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The Northern Colorado Top Guns Came Out in Full Force to Determine the “Best of the Best”



Top Gun
Shane Wertz

The Northern Colorado 8-Ball Top Gun was held at A Bit of Billiards in Longmont on Feb 25th, 2012. 47 players representing most S/L's came out to compete in this Double Elimination tournament. The Final match found Shane Wertz (SL7) in the hot seat waiting for Bobby Ray (SL7) to make his way thru the one loss side. Shane did not lose any momentum while waiting and was able to close the match out in 5 straight games. Congratulations to Shane on his win. He took home the 1st place trophy along with \$300.00. Bobby Ray was awarded the 2nd place trophy and \$200.00 for his efforts.

The Ladies made a great showing this event rounding out the next 3 spots. Congratulations to Kristi Renville (SL5) for her 3rd place finish. Kristi earned the 3rd place trophy, the Top Lady Trophy, AND \$150.00 for her play. Catherine Romero (SL4) finished in 4th place taking home \$80.00 and Michelle Eisenbarth (SL3) tied with Shannon Rutherford (SL6) to finish out top 5 places.



Top Lady Gun
Kristi Renville

Congratulations to everyone that competed in our Top Gun event. Players earn the opportunity to play in the Top Gun by playing in weekly APA league play through out Northern Colorado and being in the group of high percentage winners during the season.

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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.

September 2000

Increasingly over the past ten or fifteen years pool players have adopted a more aggressive style of play. In the past, conventional wisdom dictated that if you do not have a good shot play defensively even it merely leaves a long, tough shot for your opponent. Since nine ball replaced straight pool as the standard game that wisdom is giving way to a stubborn reluctance to allow one's opponent back to the table with any shot. We all have too many bad memories now of losing to a great bank, jump or kick shot, tactics that were rarely employed in the straight-pool era.

Of course a well-executed safety is a devastating weapon since the reward for leaving your opponent helpless is often ball in hand. However we face many tough situations throughout a match or series of matches where playing a good safety is at least as difficult as the bank, thin-cut or combination shot in front



tough situation is never just to come out blasting; we know those players and it is their scarcity that forces most of us to work regular jobs.

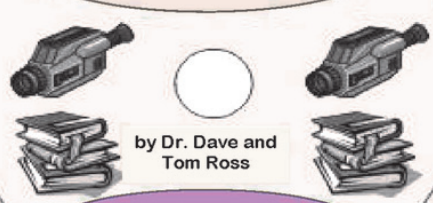
Because nine ball is a rotation game we find ourselves facing the choice between safety and a difficult shot more often than we do in straight pool. Sometimes our opponent leaves us this way and sometimes we do it to ourselves. Regardless, the game calls for us to take more chances on difficult shots. We old guys are conditioned, from our straight-pool experience, not to take chances since a competent player can run 50 balls while a great player is liable to run out the game from any open shot. In nine ball, where the odds are against a champion running five or six racks, the stakes are not quite so high. Nobody wants to sit down and watch his opponent shoot but the nine-ball player can feel more confident than the straight-pool player that he will get another chance at the table if he makes a mistake early in the match. Here lies the primary cause of the shift from the cautious play of the past to the more aggressive and flashy play of nowadays.

of us. As with every tactical question the solution will rarely be the straightforward product of a simple rule but will require weighing options and applying judgment. And the answer in a

When faced with a tough shot the first thing you must do is examine the table to evaluate the risk. Sometimes you will find that you can go for an extremely difficult shot with a great chance for a safety or least a tough leave if you miss. These are called two-way shots since a good result is likely whether you make the shot or not.

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"Ya better say yer prayers, ya flea-bitten varmint. I'm-a gonna blow ya to smithereens!"**- Yosemite Sam -****By OMG****February 9th, 2012**

I recently took a trip to play in the annual Jay Swanson Memorial 9-Ball Tournament held at Hard Times Billiards in Bellflower, CA.

Jay "Swanee" Swanson was a pool player from San Diego from before my time. I have watched a tape of Swanson playing a very young and rail-thin Johnny Archer, though. You who have seen the match know what I am talking about. Swanson was known as the "Gentle Giant" and this tournament honors his memory.

I had to get up at a slightly ungodly hour to make the starting line at this tournament (doors open at 9:30, matches begin at 10:00 a.m.), but we all do what we gotta do. Luckily, it was another balmy winter day in Southern California and I could stay as toasty as I pleased as long as I stayed in the sun.

A common question I get is: "How long does it take?" The trip takes anywhere from two to two-and-a-half hours on the weekends. It's not too bad considering plenty of people are driving from many more hours away.

The trip was uneventful and that's about as good as it gets.

The "Swanee" is Southern California's largest tournament. It knocks out 191 of the 192 players entered in two days via races to 7 on the winner's side and races to 6 on the loser's side on the first day, and races to 7 and 7 on the second day. The relatively low entry fee (\$60 when I first started playing, \$80 now) and high-quality field (this year's star attendees included world champions, U.S. Open champions, Mosconi Cup members, and other assorted professionals) ensure that a nice variety of players of all skill levels come for the big dance.

If you're gonna have your ass kicked, might as well be by the best, right?

This tournament is crazy. Just think of the logistics. And add the fact that Hard Times doesn't have the loosest pockets around and you have a tournament that needs to run on a tight schedule if everyone's going to get a decent amount of rest. Matches have to be knocked out one after the other and players must play back-to-back-to-back.

Hoo boy.

Match #1

I played pretty damn terrible in this match. I lost 7-1, but I forced myself to shake my opponent's hand (not all that special, I guess, since I knew the guy) but I still hated every second of it. The

fact that I was even able to do it is miraculous. Every year, the topic of my dislike and infrequency for shaking hands comes up. It looks like someone called my number already so let's talk about it. It boils down to this:

I don't like shaking hands and I have my reason for it.

Plenty of horrible people in the world shake hands and it doesn't make them better people for it. I choose, on most occasions, not to shake hands and if you feel it makes me a worse person for it, so be it. There will be a day when I'll make the reason known but that day is not today.

