Fraser (Westcliffe, CO) Ed Borrego (Denver, CO)	\$50
9-12 th	John Sandifer (Denver, CO) Fred Vigil (Pueblo, CO) Flats Lujan (Alamosa, CO) Elliott Fields (Denver, CO)	\$35
Highest-placing woman: Terry Duncan (Denver, CO)		\$50



Top Finishers (L to R): Roy Yamane (3rd), Sam Cordova (2nd), and Tony Piazza (1st)



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August 30th, 2011

Once upon a time, I wasn't quite the intolerant bitch I am now.

One afternoon, I was at the pool hall, watching the regulars play. I noticed a regular come in and sit down to watch as well. This regular was a very good player. I knew he usually came in around mid-evening and after watching for a bit, would match up whatever other regular was around and play for small stakes, usually table time or maybe twenty dollars and time.

I was an extremely terrible player. However, I knew that to get better, one needed to play better players. I also knew that better players could not be expected to play for free. I didn't have a lot of money at the time, since I was in school, but I was willing to spend the money I could to in order to improve my game.

It took me a little while to get my courage up, but when I did, I went over to this regular and asked him if he would like to play a race to seven or nine for table time. I knew I would not win that set, but I believed losing the money would be worth it to gain some experience. It might take this guy a half-hour or forty minutes, tops, to crush me in a race to seven (although I was hoping he'd feel generous and agree to a race to nine). I figured that would be quick enough not to interfere with his usual pick-up games.

He looked me up and down, said, "You're not worth my time," and turned away.

I was a little surprised, but then thought, maybe he thought I meant we would play and then split the time, in which case, yes, I could understand how slapping balls around a table with a complete hack would be a waste of his time. I could also see how he might be insulted that a bad player like myself would assume he would play, and let me gain experience, for "free".

"Oh," I said, a little sheepishly, "I don't mean that we should split time, I meant that we could play for time. You're much better than me and I know I'm not going to win -- but I'm okay with that."

"You just don't get it, do you?" he said with obvious irritation and exasperation. "You don't play good enough to where I'd waste my time playing you -- at all." He turned away in a huff.

Oh.

Well.

When you put it that way...

I stood there awkwardly for a moment, not quite processing what just went down. I was confused. I didn't understand at the time why someone wouldn't just want free table time, which is what I offered this guy. I sat back down and thought about things for awhile.

I was more than a little hurt in the beginning as I reviewed the brief exchange. For me, it took a fair amount of courage to ask a much better player to play for hard-earned money I was certain to lose. It never occurred to me he would not want to play. At worst, I thought he might say he was waiting for his regular game and didn't want to play before then.

Then, I was angry, because, if he didn't want to play, he could have just said so in so many words. Why did he choose to cut me down like that? For the record, I was the barest of acquaintances with this fellow. I knew his name and that was about it. I knew him as a regular, but had never interacted with him.

Eventually, I came to the realization that he was right.

I wasn't good enough for someone like him to waste his time on.

I didn't know where he was, exactly, in the hierarchy of the pool room (and you ALL know what I mean by pool-room hierarchy), but I knew where I was -- absolute rock bottom. As such, I shouldn't have felt entitled to a gentle let-down either because I was a sh#tty player, or because I was a girl, or both. I learned a lot about life and reality in that short conversation. For the rest of the week, I took the money I had budgeted to lose to this guy and used it for extra hours of practice. In my mind, I told myself I would get to the point where I was good enough to play this guy.

Years passed and during that time, I began to understand more about this

game, the culture surrounding this game, the people in that culture, and how I related to all of it. I once needed to prove to people like this guy that I was "good enough", that I was somehow "worthy" of their notice and approval. As you all know now, I can sum up my current philosophy (which has served me exceedingly well) as: "I don't give a damn."

I play for myself and to meet my own standards.

What brought about this post? A few weeks ago, I saw this guy again at the pool room. Curious, I watched him play and I was surprised -- I remembered him as being a FAR better player. Upon further observation, no, he hadn't been a far better player before -- I had been far worse. Back then, a C or B player was a God-Level player to me. In the Land of Sh#tty Players, the Least Sh#tty Player is King, y'know?

