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With a berth to the 2012 US Open 10-Ball Championships on the line, 32 of the top players from the region converged on Felt Billiards.and when the dust settled, "ATM" Andrew Pettenger came through to represent Colorado at the Championships in Las Vegas. See Full Story on Page 11


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

## October 2000

Nine ball's new prominence as the standard game has influenced several changes in the way we now play pool. Because the game forces the player to hit one ball and rewards a good safety with cue ball in hand the player must be able to answer a safety effectively. When one-foul nine ball first emerged on the pool scene any kind of snooker could effectively disable a good player. That is no more. Whatever one thinks about the talent of current stars compared to heroes from the past, the best players nowadays perform two shots, the kick and jump, with more deadly precision than was even imagined only twenty years ago.

In a situation with no clear shot at the object ball you have two basic options, a kick shot or a jump shot. If you want to play competitive nine ball and you do not feel comfortable with these

shots decide now that you will learn and practice them. Every player possesses some rudimentary skill for sending the cue ball one or more rails first to hit an object ball and has room for improvement or refinement with kick shots. If you cannot execute a jump shot you know someone who can and should ask that person to show you how it is done. Instead of trying to impart the basics of executing kicks and jumps here I want to explore the simple question of when to choose which shot.

Before we begin let me make a recommendation. If you play competitively and do not own a jump cue, consider buying one. If you are resistant for the reason that they are not allowed on the men's pro tour, leave your jump cue in its case during your professional matches. Major league baseball does not allow aluminum bats but that does not prevent their use in any baseball league where they are allowed. Recently in a small tournament match with Danny Medina, a perennial star of the pro tour, I was feeling pretty good about the fact that I hooked him on a two ball. I then watched as he took out his jump cue, fired the ball in
and ran out the rack. The jump cue makes jump shots easy and is a tool available to everyone to help win games.
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## April 14th

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## 8-Ball Tournaments

 Every Saturday © 7 pm $\$ 10$ entry, No AAA players\$ Added!

## Top Gun Tourney Results from Love's

On March 24th, fifty-three Mile High Pool League players converged on Love's Shack to vie for the Top Gun title at stake. We had a slow start due to technical glitches, but once it got started a lot of fun was had by all. Thank you to everyone for your patience and sportsmanship.

Top Gun Lady was Nina Clark. She also came in 4th place. Way to go lady! 1st Place went to Michael Krahl, 2nd place went to Mark Brogle and 3rd


Top Gun Michael Krahl place went to Matt Schneider.

## Saturday Night Tourney Results

| Mar | 3rd |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1st | Jonas |
| 2nd | Rich M |
| 3rd | Adam |
| 4th | Mike M |

Mar 10th
1st Ted
2nd Mark
3rd Joe
4th Steve

Mar 24
1st Rick W
2nd David W
3rd Walter

## 8-BAGI MADMESS Results

 March 10, 20122/3 Bracket -
1st Krista Diaz 2nd Lynn Huey 3rd Brandi Thompson

4/5 Bracket -
1st Ken Byrd 2nd Soren Gilbertson 3rd Paul Cordova

6/7 Bracket -
1st Ted Koerselman 2nd Rich Cunningham 3rd Rob Randolph


## Tournament Results

## FRI (3/2)

bar table 8-ball-15 players
1st - Chris O. \$60
2nd - Rick F. \$45
3rd - Jose C. \$30
4th - Leann O. \$15

## SAT (3/3)

bar table 9-ball-24 players
1st - Amber O. \$100
2nd - Joe C. \$50
3rd - Michael G. \$35
4th - Tim \$15
5th - Levi $\$ 10$
6th - Cindy Q. $\$ 10$
SUN (3/4)
one-pocket - 24 players
1st - Mark H. \$225
2nd - Marc V. \$130
3rd - Bill S. $\$ 90$
4th - Jose C. \$60
5th - Miguel P. \$35
6th - John P. \$35
B/R Pot - \$1,103
TUE (3/6)
big table 9-ball-24 players 1st - Bill S. \$190
2nd - Marc V. $\$ 90$
3rd - Chuck N. \$55
4th - Melissa L. \$35
5th - Adam K. \$20
6th - Andrew P. \$20
B/R Pot - \$1,193
FRI (3/9)
bar table 8-ball-32 players 1st - Juan P. \$110
2nd - Jose C. $\$ 75$
3rd - Bruno M. \$50
4th - Bert M. \$25
5th - Rob M. \$15
6th - Earl D. \$15
7th - Nick D. $\$ 10$
8th - Brandie R. $\$ 10$
Top Lady - Jogina R. \$10

## SAT (3/10)

bar table 9-ball - 25 players
1st - Nick D. \$100
2nd - Juan P. \$50
3rd - Terry E. \$35
4th - Earl D. \$20
5th - Bruno M. \$15
6th - Brandie R. \$15
Top Lady - Jogina R. \$15

## SUN (3/11)

one-pocket - 18 players
1st - Kiko I. \$125
2nd - Robert R. \$80
3rd - Melissa L. \$55
4th - Tony P. \$30
5th - Chuck N. $\$ 22$
B/R Pot - \$1,223