In recent years, I have "mellowed" out a little (hard to believe, isn't it?) and occasionally, I'll get it in my head to do the handshake thing for a while, but I repeat -- it is sporadic. Any work done on this issue by me will take eons until there is any recognizable improvement.

Imagine we're looking at some ancient seabed which through tectonic forces has raised up to observable level. Each of my handshakes is a drop of water. When those drops of water have carved out the Grand Canyon, only then shall I be somewhat inured to the Socially Acceptable Level of Handshaking.

You get the idea.

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Carol James dominated not only the woman's bracket but the A bracket as well. She beat her close friend Terry Duncan 5-2, and then knocked one of the top A players into the loser's bracket (Mike Lopez) a player, who by the way is up and coming himself. He lost to Bill S. in a hill/hill match.

Elliott Fields made a valiant effort as he went through the AA Bracket without a hitch. He is becoming a great player and it is really nice to see.



Top Finishers: Rick Field (1st), Carol James (3rd) and Bill Skinner (2nd)

Other people to watch are James Davis, Mike Sordin, Holly Figueiroa, Congratulations to all from Stay In Stroke Billiards And Greenfields Sports Bar.

Watch for up-coming events!!

Thanks to all who participated. Here is how they finished:

1 st	Rick Field	\$350.00	\$400.00
2 nd	Bill Skinner	\$300.00	\$300.00
3 rd	Carol James	\$250.00	\$200.00
4 th	Mike Lopez	\$165.00	\$100.00
5/6 th	James Davis	\$70.00	\$75.00
	Elliot Fields	\$70.00	\$75.00
7/8 th	Holly Figueiroa	\$50.00	\$50.00
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Billiard Education Foundation Scholarship Opportunities for High School Seniors

The **Billiard Education Foundation (BEF)** is accepting applications for the 2012 scholarship awards. The objective of the **BEF Academic Scholarship Program** is to grant scholarships to high school seniors who have benefited from the sport of billiards and are pursuing a college education.

The BEF Academic Scholarship Program is divided into two categories: Excellence in Education scholarship (a single \$2,000 award) and Aiming for Higher Education scholarships (three individual scholarships at \$1,000 each). Each applicant will be considered in both categories; only one completed application is required and must be postmarked no later than Monday, April 2nd, 2012. Applications can be downloaded at the BEF website:

www.BilliardEducation.org.

Students must adhere to the following scholarship criteria:

- 1) hold a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale);
- 2) must have an ACT score of at least 23 or SAT combined score (critical reading + math) of 1050 or higher;

3) submit a 500-1000 word essay on how billiards has been an integral part of their life;

4) must be accepted to an accredited undergraduate academic program by June 1;

5) must attend an accredited undergraduate institution and carry at least 12 hours per semester.

The final application must also include a letter from the applicant outlining academic achievements, leadership and/or community service work, a description of the applicant's background and career objectives plus personal and professional (academic) goals. Applicants must also submit an official High School Transcript and SAT/ACT scores.

The Billiard Education Foundation has awarded over \$200,000 in scholarships since 1993. Said BEF executive director Laura Smith, "The BEF is proud to help young adults who have benefited from billiards to offset their education expenses and become our future leaders."

Felt Patrons Unite for a Fun Day and a Great Cause

Photos & Story by Samm Diep, FeltBar.com

On Saturday, February 25, Felt Billiards in Englewood, Colorado hosted the Ron Lyle Memorial 8-Ball Tournament to honor and remember the late heavy-weight boxing champion. Ron was a friend and regular at Felt and his spirit will continue to live on.

The local billiard community came together on this day to pay tribute to the local legend while raising money for a wonderful cause. An 8-ball tournament was held in Ron's honor as that was his game of choice. The gentle giant would frequent Felt as both a player and often spectator. He would share boxing stories and insights from the mind of a world champion.

At Ron's passing in November, his family requested contributions be made to the Cox-Lyle Red Shield Boxing Program in lieu of donations or flowers. Felt has since continued its fundraising efforts by creating a Ron Lyle Special with Ron's favorite meal: bacon cheeseburger, fries, soft drink, and a scoop of ice cream. \$4 from each order sold has been collected for the boxing program.

100% of the entry fees from the tournament also went toward the program and generous donations were made from businesses throughout the community to be awarded as tournament prizes. Four official sporting jerseys (valued at \$200+ each) were anonymously donated. Congratulations to Nick Dittmar of Littleton for taking home \$100 for the Mac Outlet store. *Hands That Heal You* in Englewood, graciously contributed four one-hour massage vouchers and Felt kicked in another \$100 in bar tabs to various winners. Local professional, Marc Vidal donated his time taking challenge matches all day and individually raised nearly \$200 from his efforts.

Due to the support and kindness throughout the community, Felt was able to raise over \$500 for

the program. Salvation Army Corps Commanding Officers Ron & Roberta McKinney also enjoyed the day, ordering a couple Ron Lyle Specials before receiving the donation dollars. "It was a pleasure to visit with you and the great people at Felt. I can see why it was one of Ron's favorite places," said Captain Ron McKinney.



Ron's wife Jill with Captains Ron & Roberta McKinney of the Salvation Army

Photos memorialized Ron's favorite seat in the house and on the big screen, highlight videos of his boxing matches played all day. As a special treat, Ron's wife Jill stopped by to meet all the supporters and share the special day.

The Cox-Lyle boxing program collaborates with existing Salvation Army youth programs to help kids who are at risk of becoming

involved in any number of negative activities that plague inner-city youth. Aside from improving the educational outlook, the boxing program aims at instilling six life skills: positive thinking, selflessness, integrity, courage, adaptation, and persistence.

"Ron was a friend of mine and when I asked him if he would like to leave Vegas, come home to Denver and really make a difference in the lives of the children of Denver, he did not hesitate to relocate from Nevada back to Denver," added Captain McKinney. And that, he certainly did. The program started in 2002 with only six kids growing to today's three-digit numbers.

If you wish to make a contribution or learn more about this great program, visit coxlyleboxing.org.