The lesser part of me mused, I wonder if could I beat this guy now?

The better part of me chuckled, Even if I could, would I really even care?

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Monkey See, Monkey Do

By Samm Diep
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“Monkey see, monkey do,” is a recognized saying from American pop culture that refers to the learning process of mimicry, implying that we (the monkey) do what we see. Scientists discovered special brain cells in monkeys called mirror neurons that were activated both when the monkey actually performed something and when it watched another monkey do the same thing. Regardless of what these neurons are called, the bottom line means their research showed the monkeys would mimic what they saw.

Our brain is a powerful tool. However, in some ways, our subconscious can be like that silly monkey. If you allow yourself to visualize a scratch or a missed shot, more often than not, it will happen. Your subconscious mind is like that monkey that sees it and then does it. With visualization, it will mimic what you show it in your thoughts.

How many times have you thought to yourself, “Don’t miss this shot,” only to miss the shot exactly the way that you intended *not* to? It’s simple. Your subconscious mind doesn’t hear “don’t,” it only sees the picture that you send it. And, if that picture is of a scratch or snooker, that’s exactly what’s going to happen. Visualizing positive

thoughts and outcomes will not only help you win more games but it can even better your life overall.

Prepare for a match by visualizing yourself pocketing balls the night before. Fall asleep to warm, fuzzy thoughts of shooting your favorite shots and even the tough ones. Pocket them repeatedly over and over in your mind with confidence.

When faced with a difficult position shot, stay down and visualize the ball going into the pocket and the cue ball rolling to the pinpoint position where you need it to be. When you aren’t specific with your demands, you can’t expect your brain to fill in the blanks. Show it what you want it to do by visualizing your intended result for each and every shot.

Let your ‘monkey’ see what you want it to do. If you want to succeed, stay positive and visualize positive thoughts. Visualize your success and make it happen.

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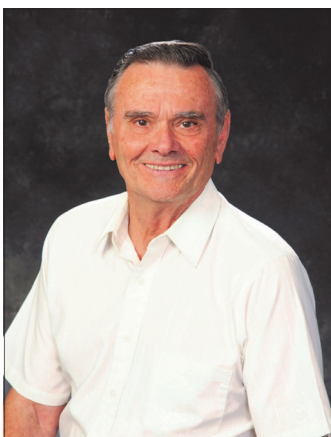
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One of our fellow pool players, Urban Kack, passed away on Friday, January 27, 2012 after a long, 7 year battle with terminal cancer. He was well known at The Mirage Sports Bar as he played on league and in many team tournaments for over 15 years. His team always consisted of his son, Mike, close friends and eventually two grandsons. Urban was well known for his defense and smart playing. He will be missed very much by his teammates and other friends in the pool community.

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Pettinger and Ellis: Last Men Standing at Felt 9-Ball Knock Out

Photos & Story by Samm Diep, FeltBar.com

The inaugural event of the 2012 Felt Pool Tournament Series was a successful one. On January 21-22, Felt Billiards of Englewood, Colorado hosted the 9-Ball Knock Out, a big table 9-ball tournament with two events, an open two-day main event that started Saturday morning and an A's & Down event that began Sunday morning. As a fun format, players received the option to "BUY A BYE." At the time of sign up, the first 16 open players and the first 8 amateur players could purchase a guaranteed bye in the second round which also guaranteed they would not play their first match before noon.

The main event kicked off Saturday morning with a 32-player field and the A's & Down filled with a full 24-player field with 8 byes. A handful of A players opted to also try their luck



A's & Down Final Four (L to R): Joe Conway, Dustin Yeager, Mike Ellis, Winfield Hong

on Saturday. For Mike Ellis of Aurora, that extra table time on Saturday paid off as he cruised through the field on Sunday.

Saturday drew an elite field of players, spanning three different states. Top player Mike Dudack from Casper, Wyoming came to try his luck, along with women's professional player Anna Kostanian and husband Peter Sucre of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Players flocked from the North and South. Jim Calderon came from Pueblo, as well as Colorado Springs road partners Ruben Silva and Frank Ubaniak. Fans were also treated to appearances by touring professionals Melissa Little "The Viper" and Laura Smith.

