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The top finishers from left to right were Marc Vidal, Jose Cruz, Jim Calderon, Greg Romero, Danny Smith, Melissa Little, Robert Rodriguez, Doug James and Mark Haddad. Nick Varner was still hanging around and celebrates with the players.

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# Instruction With Tom www.tomrosspool.com

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.

### December 2001

On most pool shots, especially anything but the most routine ones under a little pressure, we tend to apply all of our focus simply to shooting the object ball into the pocket. Sometimes the shot's importance and the amount of pressure can combine to make that pocket look pretty small. So it may come as a surprise to some that the best players often, perhaps always, choose exactly which part of the pocket they want the object ball to hit. The concept of using the whole pocket is well known to most players but I wonder how many have spent dedicated practice time working with it.

Before we begin with an exercise I want to discuss the relationship between the sizes of the pocket openings and the balls. On a ninefoot table the standard pocket opening for a corner is 4<sup>7/8</sup> inches, for a side, 5<sup>3/8</sup> inches. A pool ball is 2<sup>1/4</sup> inches in diameter meaning that a standard table has space at the opening of a corner for two full balls with 3/8 of an inch to spare while a side allows for two full balls with 7/8 of

an inch leftover. An extremely tight table can have four-inch openings at the corner pockets, which still allow for a full ball and 77 percent of a second one; the side pockets on a tight table usually conform to the standard difference at a

half-inch wider than the corners and therefore allow two full balls. So, even the tightest tables give us some room to work with on many shots.

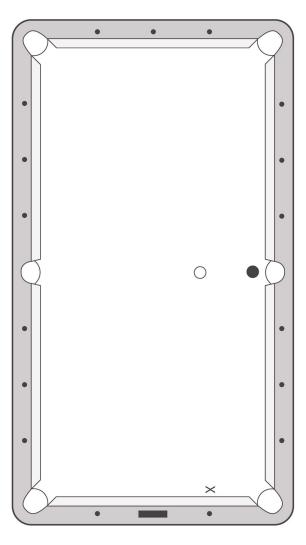
Because most of us begin playing pool with making the shot as our only objective and counting a ball that falls into any part of the pocket as a success, using the entire pocket is something that must be learned. The ability to match a shot angle in a situation where the player has options with it to the same angle from a shot where the player is forced to shoot the object ball one way requires a small leap in conceptual thinking. In other words, players who know how the cue ball will move on a shot that offers one certain angle do not always know how to identify and choose that same angle from a straight-in shot with a big pocket.

Set up the shot in the diagram with the object ball about four inches from the lip of the side pocket and centered with the opening. Place the cue ball about one foot back making sure that the shot is aligned dead straight to the center of the pocket then mark the balls' positions. From this setup you will be able to hit every diamond on the table, as well as the other

five pockets, with the cue ball.

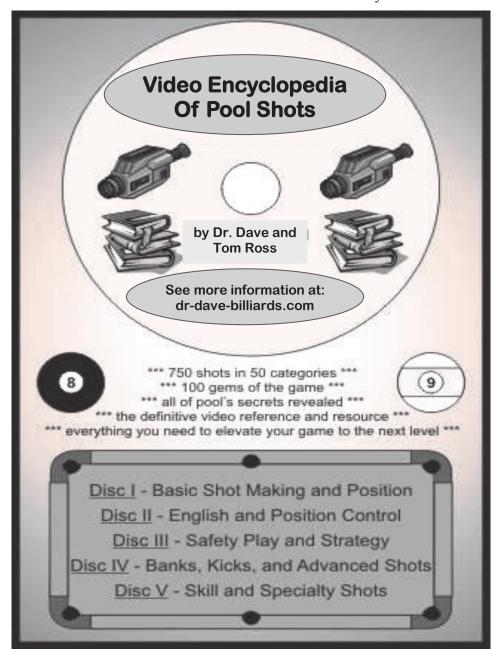
Begin by shooting a few shots with no regard for the cue ball. Shoot a few exactly straight in and shoot some cutting the object a little to the left and then the right. Cut some very slightly and play some to rub the pocket facings as they fall in. When you think that you have hit just about every part of the side pocket you can begin working the cue ball.

Start with straight draw shot that scratches in the opposite side pocket. Now play another draw shot where you cut the object ball just enough to the left to draw the cue ball to the first diamond right of the opposite side pocket. DO NOT USE RIGHT OR LEFT-HAND ENGLISH AN-YWHERE IN THIS EXERCISE. Play one



now adding enough cut to draw the cue ball two diamonds to the right of the opposite side pocket. Keep moving the cue ball, a diamond at a time, counter clockwise around the table by adjusting the angle at which you cut the object ball. Play for the scratches as you encounter pockets along the way. When you arrive at diamond X you will begin using stun draw by moving your tip up toward center ball and hitting the shot with a firm punch stroke. That technique will apply as you move around the corner and along the side rail, moving your tip up on the cue ball as the target diamonds approach the pocket you are using. Of course you will want to continue around the table until you arrive back at the draw shot into the opposite side pocket. From there spend some time experimenting with follow to hit five different spots on the rail, a ball width apart from one another, between the side pocket and the first diamonds to the left and right of it.