TUE (3/13)
big table 9-ball - 22 players
1st - Greg R. \$100
2nd - Robert R. \$50
3rd - Gary G. $\$ 30$
4th - Chuck N. \$15
5th - Adam K. \$15
FRI (3/16)
bar table 8-ball-22 players
1st - Rick F. $\$ 100$
2nd - Ruben S. \$50
3rd - Frank U. \$30
4th - Andre L. \$20
Top Lady - Nickki B. \$20
SAT (3/17)
bar table 9-ball-12 players
1st - Nick T. \$60
2nd - Bill H. \$40
3rd - Andy P. $\$ 20$
SUN (3/18)
big table 10-ball-22 players
1st - Robert R. \$150
2nd - Greg R. \$100
3rd - Ruben S. \$50
4th - Melissa L. \$30
5th - Fred L. \$20
6th - Greg G. \$20
Top Lady - Bert M. \$15
TUE (3/20)
big table 9-ball-21 players
1st - Chuck N. \$150
2nd - Marc V. $\$ 95$
3rd - Mark H. \$50
4th - Jim C. \$30
5th - Bill S. \$15
6th - Nicole K. \$15

## FRI (3/23)

bar table 8-ball-24 players
1st - Ronny C. \$100
2nd-Chris O. \$55
3rd - Earl D. $\$ 35$
4th - Chris S. $\$ 20$
5th - Greg B. \$15
Top Lady - Deb R. \$15

## SAT (3/24)

bar table 9-ball-12 players
1st - Ronny C. \$60
2nd - Mikey T. \$40
3rd - Michael G. \$20

## BREAK-N-RUN POT RESULTS:

2/26-Jose C. \$100
2/28 - Greg Q. \$103
3/11 - Andrew P. \$122
3/21 - Steve T. \$10
B-n-R Pot as of 03/20/12: $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 1 5 7}$
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# Fugal Narrowly Escapes the A Bracket 

Photos \& Story by Samm Diep, FeltBar.com

While the big boys were duking it out, Felt also hosted its second A's and Down event. On Sunday, March 18, a full field of 24 entries played alongside the top eight finalists of the Get the Green 10-Ball event for a chance at their own green. This popular division is capped at 24 players to ensure all the matches are completed in a timely manner. This field is typically filled days prior to the event.

In the end, it was custom cue-maker Jeff Fugal who took top honors. Despite some mild controversy regarding his eligibility to play as an A, Fugal escaped several close matches that easily could've changed his fate, proving he's Fugal, not futile.

John Evans from Boulder charged through the field only losing to Fugal to finish fourth. Wildcard Robin Chadwick, first on the waitlist when we had a last minute no-show, was eliminated by Evans, finishing one out of the cash. One lady that did make a splash was the always cheerful Summer Gage, who finished tied for $5^{\text {th }} /$ $6^{\text {th }} \quad$ along with reigning A's \&


Top Finishers (L to R): Jeff Fugal, Dave Kato, Doug James \& John Evans

Down champ, Mike Ellis.
Dave Kato took the driver seat, sending Fugal to the left side of the bracket where he dodged a bullet by the name of Doug James. James delivered a strong performance and jumped to a quick lead. Unfortunately for James, it was a rules technicality that allowed Fugal close the gap, making it hill-hill. With momentum on his side, he took the next game and would face Kato in the finals. Kato failed to capitalize on Fugal's early mistakes leading to a two-set finals. Fugal missed a 10 ball in the final set but left it tricky enough for a returned miss by Kato.
Though Fugal's opponents had mutual opportunities for the win, due to his overall strong performance, he's graciously agreed to sit out the next A's and Down. Maybe we'll see him playing in the main event next time?
Felt will also be hosting a qualifier for the $\mathbf{1 3}^{\text {th }}$ Annual US Open One-Pocket Championships on April 7-8 ${ }^{\text {th }}$, as well as TWO Bar Table events for the Vegas-bound players attending nationals next month. A \$1,000 Added 8Ball Tournament on April 28-29 and by popular demand,
there will be a $\$ 750$ Added Mixed Scotch Doubles Tournament on May $5^{\text {th }}$ (added monies based on full fields). Players are encouraged register online at feltbar.com/register as space is limited for the two bar table events.

Details for these events, along with a complete series schedule, player standings, and additional information can be found at feltbar.com/2012 series.

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| $1^{\text {st }}$ | Jeff Fugal | $\$ 250$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ | Dave Kato | $\$ 125$ |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ | Doug James | $\$ 75$ |
| $4^{\text {th }}$ | John Evans | $\$ 46$ |
| $5^{\text {th }}-6^{\text {th }}$ | Summer Gage | $\$ 30$ |
|  | Mike Ellis | $\$ 30$ |
| $7^{\text {th }}-8^{\text {th }}$ | Darrin Bruce | $\$ 15$ |
|  | Jon Amo | $\$ 15$ |



## 9-Ball Top Guns

On March 3rd, A Bit of Billiards was host to the first 9-Ball Top Gun in Northern Colorado. 32 players entered after qualifying during weekly 9 -Ball league play. They played for their share of the almost $\$ 600.00$ prize fund.

The top 6 players each earned a share of the money with Margaret Kersbergen (SL2) and Casey Bosanko (SL7) tied for 5th place. Margaret also took home the trophy for Top Lady bringing her total prize to $\$ 70.00$. Randy Bosanko (SL7) finished in 4th. Mike "Viggy" Vigorita (SL2) managed to take the 3rd place Trophy and $\$ 80.00$.