The rail was jam packed all weekend with savvy spectators who demanded a good show and were not disappointed. Along with the top-notch live pool, fans and players were entertained between matches with the broadcast of the live streaming from the 14th Annual Derby City Classic that was shown on the big screen in the dining area. This professional event kept away local top players, Mark Haddad and recent transplant Marc Vidal.

Both main event and Sunday event went smoothly, even accommodating for the regular Sunday afternoon 10-ball tournament which started a couple hours late. All three finals wrapped up by Sunday evening. In the main event, it was a race-to-seven, winner-break format, using the

Magic Ball Racks. After escaping a couple close calls from James Winter and Matt Driste, Andrew Pettinger "ATM" went undefeated for all the marbles. Driste, the dark horse who's been out of the scene until recently, came out like gang-busters, defeating Kostanian 7-0, as well as victories over Jay Hlavachek and Greg Romero before facing "ATM" for the A-side finals.

In the end, Hlavachek came back through the B-side but was no match for Piazza who would claim that match 7-0 and advance to the semi-finals. Piazza also escaped a close call earlier against Urbaniak. After defeating Hlavachek, he also took out Driste but would find himself no match for Pettinger. In the final rack, Pettinger was ahead 6-5 and opted to play a safety on the 8 ball which left Piazza a safety in return. Pettinger was now faced with a long, touchy 8 ball. After much deliberation, he fired at it, missing the pocket but banking it two rails into the opposite pocket leaving himself straight in on the 9 ball and that was all she wrote.

As the main event brought many close matches, the A's & Down saw quite a few lop-sided ones. Ellis bought himself a first round head start but didn't really need it. Of his three rounds after that, he only gave up three games and went undefeated until Joe Conway came along. When they first met, Ellis took that match 4-0. Conway would make his way back for a rematch. In the first round of the finals, Conway returned the favor with 4-0 of his own. Keeping with the theme, Ellis prevailed in the second set 3-0 for the title.

Dustin Yeager of Aurora and Winfield Hong of Centennial both also made a splash on Sunday with their third and fourth place finishes. Yeager was a last minute wild card when a player dropped out the day before. The A's & Down field was filled by Thursday night.

Felt proudly added \$700 between the two events



Final Four Finishers (L to R): Andrew "ATM" Pettinger, Jay Hlavachek, Matt Driste, and Tony Piazza

and will continue to add even more money to upcoming events. For more information about the 2012 Tournament Series, visit feltbar.com/2012series. Felt Billiards is located at 101 West Floyd Avenue in Englewood, Colorado and is home to the best weekly tournaments, nightly food and drink specials, and a home away from home for

players and spectators alike. Check out feltbar.com for more information and a complete calendar of events.

Special thanks go to our sponsors for this event: Rocky Mountain USA Pool League (RockyMountainPool.com), Access Printing in Englewood (AccessPrint.biz), and the Magic Ball Rack courtesy of CueSports International (playbca.com/magicballrack.aspx). Special recognition also goes to Don Posri and Sean Thamrongpradith for their thankless hard work all weekend. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available for the tournament series. Contact Felt for more information.

Main Event Payouts:

1 st	Andrew Pettinger	\$400
2 nd	Tony Piazza	\$278
3 rd	Matt Driste	\$200
4 th	Jay Hlavachek	\$110
5 th – 6 th	Greg Romero	\$40
	Chuck Nielsen	\$40
7 th – 8 th	Ruben Silva	\$20
	Frank Urbaniak	\$20
9 th – 12 th	Mike DeSantiago	\$10 Felt tab
	Anna Kostanian	\$10 Felt tab
	Jose Cruz	\$10 Felt tab
	James Winter	\$10 Felt tab

A's & down Payouts:

1 st	Mike Ellis	\$170
2 nd	Joe Conway	\$130
3 rd	Dustin Yeager	\$90
4 th	Winfield Hong	\$50
5 th – 6 th	Don Posri	\$20
	Sonny Baltazar	\$20
7 th – 8 th	Donovan Gray	\$10 Felt tab
	Michelle Parker	\$10 Felt tab

A Story about *Chance* and the Choices in Life

By Samm Diep, PoolTipJar.com © February 2012

Walk around the pool table. Shag some balls from the pockets. Now, bend over and shoot a shot. These are all simple tasks, right? Well, for one nine-year-old boy, they are feats...