This is a great exercise to develop awareness of the what's possible with a big pocket in addition to honing accuracy and stroke. After completing it you will no doubt be an expert with the shot that you were practicing but there's a hidden benefit. You now know how to look at and hit an object ball with more precision. From now on you can play every shot choosing an exact spot in the pocket instead of merely choosing the pocket. For corner-pocket shots where the object ball does not have a direct line to the center of the pocket, the best description I've heard of the spot to hit is the point where black meets green, that is where the pocket facing meets the pocket liner. What you will find is that choosing a pinpoint target will improve your shot making. As you learn to sharpen your focus on smaller targets the space around them may begin to appear increasingly larger.



# 4th Annual Chet **Itow Memorial** By OMG

# March 13th, 2013

Chew Itow was the founder of my favorite pool room of all time, the California Billiard Club. He died of cancer back in 2009 and a memorial tournament in held in his honor each year. The game is nine-ball and the races are to eight on both sides.

Unspoken, but generally acknowledged rule of road trips: Those most likely to cash get to sleep on the way to the tournament.

Also: Those who cannot drive get to sleep on the way to the tournament. Because we all want to live.

We went to visit my mother and brother (that's right, even bitches like me got family 'n' sh#t). After a yummy home-cooked dinner, we headed back to the pool room to see what was up.

I ran into a good number of people who had been recently entertained by my writings about -- HOVERCAT. Then I ran into a number of people who liked to drink. Some of these drinkers had also been entertained by Hovercat. Beers were bought for me. I'm usually very good about NOT drinking before a tournament, but this was a once-in-a-Blue-Moon moment where I was not very good.

# Day 1

Uh. I don't remember much about this day because I had the remnants of a sPEctAcULaR hangover for most of the first half. I somehow blundered through the brackets and when I wasn't sh#tting out, I was trying to rehydrate and popping aspirin. No cool pictures or stories for this day.

# Day 2

Having learned my lesson, I returned to my usual pool-nerdiness and woke up early, had a light breakfast, and arrived at the pool room at 9:50 a.m., ten minutes before it was supposed to open. One of the waitresses, Amber, was there as well. She told me the room wasn't supposed to open until 10:30 a.m. -- did I want to go get

coffee? Sure, why not. She drove the both of us to Starbucks and by the time we got back, the room was open.

I sh#t out one more time before reality kicked in and my two losses were 8-2 and 8-0. After an appropriate period of mourning and running away from well-meaning pity vultures, I turned

my attention back to the tournament as a spectator.

One of the most exciting finishes to a match happened on the Bside matchup of Ronnie Alcano and Jayson Shaw. I caught the latter half of the match and according to other spectators, the match had been hillhill the whole way, with neither player taking more than a one-game lead over the other.

After the break in the hill game, the 9-ball rolled very close to the bottom left corner pocket. Both players took a crack at making the 9-ball on caroms. Alcano seemed to get the first solid opportunity, with an

open shot on the 1-ball into the side and a onerail carom into the 9-ball. He made the 1-ball, but missed the carom on the 9-ball. He was hooked on the 2-ball which was uptable, by the upper right side rail.

Mr. Aloha Kurt Kobayashi and I and all the spectators had been on our feet, food, drink, cigarettes, and significant others forgotten, saying nothing but "WHOA!" "HOLY CRAP!" "! @&\$" for the last few shots and this one elicited the biggest groan so far.

Mr. Alcano shot rail-first and made the 2-ball (more "!@&\$" from the audience) spinning the cue ball across the table to line up on the 3-ball which was facing the bottom left corner pocket -- where the 9-ball sat, waiting for the inevitable

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Mr. Alcano lined up the combination -- and rattled it, leaving the 3-ball sitting in the pocket and the 9-ball pushed off to side.

"WHOA!" "HOLY CRAP!" "!@&\$"

Mr. Shaw ran out and thus avenged his firstround loss to Mr. Alcano.

I did not stay until the end because my crew and I had to get back home in order to resume our usual, less exciting lives on Monday.

I heard the final match was excellent, with Mr. Bustamante running a six-pack to win the first set (it was true double-elimination), 8-4 and then ultimately went on to win the tournament.

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This is \*just\* the tournament/serious players' side of California Billiard Club. There's another section with more Gold Crowns and a section with bar tables as well.

This is what my idea of heaven would be. :-)



# 2013 Rocky Mountain VNEA Team Tournament

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



Open AA - 1st Place
"The Favorites" (E2 - CO)
Chris Onesky, Adam King,
Richie Cunningham, Rick Field
and Marc Vidal

# Open AA

**2nd Place** - "Euro Petite" E2 - Steve "Stretch" Suemick, Chris Foster, Eric Gilbert, Jose Cruz, James Fortin

**3rd Place - "**Just Match Ups" BMW Mike Hellmer, Robert Rivers, Robert Rodriquez, Curtis McCuiston, Nelson Montherth, Steve Pierson

**4th Place** -"Beat the Ghost" Games Rich Pope, Charlie Williamson, John Santistevan, Jonas Martinez and Mahlon Mullet



Open A - 1st Place
"BMF's" (E2)

Il Bengogullari, John Baylor, Jerry Ervir

Erdal Bengogullari, John Baylor, Jerry Ervin, Jason Reed, Jeremy Melber and Andres DeHerrera

# Open A

2nd Place - "The A Team" Games People Play - Richard Montoya, Gary Maes, Robert Gonzales, Al Montour, Jayson Santiago