Our finals saw Adam Armbruster (SL4) trying to

Garry Callis (SL5) two times for all the marbles. Adam's hot hand continued allowing him to win the first match 31-24 but Garry was able to cool him off and take the second match by a good margin and win 1st place hardware and the $\$ 250.00$ top prize. Adam earned $\$ 120.00$ for his second place finish.

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# Close Quarters ${ }_{\text {by омя }}$ 

## February 22nd, 2012

Imagine, if you will, that due to various factors including the Pursuit of a Better Future, you have not been able to play any quality pool lately. This is all right as pool is not life, contrary to what you preach to the public. There has to be balance and during the times you are not a pool player, your schizophrenic billiard personality goes into hibernation. When it wakes up, it is hungry.

You look at the clock. It is late - but not too late. If you hurry, you can still squeeze in an hour of practice at day rate. You have spent much time in the past month cramming for tests for a Better Future and now, you are feeling slightly anxious because you have pool tests tournaments coming up and you need to eram practice for those. You get up from being warm and idle, go out into the cold, and wait for a bus running on holiday schedule.

You make it to the pool room with 56 minutes left on day rate. Cool. You can handle that. It is league night and every table is taken by league players or casual bangers. There is one table open and that is good enough.

You start by trying to run a rack of nine-ball.

Your mechanics feel awkward but that is to be expected after a layoff. You forge bravely ahead and continue to hit balls into the rail with authority, but that is all right because you are here and playing pool and playing pool is nice. Even with all the noise and hordes of people causing your claustrophobic twitches to surface - it is still nice.

As you continue to shoot you are disrupted by a constant stream of league players and beercarrying recreationals. It is hard to get into a rhythm, but you tell yourself to just plow through it. You plow through the shot into the table every time someone shoves you unaware. Finally, you think, okay, maybe I'll stop trying to run balls and just stay in one spot to do drills. I'll run into less people this way. The people are actually the ones running into you, but you want to be fair about sharing space.

You do drills from the foot of the table but quickly realize people like to squeeze by between you and the wall while carrying overfilled pitchers and bottles of brew. You wonder what makes people a yard wide think they can fit in the foot-wide gap between the end of your cue and the wall. You wonder why these clowntards do not think to use the walkway behind the wall which is there for that very purpose. You are
pushed, prodded, and spilled upon. And these simpletons look at you as if you are the discourteous one. You take a deep breath and tell yourself you will not let anything stop you from enjoying your time at the table. You crack your neck and knuckles and say again that you will not let anything stop you from enjoying your time at the table.

The day rate ends. You have not been able to get any decent practice in so you continue and go on night rate. You did not budget for the night rate but you will only play until you feel like the old you - the one that could sometimes run two balls - again. It should not take long. The clock starts now. Every five heartbeats costs a penny. It will be easy to run up a tab you could spend a lifetime paying.

The banger crowd thins out. You do passably well at drills so you think to reward yourself with trying to run balls again. Your effort this time around is light-years better but you are still Hedgehog short of where you should be. How about we just run one rack, you say to yourself. Just one rack and then we get the hell out of here.
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# 8-Ball: You don't have to get out now, just get out 



By Samm Diep November 2009 ©

As our pool game improves, so does our game plan. We discover how much more enjoyable it is when we win. We learn to shoot defensive shots. We realize that sometimes the first one to attempt the run out may not always be the one who wins the game.
Eventually, we appreciate that in order to win more games, patience trumps pride. Sure, it feels great to break and run, but oftentimes tables are just not very run-friendly. We just have to accept that we don't need to get out in this inning. It's now that we ask ourselves, "Is it more important to win this game or to be the hero?"
You may have three shots in front of you that you can make, but if none of them help you break out that trouble ball, then QUIT RUNNING! Basic 8-ball strategy tells us when we have one or more balls tied up, it is to our advantage to keep more traffic on the table. If you don't have a plan to get your guys out of jail, keep as many soldiers around as possible.

League or team play environments do not neces-
sarily encourage to the smartest, game-winning decisions. Far too often, during a team scenario, I've witnessed players go for the run out when it's nearly impossible. It's stuck in their mind that they must be the "hero." They don't want to let their teammates down. They must get the "points" and they must try to run out whenever they get to the table.

In many leagues, the more balls your opponent has left on the table, the higher you can score for that win. This scoring system only promotes super aggressive play. Instead of thinking, "How can I win this game?" their objective shifts to "How can I win this game now?" Many times, this mentality can backfire on them. When they force a run out that isn't there, true, sometimes they can get lucky, but very often they just clear all their balls out of the way and leave their opponents a back door run out. That's the worst thing they can do.

It's critical to analyze the table. Take a good look at where the balls are lying. Do you have more than one cluster to deal with? Do you have a way to address each of them? Are you confident you will make the shot that you're facing? Are you certain you'll have something to shoot at after your break out(s)? If you answered "no" or you're unsure of any of these questions, then you may want to consider ducking for now and running out later.

Think about lagging a ball in front of a pocket and blocking it from your opponent. If you can't get out, make your opponent have to work for it. Play a safety where you can also bank one of your balls down by the trouble. Position your balls on the table so they are in your favor. Get them ready for you to take advantage later. Lock up safeties that can get you ball in hand are much easier to play when you have more balls on the table to hide behind.