Meet Chance Hargrave. He's your typical spunky fourth-grader who enjoys video games, hanging out with friends, and playing a little pool. One significant difference, at 22 months old, Chance was thrown 35 feet from a windshield during a car crash which caused dual-hemisphere brain damage, a sheared brain stem, a ruptured spleen, several broken vertebrae, and broken arms and legs. Today, he uses a custom walker and has defied all the odds, including his doctors' predictions.

Most of us are fortunate enough to never have to deal with or think about any permanent physical challenges that would impair us from playing our favorite game. For Chance, every move he makes requires a conscious effort. On his upper right forehead is a constant reminder from that day which is simply referred to as "his bonk."

After his accident, Chance remained in a Level VII coma for some time repeatedly being told by doctors, "he's not going to make it." When they realized he *was* going to make it, they informed the family that he had such severe brain damage that he would never speak or focus his eyes.

"You're just going to throw your life away because he's going to be a vegetable for the rest of his life. And we went, 'okay, if he is we'll just take care of him but I don't believe you.' So, we started working with him and now Chance reads and writes at grade level," said

Brian Mitchell, Chance's uncle who, along with his wife Annie, adopted and raised him and his two other brothers (Cody and Calvin).

'Uncle Brian' and 'Aunt Annie' never had kids of their own and never anticipated they would be parenting three young boys. "My wife and I decided that we would be the eccentric aunt and uncle, and if some kid needed to go to college we'd be the ones that swoop in and pay their tuition," he explained. As a result of the accident, they ended up moving to Colorado to be closer to Children's Hospital, where Chance has undergone countless hours of occupational and physical therapy.

Chance was first introduced to a pool table at the age of four when he watched his uncle play. "We started looking for ways to catch his attention and pool is a particularly good thing because you have to walk around, bend down, and there's stretching," said Brian, "It was the perfect way to incorporate everything from his therapy." Brian first learned pool with his dad in pool clubs in South America while his family was stationed there.

It only seems appropriate that Chance would take an interest to the game since the first word he learned to speak was "ball." After starting with sign language, he slowly developed his speech skills. The first sound he made with his mouth was the "buh" sound of the letter "B."

With each passing day, Chance continues to beat the odds. About three to four times a month, you can find Chance with his uncle Brian at their favorite hangout, Felt Billiards in Englewood. Chance plays "hand pool" to build his brain and motor functions by doing all those simple things that we take for granted. Since most of the damage was to the left side of his brain, he is primarily left-handed. Without using his walker, he exercises the right side of his body by side step-

ping along the table.

Chance's binocular vision is also impaired so the task of rolling a ball directly into the pocket has helped develop his focus point. He also learned to count by using the numbered pool balls. Brian has even taught him some basic math by way of the diamond system.

Now, don't go feeling sorry for this kid. He has three surgeries coming up and when I

asked if he was afraid he said, "Nah." He's been through worse. The next time you see him around, make sure you go over and introduce yourself. There's so much we could all learn from him and his infectious laugh. If nothing else, remember to never take the simple things in life for granted. Always be grateful and keep a positive attitude.

I asked Chance what he wanted to be when he grew up, "a news reporter," he replied. As far as he's come, there's no doubt in my mind he'll be reporting headlines one day.

Special thanks go to PoolDawg.com for their generous donation of a special junior's cue and t-shirt when they found out about this story.



Chance along with Uncle Brian eye down a shot to the side pocket



Uncle Brian helps line up a kick shot for Chance



Chance with Samm Diep, author of story and manager at Felt Billiards

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Match Ups Hosts the Northern APA Fall 2011 Tri-Cup Tournament

On the weekend on January 28-29th Match Up's in Fort Collins hosted the Northern Colorado APA Fall 2011 Tri-Cup Tournament. 32 teams qualified for this event by either winning the session play-offs or by being the High Points team at the end of the scheduled session. These 32 teams competed in a Single elimination team tournament with the top 8 teams each earning the right to compete in the Northern Colorado APA Regional 8 Ball Championships June 9-10th.