**3rd Place** - "Kreepes" E2 - Chris Patrinas, John Davalos, Paul Norman, Elliot Fields, Keith Hanna

4th Place - "Jerry's Kids"
Paradise - Bill Watson, Myrle
McLaughlin, Jerry Shimic,
Brett Ruiz, Leo Galvan, Bob
Kerr, Tom Watson, Fred
Mortensen



Open B - 1st Place "Hank's Bad Boyz" - (E2) Mike Poitra, Jesse Garcia, Leo Mondragon, Jack Quist, Gary Schaffler, Jeremy Bloedon

# Open B

**2nd Place** - "Come on Man" E2 - Jack Bonesteel, Hugh Campbell, Chris Frandrup, Shawn Rowley, Calvin Sims, John Tesar

**3rd Place -** "Lil's Banditos" G.P.P. Joe Maloney, Brad Price, Rick Dawson, Lalo Sierra, Brian Casey, Telgie Motoy-

**4th Place -** "Key Largo" BMW - Omar Chaparro, Ray Lopez, Tommy Cepel, Ray Lascano, Luis Maldando



Open C - 1st Place
"Scotty's Side Door" - (E2)
Ron Kronon, Bruce Hahn, Dave Bosma,
Mike Castro, and Rob Neim

# Open C

2nd Place - "Lil's - The Force" G.P.P. - Joshua Romey, Franklin Lester, Jay Jankovsky, Mark Moore, Jesus Mercado, Ricky Witt, Frank Ruiz

**3rd Place -** "Two Taps & Three Draws" - E2 - Steve Dobler, Robert Gleitz, Dale James, Ken Thomas, Paul Carabetta

**4th Place** - "Lil's 6-Shooters" G.P.P. - Keith Johnson, Dave Campbell, Mike Miner, Ron Miner, Anthony Thompson, Danny Hievanes



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

## Women's A

**2nd Place -** "The Cremators" (BMW) CO – Lisa Staggs, Tina Catlin, Lynda Lilly, Samantha Howard, Mary Vogel

**3rd Place** - "Sharp Shooters" (E2) CO SPGS- Joanne Bostrom, Jane Clarke, Marylyn Klipsch, Heather Fanning, Eileen Cannon

**4th Place** - "Hanks Victorious Secret" (E2) – Rose Ramos, Charlene Pinelli, Tonia Martinez, Tina Vargas



Majors (Ages 18 - 20) 1st Place Power Puff Boys (Nebraska & Wyoming) Seth Krafczik, Chase Andreson, Scott Rodebobr



Minors (Ages 14 - 17) 1st Place 8 Runners (Denver) Taren Stewart, Josh Bustos, Geoffrey Ouezada



Women's B - 1st Place
"Lil's Final Stroke"- (GPP – CO)
Tana DeHerrera, Susie Berg, Valentina Siyed,
Gloria Vazquez and Desiree Straign

# Women's B

**2nd Place** - "Square Pegs" BMW (Skill Game) CO - Julie Noel, Lindy Bennitt, Diane Hellbusch, Jinger Kellams

**3rd Place** - "Alaska Girls Gone Wild" Tri Valley Vending - Tammie Kerby, Veronica Hereimi, Kylie Briske, Shauna Thornsley

**4th Place** - "4 Chix with Stix" BMW – Charlene Stetson, Jeanette Heinle, Lori Marcolina, Lisa Henry



Youth (Ages 9 - 13) 1st Place Ghostbusters (Greeley) Jerry Miller, Romeo Jones, Eloy Loya

# **BCAPL Nationals Offers New Opportunities**

# New Leisure Division Added to Singles Lineup

Last summer CueSports International (CSI) announced that it will be adding a whole new singles division to the 37<sup>th</sup> (2013) BCAPL National Championships. With the move to the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino for the July 17-27, 2013 national event, the expanded space allows for more pool table and thus more play opportunities. The BCAPL has added the Leisure Men's and Leisure Women's Singles Divisions. Below are details and eligibility for these singles new groups. two

- Players who have played for 2 years in Open, Senior, or Super Senior (since 2005), and have never cashed in any Singles Division are eligible.
- Players may also be eligible if they have finished a full league session in the bottom half of their local league, and their league is enrolled on LeagueSys. We need LeagueSys to help research player history.
  • Every player will be researched for player history. The eligibility criteria above do NOT insure playing in the new division. Known ability will be a big factor in establishing eligibility for this new division. • Players entering the Leisure Division may also enter the 2nd Chance Singles events (if eligibility criteria are met), all mini tournaments, and .much more.

The purpose of this division is to give lesser skilled players (called "B" players in some states) a level playing field against players of equal ability. For years, hundreds of players have participated in the Open division with no results. We greatly appreciate their support of the BCAPL and the BCAPL National Championships and wish to give them a fair chance to truly compete and cash among similarly skilled players.

If a player is unsure of his/her eligibility, he/she may send an email to Bill Stock, CSI Rules and Referee Director, requesting approval to enter the new Leisure Division-bill@playcsipool.com

Relocating the BCAPL National Championships to the larger Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino, July 17-27,2013, allows us to add this new division. We look at this as an opportunity to introduce more entry level pool players to "The Greatest Pool Tournament in the World!" This welcome addition demonstrates CSI's ongoing commitment to provide... More Choices for All Players.