Felt House Pro, Samm Diep presents donations to Captain Ron McKinney of the Salvation Army



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Six Life Skills

By Samm Diep
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I dedicate this month's column to the late Ron Lyle who, regardless of his past, turned his life around, moved back

to Denver, and devoted his efforts to the Cox-Lyle Red Shield Boxing Program, a youth program designed by the Salvation Army to help kids who are at risk of becoming involved in negative activities, including dropping out of school, participating in drug abuse, joining in gang violence.

Aside from improving the educational outlook, the boxing program aims at instilling six important life skills: positive thinking, selflessness, integrity, courage, adaptation, and persistence. I immediately saw how these valuable skills could be applied to improving not only life but our pool game.

Positive Thinking

I can't stress this one enough. Positive thinking not only helps to reduce stress, particularly when it comes to the pressures of competing, but it also facilitates in giving you more energy and who couldn't use that in their pool game?

When it comes to competing, most of us fall victim to our own fears of failure. In reality, those ideas all manifested from the seeds of just a few negative thoughts. Planting the seeds of positive thoughts can have the opposite effect.

Think positively, feel positively, and live positively.

Selflessness

Life is not all about winning, especially if it's at the expense of others. It's proven, champions have to live, eat, and breathe success and completely believe they are the best in order for it to happen. It can be a lonely road victory. However, true champions understand what it means to make sacrifices for the things they believe in.

Give a little piece of yourself by passing on a little knowledge and experience to a beginner.

Integrity

Winning means nothing if it cannot

be done with integrity. To become a world class player in every respect of the term, it not only requires hard work and dedication but means being a leader and a role model for those who admire you. A professional does not lie or cheat to win. A professional plays by the rules and wins with honor and the utmost respect from his/her peers.

Courage

Believe in yourself. Inspiration can come from anywhere, but only you can summon the faith and confidence required to follow through. Courage comes from within and if you don't believe you can do it, then you never will. "Whether you think you can or you think you can't – you're right," Henry Ford.

Adaptation

Adaptation begins with preparation. You would never show up for a tournament without your pool cues. And likewise, being mentally and physically prepared for a match is just as important. When it comes to adapting to the situation and the equipment, it can only be done when you give yourself the best opportunity to do so.

Persistence

Never give up. This statement is used so commonly that it often loses its meaning. In pool, this means to keep fighting for every ball and every game no matter what the score is. It means you're willing to practice the same shot 100 times a day until you never miss it again. It means to never break your cue down regardless of how bad you may be playing. It means you vow to let everything else go and keep grinding away no matter what else is going on.

I think we could all learn something from these six key principles, both in life and in pool.

Samm Diep, "Cherry Bomb" -
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Bull Durham Casino Signs as New Sponsor for 2012 Felt Tournament Series

February 10, 2012: Felt Billiards in Englewood, Colorado is proud to announce Bull Durham Casino of Blackhawk as its newest sponsor for the 2012 Tournament Series. Their historic building has been a Colorado landmark since the late 1800's before ultimately becoming the casino we know it as today.

As the first official table sponsor for the tournament series, it's currently the feature table used for premier matches and all the finals matches. "It's nice to see businesses outside of the billiard world taking notice and supporting pool. We need more of that and we welcome more 'outside' relationships," said Samm Diep, Marketing Director and House Pro at Felt.

"We are thrilled to sponsor the 2012 Felt Tournament Series. It's a great fit because both organizations are about delivering friendly, competitive experiences to our players," added Corby Harrell, Marketing Director for Doc Holliday Casino and Bull Durham Casino.

Global Casinos owns and operates the Bull Durham and Doc Holliday casinos, which are located an hour west of Denver in the neighboring mountain towns of Black Hawk and Central City. Both Bull Durham and Doc Holliday offer limited menus and bar service. With a focus on building customer loyalty, both casinos strive to offer state-of-the-art gaming experiences and personalized customer service.

Additional sponsorship opportunities for the tournament series are still available. For more information on the series or sponsoring an event, visit: www.feltbar.com/2012series

Calendar of Events for the 2012 ACS, BCAPL, and VNEA Nationals

Check with your League Operator for more information or to sign up

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For more information, including entry fees, go online at www.americancuesports.org or check with your ACS League Operator

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

2012 BCAPL National Championships - May 9 - 19, 2012

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>May 6</u>	<u>May 7</u>	<u>May 8</u>	<u>May 9</u> ♦ 9-Ball Challenge begins at 1:00 pm ♦ 9-Ball Singles begins at 9:00 am	<u>May 10</u> ♦ Open Scotch Doubles play begins at 7:00 pm ♦ 9-Ball Challenge and 9-Ball Singles conclude	<u>May 11</u> ♦ Master & Advanced Scotch Doubles play begins at Noon	<u>May 12</u> ♦ Grand Master Singles begins at noon ♦ Singles play begins at 9:00 am
<u>May 13</u> ♦ Singles, Grand Masters Singles and Scotch Doubles play continues	<u>May 14</u> ♦ Second Chance Singles play begins at 8:00 pm ♦ Singles and Scotch Doubles play continues ♦ Artistic Pool play continues	<u>May 15</u> ♦ Singles, Second Chance Singles and Scotch Doubles concludes ♦ Grand Master Singles concludes	<u>May 16</u> ♦ Open & Women's Teams play begins at 9:00 am ♦ Artistic Pool play continues	<u>May 17</u> ♦ Open Teams play continues ♦ Master Teams and Trophy Teams play begins at 9:00 am	<u>May 18</u> ♦ Open Teams, Master Teams and Trophy Teams play continues ♦ Second Chance Teams play begins at 6:00 pm ♦ Artistic Pool play concludes	<u>May 19</u> ♦ Open Teams, Master Teams, Trophy Teams and Second Chance Teams play concludes