Shoot Last Inc

Our "B" Bracket saw Just Lucky from Boulder CO vs Shoot to Thrill playing out of Fort Collins. Shoot to Thrill took the early lead winning the first match but it was all Just Lucky after that taking the next 3 and their \$1000.00. Our 2 other Regionally qualified teams in the "B" Bracket are That's What She Said from

Fort Collins and Soft Touch based in Fort Lupton. Congratulations to all of the teams that earned the chance to play and best of luck to the top 8 in the Regional event in June.

At this Regional event they will play for one of four coveted spots in the APA National Team Championships, The Worlds Largest Pool Tournament, held in Las Vegas August 16th-25th 2012. Along with this spot they could also earn up to \$4000.00 in travel and spending money for each team.



Just Lucky

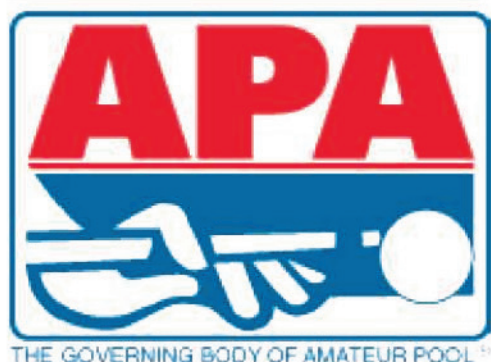


Aces and Eights



Shoot to Thrill

After 2 days of pool our final 4 teams faced off against each other to decide who would take home the most cash. A winner was crowned in 2 separate brackets. The "A" Bracket finalist were Shoot Last Inc from Longmont CO who defeated The UnCoachables from Longmont playing against Aces & Eights of Greeley CO after they sent The Ott'ers back to Longmont CO. It was 3-0 for Shoot Last Inc to take home the \$1000.00 prize money with Aces & Eights earning \$400.00 for their second place finish.



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APA of Northern Colorado Holds Tournament for Captains and Co-Captains

The APA of Northern Colorado held a Capt/Co-Capt. tournament event at The Longmont Moose Lodge. 21 players competed in a Double elimination Singles event competing for cash and prizes. A \$10.00 entry fee for the players gave them the

chance to win their portion of the over \$300.00 in prize money along with an APA Cue and Case. John "J-Rod" Velasquez took home 1st place money of \$120.00 and the



J Rod and Mike

APA Cue. Mike Gibson took 2nd place.

All players were put in a drawing to receive an APA Shirt, a hat, or A Cue It Up Cue Clip. Everyone went home with something and after all names were drawn all tickets put back in

the pot and 2 lucky players had their names drawn to win an APA cue and case. Those lucky winners were matt maul and Joyce Hughes. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all of those participated.



Joyce



Matt

Ralf Souquet Earns AZBilliards Player of the Year Honors

AZBilliards is pleased to announce it's pick for male Player of the Year for 2011. The player who surpassed the rest in his performance was Ralf Souquet whose consistency this year won him the POY bragging rights.. Picking a male Player of the Year for 2011 was no easy task. In fact, it took over a week of pouring over spreadsheets. In the end we gave each factor in the judging a different weight, depending on perceived importance, and the one that gave the nod to Souquet was the comparison of how he, Darren Appleton, and Shane Van Boening had done in the dozen events in which all three participated. This first process eliminated Van Boening and gave us a longer list of face-to-face comparisons to use for comparing Souquet to Appleton.

Souquet and Appleton competed in 22 events together. In these competitions Souquet came out on top 14 times while Appleton fared better 8 times. As the two men were very close on total money won and number of victories, this was the factor that swung the tide in Souquet's fa-

vor. Ralf began the year with a victory at the Euro Tour French Open. He came in second at the Masters Ten Ball event in Virginia, then won again at the Players Championship in Valley Forge. He then enjoyed a pair of runner-ups at the European Championships and the Philippine Open before scoring another win at the Euro Tour Italy event. He won another Euro Tour event in Hungary, took a third at the Beassy 8-Ball tournament and a second at the Sarajevo 8-Ball Championships. Last, he was on the winning Mosconi Cup team, won all three Matchroom events for the year and took a fourth place finish at Turning Stone.