# **Eligibility Expansion to Senior Divisions**

The BCAPL (BCA Pool League) National Championships will be held July 17-27, 2013 for the first time at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada. The move allowed the producer, CueSports International (CSI), to expand the overall group of events due to the addition of approximately one third more convention space than ever available before, but CSI is also able to expand some divisions. CSI announces that the BCAPL Men's Senior Singles, Men's Super Senior Singles and Women's Senior Singles will include the following eligibility changes:

## **MEN'S SENIOR SINGLES**

A player that is senior age (55 years of age prior to the start date of an event) and also ranked as an Advanced player may participate in the Senior division but must spot an Open level player one game (6-5). Players that are senior age and rated as a Master or Grand Master are not eligible to participate in the senior's division. They must play in their appropriately rated division.

# MEN'S SUPER SENIOR SINGLES

Men that turn 65 years of age prior to the tournament start date are eligible to participate in the Super Senior division. Regardless of a players rating, if they are of Super Senior age they are eligible to participate. There is no handicap involved regardless of rating.

### **WOMEN'S SENIOR SINGLES**

A player that is senior age (50 years of age prior to the start date of an event) and also ranked as an Advanced player may participate in the senior division but must spot an Open level player one game (5-4). Women that are senior age and rated as a Master or Grand Master are not eligible to participate in the senior division. They must play in their appropriately rated division.

THERE IS NO WOMEN'S SUPER SENIOR DIVISION. Women that turn 60 years of age prior to the tournament start date are eligible to participate in the Women's Senior division regardless of player rating.

As in the past, any senior age player may choose to play in the Open division if they are not rated as an Advanced, Master or Grand Master.

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Mountain Mayhem and Ball Busters declared victory at the Mile High Pool Leagues Fall Session Championships at Greenfields Pool and Sports Bar. Ball Busters from Fiddlesticks won the 8-ball tournament. Mountain Mayhem out of Greenfields won in 9-ball. Beyond bragging rights and trophies, each team took home \$1,500 in prize money.

The runners-up were **Do Little's** from Akron, CO in 8-ball and Eck's X's from Eck's Saloon in 9-ball. Each team received a trophy and \$1,000 prize money.



8-Ball Champions **Ball Busters of Fiddlesticks** Diana Raper, Dennis Mezvdlo, Kevin Hand, Mike Sherman, Leon Raper, Richard Phillips, and Shaad Tirado



8-Ball Runner-Up - Do Littles Donald Keller, Daniel Jensen, Edward Dreher, Jill Dreher, William Huff, Carolyn Keller, Joel Diamond and Ronnie Eskew





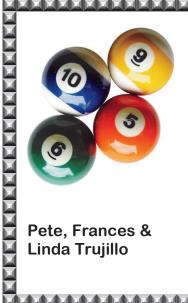
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9-Ball Champions Mountain Mayhem of Greenfields Cheryl Ide, Dirk Oberlin, Kyle Preusser, Robert Johnson, Danelle Testerman, Margaret Redus, ChrisTesterman and Ben Hughes



9-Ball Runner-Up - Eck's X Nancy Van Cleave, Forky Rudin, Jodi Martinez, Cesar Martinez, Kathy Reinhard, Fred Holford, Lori Garcia and Celina War



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# Jon Amo matched up with a strong opponent in the first round, John

Santistevan, beating him 15-10. Then he matched up with a force from Japan, Ken Margetts, beating him 15-12. Then it was an up and coming player by the name of Johnny (Pepito) Lopez in a very tough match 15-13. Finally, showing his knowledge, stroke ability, and keen safety play, he beat one of the best safety players in the state Balintucas 15-12. Jon has impressed me with the most improvement I have seen since I started running these events 2 years ago. Congratulations Jon!

Willie Balintucas started by beating Devin Schweer from Greelev 15-10, then Dusty Trujillo, 15-12. In his next match, he was down to

Rich Montoya 11-6 when he shackled both of Rich's wrists, put him in jail, and threw the key away to beat him 15-12. What a tough opponent! In the finals against Jon, a series of called 10-Ball combos by Jon took the wind out of Willie's sails and he ended up settling for a very impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Good shooting Willie!

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# Here is how they Finished:

Jon Amo \$1,000.00/\$530.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Willie Balintucas \$500.00/\$360.00 3<sup>rd</sup> Johnny (Pepito) Lopez \$210.00/\$195.00 4<sup>th</sup> Richard Montoya \$210.00/\$195.00



# **Tournament Results**

Sat (2/16)

Bar Table 9-ball, 16 Players Chris B. \$70 Tim P. \$45 Don L. \$30 Larry F. \$15

Sun (2/17)

Big Table 10-ball, 21 Players Mark H. \$110 Greg S. \$85 Bill S. \$60 Derek S. \$45

Tue (2/19)

Big Table 9-ball, 25 Players Marc V. \$110 Mark H. \$80 Jim C. \$53 Rick F. \$40

Fri (2/22)

Bar Table 8-Ball, 23 Players Donovan G. \$90 Phil G. \$60 Victor V. \$40 Chuck P. \$20 Brandie R. \$20 Top Lady

Fri (3/1)