Remember, if you can't get out now, don't. If you can't run out now, position your balls and run out later. A win is a win whether it happens now or later.

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## You Name It and We've Got It!

# Hank's Billiards \& Stay in Stroke Billiards Draw 65 Players to March Event 

## Results provided by Rich Montoya

This is how odd, and yet certain, things always seem to work out when it comes to figuring out who might be the next champion.
All his teammates from the Thursday night league at Hank's had to coerce him to get into the 8 -ball tourney at Hank's. As they teased him, he made mention that "now I'm going to win it!!!!!!"


Left To Right: Dave Mondragon (4th), James Fortin (5th), Tourney Dir. Rich Montoya, Mike Hogan (3rd), Leonard Romero (2nd), Champion Manuel Torres (1st)

Manuel Torres (A) did just that
He beat everyone in straight sets finally getting the best of Leonard Romero (AA) in the end. He did it by getting a one game spot in a race to 5 . Manuel built an early 3-0 lead, but the highly talented Leonard was not going down without a fight. He broke and ran the next rack, played a few safeties in the next to get it to a score of 3-2. Manuel took advantage of a miss by Leonard, to go up 4-2, then Leonard ran the next rack to make it 4-3, and was well on his way when he miscued on the 8 and the rest is history Manuel 5-3.

Manuel has graduated to the AA bracket and says he welcomes it He had been on the watch, as his domination in the A bracket finally came to a head. Congratulations Manuel. Job well done!!!!!!

Jessica Moxon took 5th losing to Dave Mondragon (A). Another player who is up \& coming is Holly Figueroa. She took 7th, losing also to Dave in a hill /hill match.
Others players to be mentioned are James Fortin (5th) (AA), Jake Gruber (9th-12th)(A), and June Brooks (9th-12th).

Total Prize Money, was about $\$ 6000.00$.

Welcome back to the AAA's for the April 1315th event at Hank's Billiards. See you all there! A big thanks goes out to Hank. We, the billiard community, want to say thank you for the added money. I would also personally like to thank all the players, Cue Times, and all my help, as well as Karen \& Tina at the bar. Let's keep it Going!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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## WEEKLY POOL TOURNAMENTS

Friday Night 8-Ball \$10.00 Entry Fee ~ BCA Rules Saturday Night 9-Ball \$10.00 Entry Fee ~ 8 pm start

April 7th OPEN 8-BALL

BCA, Handicapped 2 pm start \$10 Entry Fee

April 21st OPEN SCOTCH DOUBLES
BCA, Handicapped 2 pm start \$20 Per Team

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# Rocky Mountain Players to Compete in the 2012 APA National Singles Pool Championships 

Lynn Huey (Littleton), Pat Potts (Wheatridge), Matthew Rowbotham (Aurora), Eric Donald (Fountain) and Sylvester Ford (Colorado Springs) qualified for the American Poolplayers Association's (APA) 2012 8-Ball Classic by winning in regional competition on March 3 \& 4, 2012 at Greenfields Pool and Sports Bar. Also qualifying for the 2012 APA 9-Ball Shootout were Shaun Chapin (Fountain), Ken Platt (Casper, WY), Steve Duncan (Calhan), Mark Brogle (Thornton) and John Sandifer (Thornton).

The 8-Ball qualifiers will join amateur poolplayers from throughout North America to compete in the world's most rewarding 8 -Ball singles championship - cash and prizes totaling $\$ 280,000$ are guaranteed to be awarded. The 9-Ball qualifiers will be
competing for $\$ 150,000$ in cash and prizes.
Runners up in 8-Ball were Nathan Lunkwitz, Jared Cass, Dana Michener, Rod Montoya, and John Sandifer. Donald Dennie, Bryan Wellensiek, Kristi Renville, Gator Summers and Marc Lombardo took second place in 9-Ball.

APA members who compete in the 8 -Ball Classic and the 9 -Ball Shootout become eligible by entering and winning a local qualifying tournament. Local winners advance to the regional level where they compete in one of four skill level tiers. Regional winners from each skill level tier advance to the national event where they compete with others within their skill level category in Las Vegas at the Riveria Hotel \& Casino on April 26-28, 2012.


Purple Tier ( 8 ball) - Sylvester Ford (L) took the Skill Level 6/7 Brackets over runner-up John Sandifer (R)


Yellow Tier (8 ball) - Pat Potts (L) qualified in the Skill Level 4 bracket and the runner-up was Jared Cass (R)


Black Tier (9 Ball) - John Sandifer claimed the qualifier spot in the Skill Level 6/7/8/9 Bracket over runner-up Mark Lombardo


White Tier (9 ball) - Ken Pratt (R) qualified in the Skill Level 4/5 Bracket by beating runner-up Bryan Wellensiek (L)


Black Tier (9 ball) - Mark Brogle (R) won one of spots in the Skill Level 6/7/8/9
Bracket over runner-up Gator Summers (L)


Green Tier ( 9 ball) - Shaun Chapin (L) topped the Skill Level 2/3 Bracket with a win over runner-up Donald Dennie (R)

# Pettenger to Represent Colorado at US Open 10-Ball Championships 

Photos \& Story by Samm Diep, FeltBar.com

On March 17-18, Felt Billiards hosted the third event of its 2012 Felt Pool Tournament Series. Appropriately named the "Get the Green" 10 Ball Tournament for falling on St. Patrick's Day, 32 hopefuls arrived to do just that. This event was also a qualifier for the $4^{\text {th }}$ Annual US Open 10-Ball Championships which will take place at the Riviera Hotel \& Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada on May 14-19, 2012. This coveted opportunity drew a tough field of players spanning as far north as Fort Collins and Wyoming down to Pueblo and New Mexico.