Ralf Souquet is a true study in consistency in a game that is known for the opposite. While many players run hot and cold Souquet can be counted on to give the same steady performance in most every event in which he chooses to participate. He is professional in every regard and treats his competitors and fans with the respect that they deserve. His behavior brings honor to the sport. Congratulations, Mr. Souquet, and thank you.

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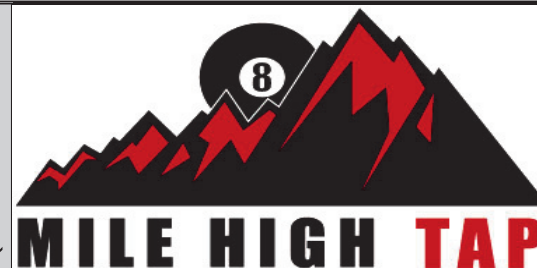
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Tournament Results

SUN (1/1)

one-pocket

10 players

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2nd - Juan P. \$80

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TUE (1/3)

big table 9-ball

1st - Melissa L. \$90

2nd - Danny M. \$60

3rd - Mark H. \$38

FRI (1/6)

bar table 8-ball

1st - Jeremy M. \$60

2nd - Jose C. \$35

3rd - Chad J. \$20

Top Lady - Brandie R. \$15

SAT (1/7)

bar table 9-ball

1st - Bryan \$55

2nd - Chad \$40

3rd - Pepe \$25

4th - Earl \$10

SUN (1/8)

big table 10-ball

1st - Gary G. \$80

2nd - Jim C. \$55

3rd - Juan P. \$33

FRI (1/13)

bar table 8-ball

1st - Rick F. \$55

2nd - Jose C. \$35

3rd - Chad J. \$20

SUN (1/15)

big table 10-ball

1st - Jose C. \$91

2nd - Chuck N. \$56

3rd - Jim C. \$41

TUE (1/17)

big table 9-ball

16 players

1st - Juan P. \$120

2nd - Kiko I. \$80

3rd - Neal M. \$50

4th - Marc V. \$20

FRI (1/20)

bar table 8-ball

1st - Eddy \$50

2nd - Jose C. \$30

3rd - Andre L. \$15

Top Lady - Brandie R. \$15

SAT (1/21)

bar table 9-ball

14 players

1st - Frank U. \$80

2nd - Ruben S. \$55

3rd - Jeff G. \$40

4th - John D. \$20

SUN (1/22)

big table 10-ball

16 players

1st - Sonny B. \$120

2nd - Andrew P. \$80

3rd - Chuck N. \$55

4th - Rod \$25

TUE (1/24)

big table 9-ball

20 players

1st - Andy P. \$129

2nd - Jose C. \$80

3rd - Dave K. \$51

4th - Yi Jie W. \$28

FRI (1/27)

bar table 8-ball

1st - Keith C. \$50

2nd - Robert R. \$30

3rd - Flatts L. \$20

In An Epic Battle of the Hall of Famers, Laurance Claims WPBA Masters

The WPBA Masters at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort has now concluded, and the winner is none other than Ewa Mataya Laurance (right), defeating #2 ranked Allison Fisher (left) in an epic battle of two veteran champions.



Back in the Winner's Circle
2012 WPBA Masters Champion
Ewa Mataya Laurance

Billiard Congress of America (BCA) and Women's Professional Billiards Association (WPBA) Hall of Famer and former Grand Ledge, Michigan resident, Ewa Mataya Laurance took an early 2-1 lead in the short televised race to 7 against fellow BCA Hall of Famer, #2 ranked Allison Fisher. Ewa then extended the lead to 3-1, 4-1 and 5-1... And then Allison mounted a comeback!

5-2, 5-3, 5-4 and suddenly the score was tied 5-5; a race to two, with Allison breaking. Ewa dug deep and pulled out the next two games for a 7-5 victory and \$10,000 payday in the first WPBA event of 2012!

In the first sem-final, Ewa proved she'd be a formidable contender when she defeated #1 ranked Ga Young Kim 7-6 for her place in the title bout.