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

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

Instruction With Tom

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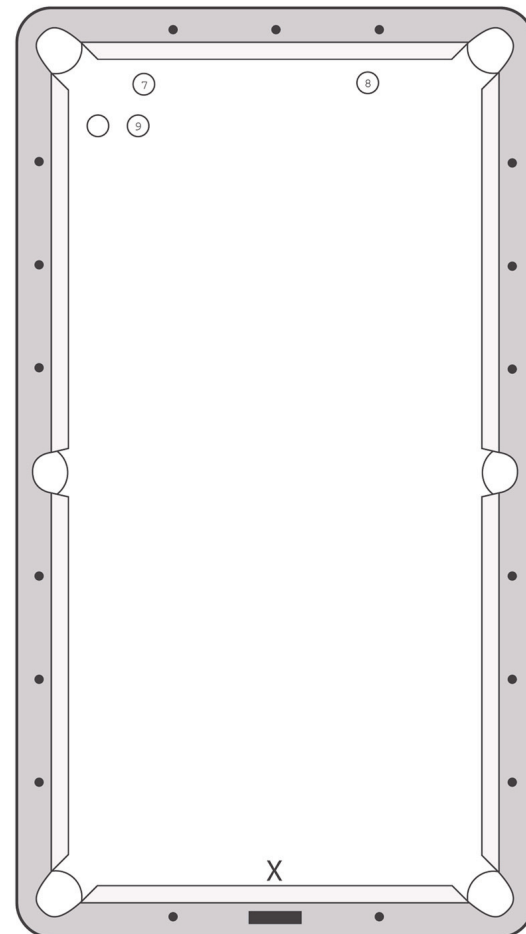
Look at the shot in the diagram, a classic two-way shot. The first thing you will notice here is that there is no shot on the seven. After that you will see the opportunity for a good safety by sending the seven down table and leaving the cue ball behind the nine. An experienced player will see an offensive opportunity here as well. Though it is a low-percentage shot, the set up is perfect to bank the seven off of the short rail into the opposite side pocket. Practice this shot with the proper speed to hold the cue ball behind the nine and send the seven to the middle of the opposite short rail, point X, if you miss. Your top priority is to keep the cue ball behind the nine on this shot so the possible, unpredictable roll off of the pocket point of the side still leaves your opponent safe. You would not play a shot like this in a situation where a miss leaves your opponent a good shot or in a situation that does not yield a good shot for you on the next ball if you make the shot.

Usually in a tough spot we are not so fortunate to have a clear, two-way shot like the one in the diagram. Most of the time when there is no good shot the best option is to play a safety. Playing an effective safety however can

be difficult when you have to control the speed and direction of the cue ball and object ball very precisely to execute successfully. Sometimes you will see a possible safety but notice that its execution is very difficult, a paper-thin cut or sending the cue ball two or three rails with perfect speed to hide behind a ball. If you do not see a safety that you know you can execute with confidence you should consider playing the shot. My own rule of thumb dictates that if the safety is questionable or appears as difficult as the shot I play the shot. Some players will pass up an easy bank shot in favor of a difficult safety. Another factor that you must weigh is the position that you will have for the next shot. If you do not see simple, natural position for the next ball you probably need to lean back toward the safety. Being forced to manipulate the cue ball while pocketing a difficult shot may be too much to handle and nothing is worse than making a great shot only to find yourself facing a harder one or worse still, no shot.

As the game changes and players continue kicking and jumping balls better than ever the conventional wisdom for safety strategy is changing with it. I believe that players are executing tighter, more powerful safeties nowadays and, in situations where a truly devastating safety is not an available option, going for shots that others would have passed up a few years ago in favor of a weaker safety. What used to be cut and dried, "no good shot, leave a bad one for your opponent," is becoming more complex

as other options appear more effective. Examine your own safety play to see if it is winning games for you. Also look for and practice safeties that would stop any player. Finally, pay attention to the pros and compare their responses in bad-shot situations to what you think you might do in the same predicament.



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"Big Bellies" Came Through Scotch Doubles Tournament

by Cue Times Staff

On February 12th, Felt Billiards in Englewood, Colorado hosted the second event of its 2012 Tournament Series with a Jack-n-Jill Scotch Doubles event in honor of Valentine's Day. The day boasted 16 coed teams of sweethearts and not-so-sweethearts that spanned from Fort Collins to Colorado Springs. The game was bar table 8-ball on the winner side and 9-ball on the one-loss side, alternate-breaks, race-to-five games.

The duos were encouraged to come up with fun team names. A couple strong teams included "Milk & Cookies" with 2011 U.S. Amateur Prelim Winners Aimee Peterson and Mike Ellis, and "War Party" with "Cowboy" Emil Richards and Isabel Gutierrez from Fort Collins. The name "OPP" was given to the team of Terry Duncan and Doug James as James' other half (Carol) partnered with Bill Skinner on the team of "Tiki Gods." Both pairs finished in the top four.

It was the unnamed team of WPBA professional Laura Smith and partner Tim Thompson who went undefeated into the finals. They ran several racks together throughout the day before encountering a pair of "Big Bellies." As a last minute decision, top player Neal Morrison teamed up with Felt house pro Samm Diep. Big Bellies were dished their first loss by Smith and Thompson and looked forward to their 8-ball rematch in the first set of the finals. Spectators enjoyed the savvy pattern-play by both teams but in the end, Big Bellies

broke and ran to claim the hill game before sealing the match 5-3.

In the 9-ball set, Smith and Thompson jumped to a quick 3-0 lead. Diep took a short break and returned to find a bead marked in their favor. Morrison had snapped in the 9 and their opponents were racking. The two instructors would continue to win the next two games to make it 3-3, and then 4-4. In the final rack, at hill-hill, Morrison's cue ball drifted just a little too far, leaving Diep a rail-first kick on the 6 ball. She managed to kick it in with shape for the 7 for Morrison and the two closed out the set 5-4.

Felt added \$300 to the prize fund even with only 16 teams. And, with the overwhelming interest for more scotch doubles events, Felt plans to host many more tournaments like this one in the future with even more added money.