Among the strong field, junior champion Tafoya brothers, Nick and Mark made an appearance from Albuquerque. Loyal supporter, Mike Dudack of Casper, Wyoming took an early exit, along with top local player, Bill Skinner. WPBA player Melissa Little took an early hit from "ATM" Andrew Pettenger but survived a few on the back side before finishing just out of the cash.

Local favorite Adam King had a great showing, taking third after defeating "The Deacon" Mark Haddad. In a hill-hill battle, King played a poor safety on the three ball which allowed Haddad a tight shot on it. He attempted to squeeze it by past the eight ball but left it hanging in the jaws.

King took advantage of the opportunity and claimed the match. Unfortunately for King, Chuck Neilsen came out strong against him and King would have to settle for third.

In the finals between Neilsen and Pettenger, nerves ran high as Nellsen found himself missing some uncharacteristic 10 balls. Neilsen was ahead 5-2 when he missed the first money ball and then the next one three racks later, which would ultimately cost him the match and the chance to compete in the US Open 10-Ball Championships.

Felt will also be hosting a qualifier for the $13^{\text {th }}$ Annual US Open One-Pocket Championships on April 7-8 ${ }^{\text {th }}$, as well as TWO Bar Table events for the Vegas-bound players attending nationals next month. A \$1,000 Added 8-Ball Tournament on April 28-29 and by popular demand, there will be a $\$ 750$ Added Mixed Scotch Doubles Tournament on May $5^{\text {th }}$ (added monies based on full fields). Players are encouraged register online at feltbar.com/register as space is limited for the two bar table events.

Details for these events, along with a complete series schedule, player standings, and additional information can be found at:

## feltbar.com/2012 series.

Special thanks go to our sponsors for this event: Rocky Mountain USA Pool League (RockyMountainPool.com), Access Printing in Englewood (AccessPrint.biz), the Cue Times Billiards News and the Magic Ball Rack courtesy of CueSports International (playbca.com/ magicballrack.aspx). Additional sponsorship opportunities are available for the tournament series. Contact Felt for more information.

| $1^{\text {st }}$ | Andrew Pettinger | $\$ 120+$ qualifier |
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| $2^{\text {nd }}$ | Chuck Neilsen | $\$ 450$ |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ | Adam King | $\$ 268$ |
| $4^{\text {th }}$ | Mark Haddad | $\$ 120$ |
| $5^{\text {th }}-6^{\text {th }}$ | Marc Vidal | $\$ 80$ |
|  | Ruben Silva | $\$ 80$ |
| $77^{\text {th }}-8^{\text {th }}$ | Frank Urbaniak | $\$ 40$ |
|  | Ken Margetts | $\$ 40$ |
| $9^{\text {th }}-12^{\text {th }}$ | Jose Cruz | $\$ 10$ Felt tab |
|  | Matt Driste | $\$ 10$ Felt tab |
|  | Jim Calderon | $\$ 10$ Felt tab |
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Final Four Finishers (L to R): Chuck Neilsen, Andrew Pettenger, Adam King, and Mark Haddad


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## DIVISION 2

## Regular - Race to 5

This division is open to All BCA Sanctioned League players that are not on the BCA Master or Advanced List or of known ability of the same. Includes VNEA List
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Entry Fee $=\mathbf{\$ 3 0 . 0 0}$ Doors open at 9:00 am Starts at 10:00 am be early. Please sign up early as late entries will not be allowed.

## DIVISION 1

## Advanced / Masters

This division is open to Any and All BCA Sanctioned League players. ========================

Entry Fee $=\$ 50.00$ Race to 6
Doors open at 9:00 am Sign up by Noon to Start around 1:00 pm
Please sign up early as late entries will not be allowed.


Womens Divisions signup by 3:00 to start 4:00 pm Womens Division 1 Entry $=\$ 50.00$ - Race to 5 Womens Division 2 Entry $=\$ 30.00$ - Race to 4


# Close Quarters by OMG <br> continued from page 7 

The league players are still here. Since it is close quarters, you find yourself having to wait for them to shoot. You give them first right of way because since they are competing, you think they are somehow more important than you. You are only practicing to achieve an impossible dream. You also give them first right of way because you believe they will allow you to shoot afterwards in turn. It would be the courteous thing to do.

It does not happen.
They are oblivious that you, too, would like to shoot a ball sometime.

You are irritated at waiting and the discourtesy. Your heart pounds faster and now you count heartbeats by the dime. You stand there and try very hard to affect an air of patient indifference as the league player takes FOREVER to survey the table. My God, shoot the damn four-ball! If you make it you're out - if you miss, you have an automatic safety. FOR THE LOVE OF HUMANITY JUST SHOOT THE DAMN FOUR!! One of the most painful things in life has got to be watching someone struggle with a question you know the answer to and not be able to tell them. This is why so many people offer unsolicited advice. It is admirable when one can control that impulse.