The other semifinal was a battle of the Fishers: Kelly Fisher vs. Allison Fisher (pictured left). Though they're not related, they both hail from the U.K. and both yield a deadly cue. Allison pulled out all the stops and defeated Kelly 7-4 to head to the finals against Laurance.

To view the final tournament chart, visit www.wpba.com and click on "2012 Soaring Eagle Tournament Board." The three final-round one-hour matches will be broadcast by ESPN for on Sunday, March 18, from 1:30 - 4:30 pm EST.

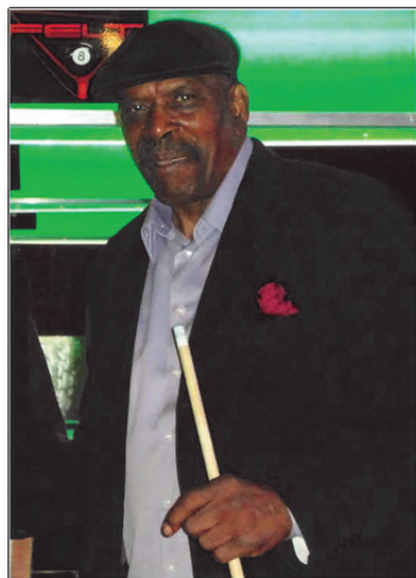
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The WPBA was established in 1976 as the Women's Professional Billiard Alliance, and will celebrate its 35th anniversary in 2011 as the oldest pro player organization in the sport. The WPBA sanctions and produces the Women's Pro Billiard Tour, which features ESPN-televised events with the world's greatest women players. Visit www.wpba.com for more. The WPBA Classic Tour is sponsored by the

American Poolplayers Association, Diamond Billiards, Iwan Simonis, Cuetec Cues, Delta 13, Pooldawg, Mueller Recreational Products and Aramith.

Final Results Top 24 (24 Placed Paid):

1	Ewa Mataya Laurance	\$10,000
2	Allison Fisher	\$5,500
3/4	Ga Young Kim, Kelly Fisher	\$2,750 ea.
5/6	Helena Thornfeldt, Jasmin Ouschan	\$2,000 ea.
7/8	Jeanette Lee, Eleanor Callado	\$1,750 ea.
9/12	Liz Ford, Dawn Hopkins, Monica Webb, Brittany Bryant	\$1,500 ea.
13/16	Karen Corr, Line Kjorsvik, Jennifer Barretta, Gerda Hofstatter	\$1,250 ea.
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Van Boening wins Derby 9-Ball, One Pocket & All Around Title

In the most dominant performance in Derby City Classic history, Shane Van Boening played in the finals of all three divisions and won two of those divisions.

In order to get to the finals, Van Boening had to get by Mike Dechaine in round twelve of the 9-ball division. Dechaine has one of the best tournament records of anyone against Van Boening, but this was not to be another entry in Dechaine's resume as Van Boening took advantage of careless mistakes by Dechaine and added four table runs to win the match 7-0.

With only three players going into that round of play, it was Stevie Moore who caught the bye and had the easy route to the finals. Moore came out early in the final match against Van Boening and proved that he belonged in the finals when he rode a 1-9 combo and a break & run to a 2-1 lead. The lead would be short lived for Moore as Van Boening kicked a two ball in and ran out to tie the match at 2-2. A poor safety by Moore in the fifth rack led to a 3-2 lead for Van Boening and then a very careless safety attempt by Moore in rack six gave ball in hand to Van Boening and he jumped on the opportunity. Van Boening ran that rack and the next two for a 6-2

lead. Moore would add one more bead to his side of the scoreline after winning a safety battle in rack nine, but a dry break in rack ten was Moore's last time at the table as Van Boening ran out for the 9-ball division win and \$16,000 in prize money.

The One Pocket Division of the 14th Annual Derby City Classic ended the same way it ended last year; with Shane Van Boening pocketing the final ball for the win. Van Boening made his way through a field of 311 other players to defend his title from last year.