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 the sponsors for this event: Bull Durham Casino in Blackhawk, CO (BullDurhamCasino.com), Access Printing in Englewood (AccessPrint.biz), Rocky Mountain



Top Finishers: Bill & Carol (3rd), Samm & Neal (1st), Doug & Terry (4th), Tim and Laura (2nd)

USA Pool League (RockyMountainPool.com), and the Magic Ball Rack courtesy of CueSports International (playbca.com/magicballrack.aspx). Special recognition also goes to Brandie Rejent, 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.

Payouts

1 st	"Big Bellies" Neal Morrison & Samm Diep	\$250
2 nd	Laura Smith & Tim Thompson	\$120
3 rd	"Tiki Gods" Bill Skinner & Carol James	\$120
4 th	"OPP" Doug James & Terry Duncan	\$58

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8-Ball Champions - Pieces of Eight: Eric Kooi, Diane Kooi, Nicholas Page, Mike Kendle, Emily Stokes, Ryan Birmingham, Matthew Sandoval and Jeremy Kendle



9-Ball Champions - Brews and Cues: Jeff Estes, Paul Cordova, Kevin Tenorio, Sarah Dobler, Rex Goodbeau, Sherri Goodbeau, Joshua McFarland and Meagan Mysz



Ladies Division Champions - Wreckin Crew: Keke Foster, Max Garcia, Tamra Krebs, Mary Corro, Lynn Mills, Patricia Massaro, Lynda Byrd and Kelly Byrd



8-Ball Runners Up - Cheap Dates: Kirk Askelson, Erik Askelson, Hal Quist, Jack Quist, Paul Richardson, Jon Trout, Sally Morrison, and Todd Michael



9-Ball Runners Up - Chalk Jockeys: Ross Teeple, Manuel Maez, Autumn Teeple, Jeff Gage, George Smith, Manuel Herrera, Sandra Herrera and Rick Arellano



Ladies Division Runners Up - Catastrophes: Shelley Goldner, Roxane Strayer, Tiffany Furrow, Lavonne Parrish, Cindy Quintana, Lorinda Davis, Tamara Castellano, and Nicole Sollenberger



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Yosemite Sam by OMG*continued from page 4***Match #2**

This was an ugly, ugly match. My opponent was someone I knew and a nice person who, not unlike myself, expected the best performance out of himself at all times. This became difficult for both of us because we had an awkwardly situated table in an area of high foot traffic and general idiocy. At one point, a guy came out of the tournament room, stood by our table and continued yakking on his phone. Well, that's the way tournaments go, I guess.

Match #3

I hate having to play people I like because I feel there can be no victory, only defeat. Especially if we're both on the one-loss side. Maybe this is why I prefer to dislike the general populace.

Match #4

By this point, I'd spent most of the day in a slightly grumpy state of mind. Playing standard pool does that to me. But, as I said before, I very occasionally get the idea that I should be A Better Person. I'm not sure what triggers these episodes but I think it might be low blood sugar or a low blood-alcohol level or something of the

sort. Anyways, my next match was with someone I did not know and I took a deep breath, cracked my neck a couple of times, and decided that it was never too late to try and be A Better Person. My match was called and I went to my assigned table.

I looked around but my opponent wasn't there yet. I threw out three balls on the table and hit them in. A man who was a DEAD RINGER for *Yosemite Sam* (but not quite as -- diminutive -- as the animated character) approached the table. I took another deep breath, tried to look cheerful, and I greeted him by name. He stared me up and down, then heaved his considerable cue case onto the table and began picking through his cues. Okay. I leaned against a stool and waited. He took a rather long time to assemble his cues. When he was done, I walked up to the table again and stood there with the most pleasant expression I could muster and a plastic smile. I was gritting my teeth, but hey, no one said trying to be good would be easy. He said brusquely, "I am going to use the bathroom." Leaving his cues on the table, he stalked off. I sat back down on the stool.

Miss Sunny, one of the tournament directors, came over and asked what was going on. They had called our match a while ago and she noticed we had not started. Since this tournament was on a tight schedule, she wanted to know why we hadn't started. I shrugged and told her

he had gone to use the restroom.

Yosemite Sam came back. He went up to the table and picked up his cue and I, taking my cue from this that he was ready, approached the table.

"JUST RELAX WILL YOU?!?" He said this very loudly with a snarl. "I'VE SEEN YOU HITTING BALLS THE WHOLE TIME AND NOW IT'S MY TURN SO GET AWAY!"

Nice.

Practice time at this tournament is more rare than a handshake from me given in good faith. There is ONE practice table and 192 players. You do the math.

However, I considered that yes, prior to this match being called, I did get to hit a few balls. Of course, that's because I was here and not out chasing Bugs Bunny with a pair of six-shooters. (Not that that was what Yosemite Sam had been doing. I am merely speculating.) I do understand that practice time is valuable to all and everyone has a right to it and so, I SAID NOTHING (because I was trying to be A Better Person), and walked one table away and sat down on a stool.

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Romero Runs Through USAPL Field at Felt

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February 11 marked the second event for the Rocky Mountain USA Pool League. As the first season wrapped up, the Singles Big Table Championships were held at Felt Billiards in Englewood with players from all levels. The unique business model for the Rocky Mountain USAPL commits to raising money throughout the year for its players through local events and corporate sponsorships.

The Rocky Mountain USAPL proudly added \$500 to this singles championships and not only penny of it came from league dues. The league also offers divisions for players on both 7-foot and 9-foot tables for 3, 4, and 5 player teams. Players with a minimum four weeks of league play established a rating and qualified for this event.

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. 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 game was 8-ball on the 9-foot Brunswick Gold Crowns, BCAPL rules, winner-breaks, race-to-your-rating. Greg Romero (72) of Thornton went undefeated through the intimate field to claim the title. In the finals, he defeated Dave Kato (52) in a tight hill-hill match with a final score of 72 to 49. Joining them respectively in the top four were husband and wife, Doug James (58) and Carol James (56) who faced off on the quarter-finals for a hill-hill battle of their own.

Congratulations to all the top finishers of both the tournament and the fall divisions!