Deep breaths, dude. Deep. Breaths.
Watching the league player consider several obvious not-so-good options is like watching a horror movie and wondering why the chick always hears a scary sound upstairs - and then has to go investigate. Is that a chainsaw revving? I think that's a chainsaw revving! There's also a serial killer out on the loose but I should make sure that chainsaw upstairs isn't being wielded by a serial killer! It will turn out bad but you go ahead anyways.

Hey, you tell yourself as you reel your sanity back in, don't be a pool snob. No one is born knowing how to play pool. You were a crappy player once - and you're a crappy player still.

The league player finally lines up the four-ball. YES! You Tebow. Every muscle and nerve of your being is a guitar string wound taut. The league player takes seventeen torturous warm-up strokes. She pauses at the end of the backstroke. Mid-stroke, she changes her mind and stands up. Somewhere in the universe, a guitar string snaps with a dying twang. Your tooth cracks from the pressure of your clenched jaw.

You give up and pick up your cue ball and move it to the other side of the table just so you can shoot something.

You are hemorrhaging by the dollar.

All you want to do is run ONE rack of nine-ball, but you are perpetually thwarted by endless Seriously Serious League Players. You must choose between waiting an eternity or breaking the rules of your runout by moving the cue ball somewhere else just so you can remember what it is like to hit a ball. You vacillate between hating all league players and remembering that you were a league player once and everyone has the right to take their time to shoot a shot. You try very hard not to break another tooth.

Salvation comes when the league player needs to take a bathroom break and the match is paused. You calculate the player has had an entire pitcher and you might have two minutes to achieve your shortterm dream. You run nine balls and the way you run them makes you envision Paul Newman's last lines in The Color of Money, "I'm BACK!" You would look good with a moustache and gradienttinted aviator sunglasses.
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## Local Residents to Compete in National Pool Championship in Las Vegas

Littleton, Colorado Team "Let's Do This" qualified for the 2012 APA Jack \& Jill 8Ball Championship to be conducted by the American Poolplayers Association (APA) in Las Vegas April $25^{\text {th }}$ $27^{\text {th }}, 2012$. They will be joining hundreds of other APA players from throughout North America who will be traveling to the Riviera Hotel \& Casino to compete in the event.

The APA Jack \& Jill Championship is held in conjunction with the APA National Singles Championships, which will also include the 9 -Ball Classic and 9-Ball Shootout national championship tournaments.

Last year, the APA National Singles Championships, along with the MiniMania events, paid out more than $\$ 300,000$ in prize money with $\$ 5,000$ going to the $1^{\text {st }}$ Place winner of the Jack \& Jill 8Ball Championship.

Let's Do This are members of the APA Pool League and participate in weekly league play at The Mirage Sports Bar in Littleton, Colorado. Team Members include: Ken Schmidt \& Christine Reese.

The APA, based in Lake Saint Louis, MO., sanctions the world's


Ken Schmidt and Christine Reese
largest amateur pool league, known as the APA Pool League throughout the United States and as the Canadian Pool League in Canada. More than 250,00 members compete in weekly 8 -Ball and 9-Ball league play. The APA is generally recognized as the Governing Body of Amateur Pool, having established the official rules, championships, formats and handicap systems for the sport of amateur billiards.

The APA produces three major tournaments each year--the APA National Team Championships, the APA National Singles Championships and the U.S. Amateur Cham-pionship--that, together, pay out nearly $\$ 1.5$ Million in cash and prizes annually.

On behalf of the APA Staff of Metro Denver we want to wish Ken \& Christine Good Luck in Las Vegas and were very proud of you.

For more information or to get signed up with APA, please contact Chuck Rooney at 720-4274629 or by email at apapool1@comcast.net. Or you can visit our website at: metrodenver.apaleagues.com or the official APA website at:
www.poolplayers.com.

## Metro Denver Fall Session Top Gun

On Saturday March $24^{\text {th }}, 2012$, 88 of the top players in the Denver Metro APA came together for the Top Gun Fall Session Tournament at The Mirage Sports Bar. Many great matches were played. The road was tough for finalists Mark Morgan and Joy Remollo as Mark had to beat perennial top performer Kim Frawley in the quarterfinals and an on-fire Jimmy Gardner

## The Viper Invites Her Facebook Friends to Take an Active Role in Her Articles

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

## Topic suggestion from:

Colin Brandt/Chicago, IL
You should write about "Having Heart!" Too many players now rely on handicapping systems and refuse to play the big tournaments with the big dogs because "they can't win"! Little do they realize that in order to get to that level you need to play with that level!!!

## Viper:

Colin - As pool players, we are perceived as living a sub-cultured lifestyle and in a lot of aspects we do... We have so many subdivisions of our subculture.

We have the... Tournament players, Money players, League players, Sweaters, Stake horses.

And then you have the different type of game players. For instance you have the 9 -ball players, 8 -ball players, Billiard players, 10-ball players, Straight pool players, One pocket players and don't forget about the players that just love to play..


So to talk about having heart is not really fair, because as a unit I think we are all in love with this game called pool. Otherwise we wouldn't play at all!