Bar Table 8-Ball, 27 Players Chris F. \$105 Jose C. \$70 Derek S. \$45 Fred L. \$25 Brandie R. \$25

Sat (3/2)

Bar Table 9-Ball, 12 Players Jared P. \$55 Daniel L. \$35 Adam H. \$20

Sun (3/3)

Big Table 1-Pocket, 22 Players Danny S. \$110 Derek S. \$90 Juan P. \$60 Rick F. \$40

Tue (3/5)

Big Table 9-Ball, 22 Players Danny S. \$115 Jose C. \$75 Rick F. \$45 Jonathan L. \$30

Fri (3/8)

Bar Table 8-Ball, 13 Players Eric G. \$65 Jose C. \$40 Bruce W. \$25

Sat (3/9)

Bar Table 9-Ball, 19 Players G.Q. \$70 Nikki B. \$55 Woody Q. \$40 Brandie R. \$25 (Top Lady) Sun (3/10)

Big Table 10-Ball, 25 Players Marc V. \$115 Andy P. \$70 Mark H. \$50 Eddie B. \$34 Melissa L. \$20 Jose C. \$20

**Tue (3/12)** 

Big Table 9-Ball, 22 Players Danny S. \$115 Melissa L. \$85 Rick F. \$55 Mark H. \$31

Fri (3/15)

Bar Table 8-Ball, 11 Players G.Q. \$55 Victor L. \$35 Neil A. \$20 Rob M. (No cash just wanted recognition ©)

Sat (3/16)

Bar Table 9-Ball, 16 Players Stephen N. \$65 Jared H. \$45 Jose C. \$30 Barb R. \$20 (Top Lady)

Sun (3/17)

Big Table 10-Ball, 22 Players Mark H. \$111 Marc V. \$75 Bill S. \$50 Rick F. \$25

Tue (3/19)

Big Table 9-Ball, 25 Players Melissa L. \$133 Mark H. \$93 Danny S. \$65 Kiko A. \$35

Fri (3/22)

Bar Table 8-Ball, 22 Players Eric G. \$95 Jose C. \$60 Josh A. \$40 Brandie R. \$25 (Top Lady)

Sat (3/23)

No Tournament due to Exhibition

Sun (3/24)

Big Table 10-Ball, 21 Players Marc V. \$110 Mark H. \$80 Jim C. \$53 Rick F. \$40

Tue (3/26)

Big Table 9-Ball, 16 Players Mark H. \$90 Bill S. \$65 Andy P. \$45

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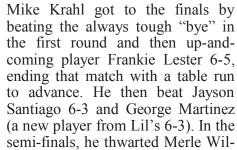
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# **Thirty One Contestants** Show up at Lil's Place **Jack Quist Comes Out on Top**

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Newcomer to Stay in Stroke events, Jack Quist got it done by controlling whitey and capitalizing on his opponent's mistakes. He first beat a favorite in Al Montoya 6-3, then Mike Montoya 6-3 and Cheryl Jones 6-3. Then he beat Merle Wilford 6-3 and finally he won the hot seat by overcoming Mike Krahl 6-3 in a see-saw battle. In the finals, it was Mike Krahl who came back through and in true double elimination style, would have to beat Jack twice to win this 11's and down tournament. Mike won the first set with an impressive 6-1 score line. But it was Jack that dug a little deeper in the second set to beat Mike 6-2. That is why he is now a 12 and says he still wants to improve. Welcome to both him and Mike to the 12's bracket as they dominated the rest of the field.



ford's efforts to make it to the finals with a score of 6-4 though the match was pretty tight until the end. Congratulations to everyone!

If I had to pick a most improved player, would have to be Cheryl Jones. She beat a host of



1st Place (11's & down) - Jack Quist



Runner Up (11's & down) - Mike Krahl

players in a very methodical way. Thank you all for your continued

Please watch for more tournaments on Stay In Stroke's Facebook Page or email me at stayinstrokebilliards@gmail.com and don't forget to "STAY IN STROKE".

# Here is how they finished:

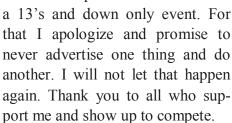
$1^{st}$	Jack Quist	\$240.00 /\$310.00
$2^{nd}$	Mike Krahl	\$190.00/\$250.00
$3^{rd}$	Merle Wilford	\$150.00/\$200.00
$4^{th}$	George Martinez	\$100.00/\$140.00
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jayson Santiago	\$75.00/\$100.00
$6^{th}$	Cheryl Jones	\$75.00/\$100.00
$7^{th}$	Larry Burdick	\$50.00/\$75.00
$8^{th}$	Mike Lopez	\$50.00/\$75.00

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# **Jose Cruz Captures Another** Title at Hank's Billiards

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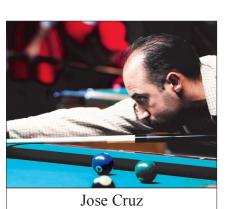
That's right... Jose Cruz captured another title, but not without help from myself. Richard Montoya. I made a mistake and allowed two 15's and a 14 to compete in



Jose has a magical thing going on as he has captured four out of five events at Hank's. He has done it with consistent play and a will to win like no other person I've seen in the Denver area. What heart, patience, determination and shot selection as well as safety play he has displayed.