The spring session has kicked off with even more teams and there are still weeks available to get qualified for nationals. To learn more about the Rocky Mountain USA Pool League, visit RockyMountainPool.com or call 303-667-8000.



Top Finishers: Dave Kato (2nd), Carol James (4th), Doug James (3rd), and Greg Romero (1st)

Complete Payouts:

1 st	Greg Romero	\$300
2 nd	Dave Kato	\$200
3 rd	Doug James	\$100
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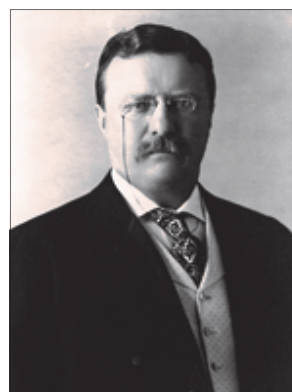
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The full text of the excerpt:

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done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

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Yosemite Sam by OMG

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Yosemite Sam savagely threw out a rack on the table and I waited patiently as he chopped his way through it. At the conclusion of his firewood session, I stood back up and walked towards the table. He gave me a mean look, noisily threw out another rack, and recommenced lumberjacking. Yosemite Sam wasn't going to play until he felt good and ready, it seemed.

When it comes to a tournament, I have all the time in the world.

I went over to the tournament desk where the directors were watching and said, "Just letting you know, this guy told me to 'relax' and he wants to warm up before we play. I'm going to get some coffee. I'll be back." Miss Sunny wanted to tell him to start right away, but I said it was all right -- I didn't mind waiting. But, it was not about whether or not I was all right with waiting or whether Yosemite Sam was taking his time hacking out some hasenfeffer -- the tournament brackets could not be delayed. We

were made to begin.

I played well in spots, but overall, just dogged too many opportunities. Yosemite Sam got into stroke and he won. Afterwards, he walked up with a smirk and held out his hand. I looked at his hand and hesitated for the briefest of moments before saying, "Nope. You were rude."

This launched a tirade on his part about how I was in the wrong for "crowding" him and "rushing" him. Apparently, he thought he was completely in the right for yelling at me at the beginning because, I might not know this, but he'd "been around pool" for a long time and he knew how things should be.

Uh, what?

He further accused me of being "on juice" and this instantly insulted me. If anyone was supposed to be on drugs, it was HIM. He had been twitchy the entire match. I'm an ornery bastard(ess) but I'm never on drugs -- I would rather spend that money on table time. I had to listen a while longer before it turned out that he meant to say that I had "juice" -- meaning I had wrongfully used my influence with the tourna-

ment directors to begin the match before he was ready. The amusing thing is that I wouldn't have minded waiting to start the match. I could have used the rest. And the coffee. If I had both rest and coffee, I might have won.

Upon further inquiry to others more familiar with Yosemite Sam, it turns out he is this rude almost all the time. Yosemite Sam's rudeness was, like most instances of rudeness (including my own), not necessarily personal, and nothing more than a brief moment in time. I do not think he would have been as rude to some six-foot-eight hair-covered monster named Gossamer, but unfortunately, I have only the appearance I was born with and that appearance is not threatening at all.



to be nice, it only backfires and that's awesome because I'd rather just be the murderous bunny you all know and love/hate.

I did appreciate the Universe letting me know that I should never, EVER change my naturally charming Why-Don't-You-Go-Die-In-A-Fire personality for anything or anyone. If I ever try

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Tournament Results

SAT (1/28)

bar table 9-ball
17 players
1st - Jim C. \$60
2nd - Jose C. \$45
3rd - Orlando V. \$30
4th - Drew C. \$15
Top Lady - Brandie R. \$20

SUN (1/29)

big table 10-ball
24 players
1st - Bill S. \$132
2nd - Tony P. \$95
3rd - Jose C. \$70
4th - Andy P. \$35
5th - Juan P. \$10
6th - Chuck N. \$10

TUE (1/31)

big table 9-ball
19 players
1st - Nicole K. \$135
2nd - Andrew P. \$75
3rd - Fred L. \$45
4th - Gino \$30
5th - Mark H. \$15

SAT (2/4)

bar table 9-ball
10 players
1st - Adam K. \$60
2nd - Phil G. \$30
3rd - Earl \$20

SUN (2/5)

one-pocket
11 players
1st - Kiko I. \$135
2nd - Mark H. \$90
3rd - John D. \$50

TUE (2/7)

big table 9-ball
12 players
1st - Mark H. \$100
2nd - Andrew P. \$60
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4th - Greg R. \$16

FRI (2/10)

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9 players
1st - Rick F. \$45
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SAT (2/11)

bar table 9-ball
13 players
1st - Caleb L. \$65
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SUN (2/12)

big table 10-ball
14 players
1st - Kiko I. \$95
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4th - Fred L. \$25

TUE (2/14)

big table 9-ball
9 players
1st - Kiko I. \$85
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FRI (2/17)

bar table 8-ball
12 players
1st - Jose C. \$50
2nd - Nick D. \$35
3rd - Andre L. \$20
Top Lady - Brandie R. \$15

SUN (2/19)

big table 10-ball
13 players
1st - Jose C. \$90
2nd - Fred L. \$68
3rd - Juan P. \$45
4th - Chuck N. \$25

TUE (2/21)

big table 9-ball
14 players
1st - ATM \$130
2nd - Kiko I. \$75
3rd - Greg G. \$45
4th - Marc V. \$15

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bar table 8-ball
18 players
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4th - James F. \$10
Top Lady - Kim D. \$15

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The Viper's Pool Journal

Melissa Little interviews some friends in Olathe, KS while at the Midwest 9-Ball Tour: Thursday, February 23rd-Sunday, February 26th, 2012 at Shooters in Olathe, KS

I thought it would be interesting to chat with some pool players about pool in general and see what their thoughts were of this bad economic downfall we are all in these days.

First up was tournament director **Evelyn Dysart** of the Midwest 9-ball tour.

Do you feel the bad economy in your tournaments?