The seats were jam packed for Van Boening's semi final match with another Derby City Classic Favorite, Efren Reyes. That match ended with a lopsided 3-0 scoreline after Shane looked to have Efren right where he wanted him (down 2-0 and 7 - (-1) in the third game). Reyes displayed some of that vintage Reyes magic to get the score back to 7-6 but he ran out of magic dust when an intended two rail bank found Van Boening's pocket instead of Efren's.



Top Player at the Derby,
Shane Van Boening

off of Gray's break, but could only manage three balls before leaving a ball in the jaws and watching Gray run eight for the game.

The second game included some classic one pocket safety play, but Van Boening came with tough shots to take control for small runs. At 5-0, Van Boening back cut a ball into the heart of his pocket and left two gimmes to end the rack 8-0.

Shane made a ball after Joey's break again in rack three - but then missed a ball in the rack - leaving what looked like a completely open table for Gray. The youngster from Oklahoma City could only manage a run of four balls before missing a small window of shape. From there, the game looked a lot like the previous game with Gray playing some great one pocket shots and Van Boening patiently waiting for a shot before fearlessly making the shot and running balls. Van Boening put three different short runs together for an 8-4 win.

The fourth rack started out with a safety battle that left Shane "ahead" (-1) - (-2). Once again, Gray appeared to out-move Van Boening but ended up eventually leaving a shot and Van Boening took full advantage. A double kissed attempt to clear Shane's pocket by Gray left an opening for Shane and he quickly ended the game and match with a 9 ball run for his second straight one pocket crown

As far as the Master of the Table competition, that race was decided very early in the 9-ball division as Shane only had to get out of the third round to lock up the title for the second straight year. John Morra took second in the all around competition and Brandon Shuff finished in third.

While that match was going on, 25 year old Joey Gray was getting the maximum enjoyment out of his first Derby City Classic as he defeated Darren Appleton to set up a showdown with Van Boening in the finals.

The first rack of the finals was a quick 5-minute tussle as Van Boening made a ball

“Imitation is the Greatest Form of Flattery” Was the Theme for Local Player’s Surprise Party



Don't let this picture fool you - there's only one Robert Rodriguez. Friends, family and other admirers of Robert gathered at Felt Billiards recently to help him celebrate his upcoming birthday. Want to know how old he is? Ask him.

Robert took it all in good humor. Mellowing? Nah. But ever gracious.

It was a great surprise party his spousal equivalent, Summer, pulled off and was enjoyed by all.

A few brave souls shared stories and impressions in a “Roast”.

Best wishes and happy birthday Robert!



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Felt	10-Ball, 9' tables, 2pm start, \$\$ added
Match Ups, Ft. Collins	9-Ball, 9' tables, \$\$ added, 3pm start

▲ MONDAY

Mirage Sports Bar 8-Ball, handicapped, 7:30 sharp start

▲ TUESDAY

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

▲ WEDNESDAY

Wynkoop Brewing Co 15 Rack, 10-Ball

▲ FRIDAY

BC's Sports Pub	8-Ball, bar table
Felt	8-Ball, bar table
Match Ups, Ft. Collins	8-Ball, bar table, \$\$ added, 7:30 pm

▲ SATURDAY

BC's Sports Pub	9-Ball, bar table, 7 pm
Felt	9-Ball, bar table, \$\$ added, 4:30 pm

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February 4th

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BC's Sports Pub	Open 8-Ball, 1pm start
Felt	USAPL Player Appreciation Event
Greenfields	Stay in Stroke Tournament
Love's Shack	Open Scotch Doubles, 9-Ball

February 5th

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

February 11th

Greenfields	8-Ball Madness, APA. 12 pm start
Love's Shack	8-Ball, 1 pm start

February 12th

Felt Sweetheart Scotch Doubles, bar table, \$\$

February 18th

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

February 25th

Felt	Ron Lyle Memorial Tournament
Love's Shack	8-Ball, 1 pm start
Love's Shack	8-Ball, 7 pm start

February 26th

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Upcoming Events

March 17th	Felt	"Get the Green" Big Table 10-Ball US Open 10-Ball Qualifier
March 31st	Felt	Qualifier for US Open One-Pocket
April 28	Felt	Vegas Warm-up, bar table, 8-Ball

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SAM’S BAR - 6801 Leetsdale, 303-322-6401
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