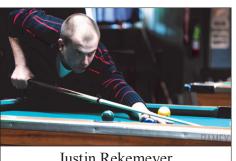
He started with a win over Johnny Eskimo Clark 7-4. In the second set against Jeff Fugal, he had a chance to tie it up when he missed and gave a shot to Jeff – final score 5-7. Then he showed his mastery by beating both Pepe and Pepito 7-2 and 7-3 respectively. Then in the first set of the finals against a formidable opponent Justin Rekemeyer, he won 7-3 and in the second set 7-6 to snap off another tournament. Congrats Jose!

Justin, who had taken a long hiatus from the billiard scene, started with wins over Robert Martinez 7-1, Mike Montoya 7-2, Bill Hellner 7-3,



Greg Romero 7-4 and then in the semifinals beating highly touted John Sandifer, who remains on the hunt to capture his first Stay In Stroke title.

Other players who deserve recognition are Greg Romero, Sam Montoya, Dusty Trujillo, and Bill Hellner. Thank you again for your participation in all my events and remember to do your practice drills, read the Cue Times, teach someone, support all tournaments in Colorado and abroad, and most importantly "Stay In Stroke".



Justin Rekemeyer

Thank you Hank for your support and added money as well as all your Staff. A special thanks also goes out to the Stay in Stroke team: Larry Sposato - Auctioneer, Joshua Ramey - Photography, Tina Payne, Holly Figueroa and Ro'Mello Romero - Marketing.

If you have not participated in one of my events, I welcome all newcomers. Email me at stayinstrokebilliards@gmail.com or contact me on through our Stay In Stroke Billiards Facebook Page.

# Here is how they finished:

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1st	Jose Cruz	\$300.00/\$450.00
2nd	Justin Rekemeyer	\$225.00/\$350.00
3rd	John Sandifer	\$175.00/\$250.00
4th	Greg Romero	\$150.00/\$200.00
5th	Dusty Trujillo	\$75.00/\$135.00
6th	Pepito Lopez	\$75.00/\$135.00
7th	Sam Montoya	\$50.00/\$100.00
8th	Bill Hellner	\$50.00/\$100.00

# **Metro Denver APA Updates**

# **Fall Session 2012 Top Gun**

100 of the best shooters in the Metro Denver APA came to the Mirage Sports Bar and Cafe Saturday March 16th, 2013 to face off for the coveted Top Gun Eagle Trophy and \$1500 in prize money. Many new faces in the quarterfinals as Amy Gladu lost a tough match to Trent Nelson, Paul Richardson loses a defensive battle to Shawn Day, Jim Stephenson goes down swinging to Shawn Moore and Chisholm Woodson can't overcome a hard charging Eric Andrychow. In the semi-finals it was Trent Nelson edging out Shawn Day and Eric Andrychow getting the better of Shawn Moore.

The finals were a shootout as Eric Andrychow goes up early 3-1 however, Trent goes on a streak where he just can't miss and wins 4 straight to best Eric by a score of 5-3 taking home the top prize of the Eagle and \$500, the 1st place cash prize. Other prizes were 2nd place of \$250.00. 3rd & 4th place of \$100.00, 5th & 8th place of \$60.00 and 9th thru 16th place paid a prize of \$40.00.

Thanks to all the players who participated in the Fall 2012 Top Gun and Congratulations to the top four winners!!!!!!



**Top Guns from the Fall 2012 Session** Left to Right: Eric Andrychow, Trent Nelson, Shawn Day and Shawn Moore



2013 Jack and Jill **Doubles Qualifiers Bob & Cathy Rhoades** Good Luck in Las Vegas!

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(only players from Chuck's area are eligible to participate)

April 13th, 2013 Captain/Co-Captain Scotch Doubles at Famous Door

April 20th, 2013 Brackets for Skill Levels 4's & 5's at Mirage

April 27th, 2013 Brackets for Skill Levels 2'3 & 3's at Famous Door

May 4th, 2013 Brackets for Skill Levels 6's & 7's at Mirage

May 18th, 2013 Jack n Jill at Famous Door

July 13th, 2013 Spring Session 2013 Mens Only TopGun at Mirage

July 27th, 2013 Spring Session 2013 Ladies Only TopGun at Mirage

(THERE WILL BE A SPRING SESSION 2013 ALLSTARS TOURNAMENT ON AUGUST  $3_{\text{RD}}$ , 2013 FOR THE TOP WINNING PLAYERS FROM BOTH TOPGUN EVENTS HOWEVER, THE ALLSTARS IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE SWEET "7" TOURNAMENTS OR THE PAYOUT AND THERE WILL BE AN ENTRY FEE OF

\*\*\*\*ALL 7 OF THE TOURNAMENTS ARE FOR APA PLAYERS PLAYING IN THE FRANCHISE AREA AND ACTIVE ON A TEAM FOR SPRING SESSION 2013.

\*\*\*\*FLIERS ON EACH EVENT WILL BE GOING OUT IN TEAM PACK-ETS PRIOR TO TOURNAMENTS WITH INFORMATION REGARDING THE EVENT.

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ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THESE TOURNAMENTS PLEASE CALL: CHUCK ROONEY 720-427-4629



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Sunday Night 9 Ball - 7:30pm BCA Rules, Double Ellm, \$10 Entry, Race to 4

Pays 3 Places and \*Top Lady \*Top ledy is only peld with 3 or more fe

# Do you play leagues?

If you answered no, you are missing out on a great opportunity to have some fun and enjoy a night out with friends!!