"Not really on my tour. I have been averaging 100 plus players at each of my 12 events. But I have lost a couple of rooms along the way. It's sad to see them go but I just have to move forward and book other rooms." Evelyn says.

What's your next tour stop?

"Break Billiards, in Cahokia, IL running from 3/21/2012-4/1/2012. It's a \$2500 added event on the bar table with open and ladies divisions."

Thoughts from Gabe Owen

Where are you living these days?

"I'm currently living in Houston, TX, because of the beautiful warm weather."

Do you feel the bad economy being a pro player?

"Sure!! I think everyone does. I luckily have some DVD's to fall back on for extra money." Gabe says.

Where can somebody purchase your DVD's?

"A lot of them are sold through Muller's website at www.mullers.com." Gabe says.

What do you offer?

"It's called 'Gabe Owen's One Pocket My Way for Beginner/



Intermediate Players" and an advanced DVD as well. If you want to learn to play one-pocket then I suggest picking them up and learn from

one of the best."

What is going to make pool better in this bad economy?

"I wish that a major league would create a pro tour. They are the ones that are doing really well and it makes sense to have one. If you think about it, what level do the amateurs go after leagues? They should move up to an advanced/pro level." Gabe says.

Have you approached anyone about your ideas?

"No, but I should."

Next up, James Baraks originally from Rock Island, IL now residing in Houston

Is there a reason why you're living in Houston now?

"Work is better for my wife there and my kids have better schooling."

So as far as pool is concerned, are there better/more tournaments in Houston?

"If you live in the Houston area, you can play in a weekly tournament every night. But if you want to travel to Houston its really not worth it."

What do you think is going to help pool get to be better?

"I wish we could get some business people involved with our sport and stop relying on players to run our industry. Or maybe even get into the Olympics someday."

So in the end, after spending some time with the players, I realized how much they love the game, socialize, compete, and chit chat to speak their mind ☺ What an extended family we all have... I love pool too.

Till next month,

Viper ☺

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

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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 10-Ball Tournament, \$\$ added

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

SATURDAY
@Cheers TAP 8-Ball, \$\$ added, 7pm
Felt 9-Ball, bar table, \$\$ added, 4:30 pm
Love's Shack 8-Ball, no AAA's, \$\$ added, 7pm

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

Special Events

March 3rd
BC's Sports Pub Open 8-Ball, 1 pm start
Love's Shack 9-Ball Tournament, 1pm start

March 4th
Felt One Pocket, 9' tables, 2pm start, \$\$ added

March 10th
Greenfields BCA Scotch Doubles Open, 12pm
Love's Shack 8-Ball Madness, APA rules

March 11th
Love's Shack APA Jack & Jill Doubles - Vegas Qualifier

March 17th
BC's Sports Pub Open Scotch Doubles, 1 pm start
Greenfields APA Singles Boards
Felt Get the Green, Open 10-Ball, \$\$ added

March 18th
Felt A's/down 10-Ball, \$\$ added

March 24th
Greenfields All American Tour, \$\$ added, 12:30 pm
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March 31st
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Upcoming Events
April 19-22 21st Annual 8-Ball Classic at 4 Bears in N.D.
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See ads for more information

Colorado Players are Among Top Finishers at Shooters in Olathe, KS

Haddad Goes Undefeated in the Midwest 9-Ball One-Pocket Event

Mark Haddad of Colorado withstood a loss-side challenge from Joey Gray in the finals to go undefeated in the One-Pocket event of the Midwest 9-Ball Tour stop on the weekend of February 23-26. The \$500-added, One-Pocket event drew 55 entrants to Shooters in Olathe, KS. Still ongoing, as of early Sunday evening, were a 9-ball and ladies event.

From among the winners' side final four, Haddad sent Taylor Anderson west 3-1, as Shane McMinn was downing Gary Lutman 3-1. Lutman had just sent Gray over 3-1. Haddad got into the hot seat with a double hill win over McMinn and waited on Gray.

Following victories over Justin Richardson and John Gabriel, both double hill, Gray met up with Anderson. Lutman drew Chip Compton, who'd shut out James Baraks and defeated Dale Pence 3-1. A quarterfinal Lutman/Gray rematch was avoided when Gray chalked up his third straight double hill win, against Anderson, but Compton eliminated Lutman 3-1. Gray then recorded his fourth straight double hill win with a quarterfinal victory over Compton.

Gray, seemingly tired of dodging 'double hill' bullets, shut McMinn out in the semifinals. Haddad, though, turned the tables on him, shutting Gray out in the opening set of the finals, to complete his undefeated run.

John Gabriel Tops Field of 150 at Midwest 9-Ball Event; Melissa Little takes Ladies title

John Gabriel went undefeated on the Midwest 9-Ball Tour's \$3,500-added 9-ball event on the weekend of February 23-26, working his way through a field of 150 entrants at Shooter's in Olathe, KS. **Melissa Little** of Colorado also went undefeated in the \$500-added Ladies event, which had attracted 20 entrants.

From among the winners' side final four, Gabriel sent Chuck Raulston west 9-5, as Dustin Gunia was busy sending Mike Banks, Jr. over 9-4. Gabriel then took the hot seat match over Gunia 9-5, and waited for his return.

First up for Banks, Jr. on the loss-side was the winner of the concurrently-run One-Pocket event, Mark Haddad, who'd defeated James Baraks 9-6, and Anthony Garcia 9-3 to reach him. Chuck Raulston, in the meantime, squared off against Joey Gray (second in the One-Pocket event), who'd downed Gary Lutman 9-3, and Gordy Vanderveer 9-6. Haddad defeated Banks, Jr. 9-4, but a re-match of the One-Pocket semifinals was avoided when Raulston dropped Gray into the tie for fifth place 9-5.

Raulston took it a step further, dropping Haddad into fourth place 9-5, and turning to face Gunia in the semifinals. Gunia ended Raulston's bid 9-2 for a second chance versus Gabriel in a potential, true double elimination final. Gabriel took the first and only set 9-5 to secure the event title.