Now for improving our games, I do think it's important to challenge yourself to other aspects of our subdivisions! Personally I really don't like playing one-pocket but that is because I'm not that good at it. But I do occasionally give it a try!

And lastly, I strongly support that each of us that do love the game invite others from outside of our subculture to try and play this amazing game. I cannot stress enough to the players, promoters and sponsors that when we have local/national events to please write press releases to invite the outside people in to see what the craziness is all about! It is our obligation to share what we love so much. ©

If you have a question and would like an answer, you can FB it to me at https://www.facebook.com/ wpbaviper or email it to me at Melissa@melissalittle.com

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.


## Shane Van Boening is Players Champion

Story provided by AZ Billiards
Shane Van Boening has won the Players Championship at the Super Billiards Expo and has sent yet another strong message that he is the cream of the American crop of pro pool players. When Shane gets close to the finals there is just no stopping him. Even a long trip throughout the one-loss side (Shane lost early to Brian Brekke) cannot cause his game to weaken or his heart to lose spirit.

On Sunday Van Boening swept aside the rest of the best as if they were mere mortals trying to exist in the realm of the gods. Raj Hundal got the message first when he just sat and watched as Van Boening picked the meat off of his bones and tossed him to the scrap heap 10-1. Hundal was no more a participant in that match than was the kid in the third row of the stands. Darren Appleton would fare little better. The two-time US Open champion was dismantled and destroyed by the rack-running ability of the

South Dakota Kid. Obviously dismayed by Van Boening's ability to control the table and deny an opponent any opportunity to rally, Appleton found himself a 10-2 loser against Van Boening who only appeared to get stronger with each stroke.

Van Boening had one more hill to climb. An undefeated and confident Stevie Moore was waiting for him. That confidence would take an early beat-down as Van Boeing wasted no time in establishing a 7-0 lead in the final race to 13 games. Moore stayed cool and fought well enough to bring the score to $12-6$, but Van Boening on the hill is a tough task and when Moore fouled early in the final rack to give ball in hand to Van Boening it was the end. Shane Van Boening won his third Players Championship with a 13-6 victory against Moore.

Shane is now on track for what could become a record year. Prior to this victory he nabbed both the Derby City 9-Ball and One-Pocket events,


Shane Van Boening and Stevie Moore (Photo courtesy of Ricky Bryant)
taking Master of the Table honors with those wins. The Kid also commands the short track stuff. He won the US Bar Box Championship Open 10-Ball division held by CSI in Reno. All of this comes on the heels of a final quarter of 2011 that presented Van Boening with victories at the Steve Mizerak Championship, Turning Stone XVIII and at the Ocho Open.


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

Check with your League Operator for more information or to sign up
2012 ACS Nationals - May 5-12, 2012
Tropicana Hotel \& Casino, Las Vegas, NV (On-Time Entries to be postmarked by March 26, 2012 - Late Entries to be postmarked by April 9, 2012) For more information, including entry fees, go online at www.americancuesports.org or check with your ACS League Operator

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

## 2012 BCAPL National Championships - May 9-19, 2012

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

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

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

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

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

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| BC＇s Sports Pub | Scotch Doubles， 2 pm |
| Dylan＇s Bar \＆Grill | 8－Ball，BCA， 2 pm start，$\$ \$, \mathbf{3 / 7 5 5 - 2 8 7 4}$ |
| Felt | 10－Ball，9＇tables，2pm start，$\$ \$$ added |
| Match Ups，Ft．Collins | 9－Ball，9＇tables，$\$ \$$ added， 3 pm start | <br> 惫 MONDAY <br> Mirage Sports Bar 8－Ball，handicapped，7：30 sharp start <br> 悤 TUESDAY <br> Felt <br> 9－Ball， 9 ＇tables，$\$ \$$ added <br> A WEDNESDAY <br> Wynkoop Brewing Co 10 －Ball Tournament，$\$ \$$ added <br> 䓢 FRIDAY <br> | BC＇s Sports Pub | 8－Ball，bar table |
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| Felt | 8－Ball，bar table，$\$ \$$ added |
| Match Ups，Ft．Collins | 8－Ball，bar table，$\$ \$$ added， $7: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ | <br> \section*{A SATURDAY} <br> BC＇s Sports Pub ＠Cheers <br> Felt <br> Love＇s Shack <br> 9－Ball，bar table <br> TAP 8－Ball，\＄\＄added，7pm <br> 9－Ball，bar table，$\$ \$$ added， $4: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ <br> 8－Ball，no AAA＇s，$\$ \$$ added， 7 pm

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## Instruction With Tom

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The diagram illustrates two situations with no clear shot at the shaded object ball．In shot A I prefer the jump shot for the following reasons． First，the object ball is out toward the middle of the table where it is more difficult to hit rail first．Second，with the obstruction removed，the shot is straight in．A great feature of the jump shot is that the cue ball＇s movement is up and down instead of side to side and the cue ball goes where you aim it．Another feature of a straight－in jump shot is that the full hit on the object ball will absorb most of the cue ball＇s energy to stop it from bouncing off of the table． Making a jump shot here and pocketing that ball is not easy but easier than pocketing the ball with a kick shot．That brings us to the most im－ portant factor to consider in the choice between a jump and kick shot．Where do the balls end up if I do not pocket the object ball？In shot A any possible kick at the object is more likely than not to leave both balls at the same end of the table and a shot for your opponent．