We have leagues Monday through Thursday and we are working on forming Sunday afternoon teams for next session. Stop in to The Wreck Room anytime and ask us about leagues. We can get you on a list and have you playing in the next session. Leagues are agreat way to great way to learn enjoy the game and meet some new people.

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# The Race for Reno is going strong!!!

The Wreck Room is sending someone to play in the 21st Annual Bar Table Championships held in Reno. NV. Players are awarded points for all weekend tournaments based on participation and where you finish. The top player next January, is going to Reno. There is still time!!

### **APA Singles Qualifier Boards** Sunday April 28th @ 1pm

- \$20 entry per person / Single Elimination Boards / must be active in APA

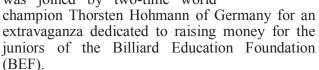
- 8 Ball and / or 9 Ball depending on entries - This is the first step on your road to Vegas in 2014

# **Open Scotch Doubles 8 Ball**

- Saturday May 4th @ 1pm - \$20 entry per team / \$\$\$ added per team based on number of teams
- BCA rules / Double Elimination / Race to 3 on both sides Sign up starts at 12pm / Call to pre-register

# A Successful Visit From Varner & Hohmann, Made Possible by Str8 Shots

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, despite the biggest snow storm of the year and highway closures, the Str8 Shots team and Felt Billiards staff gave a packed house of pool fans and players a warm place to spend their Saturday. Headed by Mark Cantrill, the Legends & Champions Pool Tour treated the mile high city to an unforgettable engagement. 8-time world champion and hall-of-famer Nick Varner was joined by two-time world



Varner kicked off the Colorado leg of the tour with a private clinic at Antique Billiard Museum in the Springs on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, followed up by an exhibition with Hohmann the following evening. The two headed to Denver on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> for another sold-out pool clinic with twelve students who left the class with some new tricks up their sleeves.

The main event kicked off Saturday, March 23rd with a juniors qualifier tournament for the uncoming Junior Nationals, along with a \$500-added open event held alongside for the grown-ups. Even with the extreme weather conditions, the youth event boasted 30 players for the four divisions! The open event had been filled with 32 players days ago but was able to accept some waitlist entries with the weather keeping some players away.

Matches were paused for Varner and Hohmann's exhibition. The rails were four-people deep of spectators vying for their chance to challenge the pros. Players made a \$10 donation to the Billiard Education Foundation (BEF) for their shot at the two world champions who spent the next two hours taking challenge after challenge to help raise money. Finally, they broke for pizza with the kids and with a little daylight left, Hohmann borrowed a pair of winter gloves and stepped outside with the Str8 Shots crew to build a snowman.

The evening concluded with a Local Favorites vs. the World Champions challenge match up. Mark Haddad played Varner a race to 3 in one-pocket and Marc Vidal played a race to 11 of 10-ball against Hohmann. Both pros won their respective matches but not without a fight. Haddad got one game against Varner and Vidal lost 11-10 on the hill.

Overall, it was a memorable day that Colorado pool fans will be talking about for years. The BEF raised over \$1,600 and the kids of the Denver Junior Billiards League raised nearly \$800 for their



Marc Cantrill, Nick Varner, Kim & Marc Griffiths (Str8 Shots) and Thorsten Hohmann

trips to Junior Nationals. This was the first of a series of many more juniors and adult events presented by Str8 shots. Visit their website for more information, including the complete event photo galleries: www.str8-shots.com.

Special thanks go to Str8 Shots, Felt Billiards, Kamui, Lucasi, Masters Chalk, and Legends & Champions Pool Tour. Without

Str8 Shots, the event would not have been possible. Special recognition also goes to Jim Calderon for running the open event, Summer Sunshine for her help with the youth event, Brandie Rejent, Travis & Tarasa Escoubas, Damon & Katie Barnhill, the junior players of the Denver Junior Billiards League, and all the other parents that stepped in to help.

## **Juniors Event**

30 young hopefuls arrived on the snowy day to vie for their chance to attend the 2013 BEF Junior National 9-Ball Championships held July 25-28 at the Convention Center of the Rio in Las Vegas. Of the four divisions, the 14 & under boys saw the largest field of 14 players, followed up with six in the 14 & under girls and 18 & under boys, and four in the 18 & under girls.

With the overwhelming attendance, Str8 Shots was able to qualify six juniors for nationals, three from the largest 14 & under division and one from all the others. The top three finishers in the 14 & under divisions each received a trophy and the top two finishers of the 18 & under divisions received a \$200 academic scholarship for first place and a \$150 academic scholarship for runner up.

# 18 & Under Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Taren Stewart, age 15 (Qualifier for Jr. Nationals + \$200 Scholarship)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Geoffrey Quezada, age 17 (\$150 Scholarship)

# 18 & Under Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Adrienne Stoops, age 16 (Qualifier for Jr. Nationals & \$200 Scholarship)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Kristiana Lievanos, age 17 (\$150 Scholarship)

### 14 & Under Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Joshua Bustos, age 14 (Qualifier + Trophy) 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Tyler (Qualifier + Trophy)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Nicholas Macomber, age 11 (Qualifier + Trophy)

### 14 & Under Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Aryanna Davis, age 11 (Qualifier +

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Molly Linnen, age 11 (Trophy)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Brenna Shaw, age 10 (Trophy)

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**BEWARE!** Next time you run across one of these players at a tournament. They have the benefit of knowledge passed on by a couple of the best players in the world.