Melissa Little and **Nicole Keeney** of Colorado battled twice to crown the Ladies champion. They met first in the hot seat match, and fought back and forth to double hill before Little prevailed. Keeney moved over to the semifinals to face Kathleen Morast, who'd just defeated Carrie Williams in the quarterfinals 7-5. Keeney then shut out Morast for her second chance against Little. Little, though, came out strong in the opening set of what would have been a true double elimination final, and defeated Keeney a second time 7-2.

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BRIGHTON

BILLIARDS C & E - 122 N Main St

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

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

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

COLORADO SPRINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COLORADO SPRINGS AREA

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

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

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

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

CRAIG

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

DURANGO

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

ESTES PARK

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

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

EVERGREEN

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

FORT COLLINS

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

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

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

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

GRAND JUNCTION

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

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

GREELEY

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

IDAHO SPRINGS

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

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

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

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

WEST WINDS - 1631 Miner St, 567-2029

JOHNSTOWN

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

LEADVILLE

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

LONGMONT

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

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

LOVELAND

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

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

PUEBLO

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

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

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

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

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

VAIL

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

*** *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

*** *Where To Buy* ***

ACE GAMES INC - 12200 W 52nd Ave, 303-432-9876

ALL BILLIARDS SERVICE - 1830 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

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

BMW BILLIARDS (Vending) - 970-391-7664

BROADWAYS BILLIARD CUES & SUPPLIES - 303-781-5755

3978 S. Broadway, Englewood

CABIN FEVER SPORTS – 107 W 6th St, Pueblo, 719-584-3660

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

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,

yvapa@msn.com

BMW BILLIARDS - Judy Mehle, 970-391-7664, VNEA Pool Leagues in Northern Colorado

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

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY– Cindy Plank, 720-289-1471

LOVE TO PLAY POKER -303-829-5742, Texas Hold’em Poker, www.lovetoplaypokertour.com

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

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

www.pc-pool.com, BCA, VNEA, ACS Pool Leagues

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



2012 Rocky Mountain VNEA Team Tournament

The annual Rocky Mountain VNEA team tournament was held at the Embassy Suites in Loveland, Colorado on February 17th-19th, 2012.



Open AA

2nd Place - "Usual Suspects" JES - Rich Cunningham, Chris Onesky, Rick Spurio, John Sandifer, Peter Mercaldi, and Angela Jackson

3rd Place - "Old Dawgs" JES - Bob Kelly, Larry Romero, Roland Lucero, Caleb Lovato, James Fortin

4th Place - "RIP.COM" Chey Vend (WY) - Steve Tollis, Rich Haines, Jarrold Harris, Mitch Christiansen, BJ Spencer, Ray Harris, Logan Camp, and BC Gonzales

Open AA - 1st Place
"Kill 'Em All" (BMW - CO)
Brian Griego, Jeff Morton, Pom Rai, Dave Hubbard, Aaron Westcott, and Dave Munoz



Open A

2nd Place - "Love's Shack Charlie" JES - Charlie Williamson, John Santistevan, Jonas Martinez, Rich Montoya, and Neal Grasing

3rd Place - "Lumbre" BMW Mary Vasquez, Silviano Vasquez, Francisco Monge, Tomas Maciel, and Lucas Montano

4th Place - "Lil's Prosecutors" GPP - George Jury, Steve Gleason, Rick Ott, Glenn Matthews, Gary Work, and Adam Sisneros

Open A - 1st Place
"Lady & Da Tramps" (B & B - NM)
Pearl Ortiz, Geno Rael, Sonny Rael, Issac Rael, Adam Franks, and Dion Fediuk



Open B

2nd Place - "Easy Money" JES Tony Knoppe, Jim Norman, Rick Huddleston, Danny King, RD Rowland

3rd Place - "Oasis Top Dogs" BMW Ray Lopez, Tommy Lopez, Bob Medina, Andrew Archuleta, Omar Chaparro, and Frank Roybal

4th Place - "B-Town Boys" B & B - NM - Joe Gabaldon, Rick Montano, Isaac Jacquez, Tony Tellez, and David Olivas

Open B - 1st Place
"Stardust Danny" - (JES - CO)
Danny Kulp, Ted Brown, Doug Crynes, Danny Garcia, Chris Patrinas



Open C

2nd Place - "Deja Vu" Chey Vend WY - Lavonne Bessler, Joe Bessler, Midori Spatz, Criag Spatz, Dennis Iversen, Tom Goss

3rd Place - "Key Largo Outlaws" BMW - Dave Giron, Rick Garza, Scott Jones, Stan Parker, Garrett Renville

4th Place - "Just the Tip" BMW - Zack Farrell, Jesse Gillen, Rod Keener, Chris Mcloughlin, Isabel Gutierrez

Open C - 1st Place
"Valley Deers" - (Aspen Amuse - CO)
Jose Luis Galaviz, Napoleon Guerra, Jose Ibarra, Manuel Duran, Seryando Castillas



Women's A

2nd Place - "Cleats - Eileen" (Skill Game) CO - Joanne Bostrom, Jane Clarke, Marylyn Klipsch, Heather Fanning, Eileen Cannon

3rd Place - "The Cremators" (BMW) CO - Lisa Staggs, Tina Catlin, Lynda Lilly, Samantha Howard, Mary Vogel

4th Place - "Welcome Inn Rose" (JES) CO - Tina Payne, Rose Ramos, Patty Bautista, Tiffany Haas

Women's A - 1st Place
"Zoo Crew" - (GPP - CO)
Cindy Plank, Karen Smith, Susy Walmsley, and Kathy Kiefer



Majors (Ages 18 - 20) 1st Place

L.T.A. (Ft. Collins, CO)
Jacob Glass, Cody Nelson, and Chad Schmidtberger



Youth (Ages 9 - 13) 1st Place

Kimball Shooters (Kimball, NE)
Seth Krofczik, Branden Barker, Trent Rutledge, and Sheign Krafczik



Minors (Ages 14 - 17) 1st Place

High Rollers (Greeley and Cheyenne)
Allyssa Romero, Isaac Espinoza, and Max Rodriguez