Shot B is an entirely different situation．Even the most dedicated and talented jumper should elect to kick here．Two factors to rule out the jump shot are that the obstruction is closer to the
object ball than it is to the cue ball and that the shot is a cut shot near a rail making it nearly im－ possible to pocket the ball and keep a bouncing cue ball on the table．Here the correct choice is the kick shot for several reasons．First，the ob－ ject ball is close to a rail making it very easy to hit．And this shot offers two effective options． If you hit this ball one rail first，the solid－line path，and catch it right you can bank it off the side rail toward point X on the bottom rail while leaving the cue ball behind the obstructing ball． The same thing can be accomplished kicking the object ball two rails first，the dashed－line path． This choice sends the object ball directly toward point X and can leave the cue ball behind the obstructing ball．I would choose the second op－ tion and play for the two－rail kick with some right－hand english．If I miss hit the shot and catch the object ball too thin I still send it to the other end of the table while the cue ball goes straight across the table and rebounds off the opposite side rail with right－hand english toward point $Y$ ．

There＇s no question that nine ball has changed pool and，over the past few years，has changed dramatically itself．When you watch professionals，who rarely fail to run out from an open shot，you will see that the game now usu－ ally turns on playing safety and responding to safety．As you become more comfortable with your ability to hit a jump shot and execute a kick shot with a plan for its outcome your pro－ gress toward greatness will make a leap as you
approach a hook situation with confidence that you have choices．


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## Greenfields Hosts 2nd All American Tour of the Year

The 2011-2012 Lucasi Hybrid Cues All American Tour - presented by the American CueSports Alliance (ACS) - showcased its twenty-eighth Tour stop at Greenfields Pool \& Sports Bar in Lakewood, CO, Saturday, March 24. The $\$ 1,000$-added 8 -ball scratch tourney on 7-foot Dynamo bar boxes drew 32 players.

The tourney finalists featured undefeated Rick Field (Lakewood, CO) versus once-defeated Mark Haddad (Denver, CO). Field had previously upended Robert Rodriguez 5-3, Ray Padilla 5-2, Sam Cordova 5-3, Frank Urbaniak 5-3 and Marc Vidal 5-2 for the hot seat. Haddad outpointed Bill Skinner 5-2, Tony Piazza 5-1 and Melissa Little 5-3 before falling to Marc Vidal in the winner's side semifinals 4-5. Mark recovered to eliminate Tony Piazza 5-4, Bill Skinner 5-1 and Marc Vidal 5-1 to take his final's place against Field.

By the title match, Mark Haddad
was in great form, and he easily eclipsed Rick Field in two sets 5-1 and 5-2 for the crown!

The ACS wishes to thank sponsors Lucasi Hybrid Cues, Championship Billiard Fabric and Nick Varner Signature Cases for their support in donating "Value-InKind" 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.

The Tour moves to the Midwest in April for its final stop: Saturday, April 21 - the Annual $\$ 1,000$ added 8-Ball Tourney at the Varsity Club in Oshkosh, WI (contact Jeremy West at 920-651-0806) Further information, entry details and registering your tourney for the 2012/2013 ACS All American Tour are available at www.americancuesports.org.

## Final Results:



Top Finishers (L to R): Rick Field (2nd), Mark Haddad (1st), and Marc Vidal (3rd)

## Close Quarters by OMG

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Sadly, your moment of eureka comes too late and you are out of money for table time. You have overspent and underperformed. This makes you perfectly qualified to be a politician, but not a pool player. You walk home because you know that is the best thing to do when you are this irritated.

You are almost home when you realize you need quarters for laundry that needed to be done yesterday. DAMN! You make a small purchase at a supermarket and ask if you may exchange a ten-dollar bill for a roll of quarters. The checkout girl says the store has a new policy of not providing rolls of quarters to customers.

You stare at her.
She stares back at you.
You let out a short, forceful exhale
of breath. Of course this would be your luck. Of course.

The checkout girl considers you for a second and then opens her cash drawer. There are only a few quarters. She takes them out. She checks all the other cash drawers for quarters and takes out what she can find. Then, she empties one of the charity donation boxes (you know, the one that has the super sad kid with the super sad eyes) and gets more quarters.
"There you go."
Wow. Thank you.
"You look like you had a bad day." She shrugs. "Happens to all of us."

And just like that, your faith in humanity is restored and all the wasted time and money and accumulated aggravation of the evening is gone.

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[^0]:    Here is how they finished:
    1st Manuel Torres A $\$ 600.00 \quad \$ 1000.00$
    2nd Leonard Romero AA $\$ 450.00 \quad \$ 750.00$
    3rd Mike Hogan AA $\$ 300.00 \quad \$ 500.00$
    4th Dave Mondragon A $\$ 175.00 \$ 350.00$
    5/6th Jessica Moxon W $\$ 150.00 \quad \$ 250.00$ James Fortin AA
    7/8th Holly Figueroa W $\$ 100.00 \$ 150.00$ Dennis Romero AA
    9-12 June Brooks W Jake Gruber A Preston Hollis AA Chris Patrinas AA
    13-16 Chris Honeman W $\quad \$ 25.00 \quad \$ 25.00$ Rob Randolph A Adam Sisneros AA Brian Krapes AA