Clinic participants from left to right: Bill Davis, Brad Peterson, Carol James, David Sheesley, Aimee Peterson, Doug James, Nick Varner, Terry Duncan, Thorsten Hohman, Jim Calderon, and Chris Honeman



18 and under boys - Top Finishers Taren Stewart and Geoffrey Quezada



18 and under girls - Top Finishers Adrienne Stoops and Kristiana Lievanos



14 and under girls - Top Finishers Aryanna Davis, Brenna Shaw and Molly Linnen



14 and under boys - Top Finishers Josh Bustos, Nick Macromber and Tyler



Viper Viper

Email your questions to: info@cuetimes.com

# **An Interview with Top Ranked Player Stevie Moore Aka The Blade**

I had an opportunity to share some time with Stevie as he stopped in Colorado for a night prior to him competing in Wyoming Open in late March 2013.

I am honored to introduce you to Mr. Stevie Moore...

### The Interview:

**Viper: Where were you born? Stevie:** *Spartanburg S.C.* 

Viper: Where and when did you first start play-

ing pool?
Stevie: Arcadia, S.C. There was a gameroom beside
my home called Mary's Quick Stop. I was 9 years

Viper: What are your biggest accomplishments in the sport of billiards so far in your young career? Stevie:

- I won my first tournament at 10 years old at Mary's.
- Over 100 Southeast Regional Titles
- 1995 World 9 Ball Bar Table Champion
- 7 Time Seminole 10 Ball Pro Tour Champion
- 2007 Derby City World Bank Pool Champion
- 2008 Steve Mizerak Champion Televised on FSN
- 2009 US 8 Ball Bar Table Champion
- 2009 & 2010 NYC Champion
- 2010 Turning Stone XVI Runner up
- 2011 New England Hall of Fame Champion
- 2012 US 10 Ball Table Runner up
- 2012 Derby City World 9 Ball Runner up
- 2012 Derby City Fat Boy Challenge Runner up
- 2012 Super Billiards Expo Players Championships Runner up

Viper: Did you currently have any sponsors?

**Stevie:** <u>www.justcueit.com</u> CTE/Pro One Aiming system, Mezz Custom Cues, Mr. Cues II Billiards Atlanta GA, Bermuda High Soaring Jefferson SC, Hamricks Clothing Gaffney SC, Layer3 Communications Atlanta GA, Steviemoore.com

Viper: Did you ever play in a pool league?

Stevie: NO

Viper: Are you good at any other sports?

**Stevie:** I've always excelled at whatever I put my mind to. Golf, Basketball, Baseball, Fishing. Although I put them all aside once I learned CTE/Pro One to focus all of my attention on my pool game.

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Viper: Describe yourself in three words? Stevie: Quiet, Loyal, and Driven

Viper: If you had to live your young life over again, what would one thing you change about yourself and/or your new pool career?

**Stevie:** I would've become a movie star! It pays a little better. Lol

Viper: Who were/are your favorite professionals?

**Stevie:** Yu Ram Cha, I like her demeanor at the table. She is very determined when she plays. And beautiful too!

Viper: How do you prepare for events?

**Stevie:** I practice my break and the straightness of my stroke.

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

**Stevie:** CTE/Pro One - This information takes all of the pressures off of aiming so I can focus on my stroke.

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

**Stevie:** *It allows me to express myself.* 

Viper: If you could say one thing to a young up-coming player what would it

be?

Stevie: Learn CTE/Pro One Aiming and get stroke instruction.

Viper: What's your Favorite game?

Stevie: 8 Ball

**Questions from Melissa's Facebook page:** 

Jonny Tsunami from Toledo, OH: With professional pool struggling, what should be done to give the sport a boost? There is just not much money in

pro pool.

**Stevie:** Someone needs to win the lotto. ©

Robert Rigg from Sioux Falls, SD: What is his biggest moment as a player? Stevie: Beating Efren Reyes in semi's and finals of 2007 Derby City Banks. I have a 3-1 winning record against the Magician. Twice in banks and once in 9

ball. He beat me a round of banks that year too. Played him three times in that

tourney. Crazy.

Christina Petersen Piona from Suisun City, CA: His favorite road story?

**Stevie:** One time in Nashville my road partner took his welding beanie off and started pouring baby powder on his head while running around the table and screaming 'I'm in stroke junior'. 'Junior I'm in stroke'. It was one of the funniest things I had ever seen. I have so many stories about my trips with him. I wish I could share them all.

Jason Christopher Hunt from Newark, NJ: Ask him why he's always copying my hairstyle... he knows what I'm talking about...lol

**Stevie:** Cause you so stylish Jason. You know this man! ©

Manny Talavera from New Castle, IN: How is Earl Strickland as a coach? Has he helped your game? Did you go to a 70-inch cue like Earl?

**Stevie:** Earl is one of the most talented and knowledgeable players to have ever played the game. No doubt he has helped my game on numerous occasions. My cue is 64". I changed the length of my cue after hitting balls with Earl's cue.

Kenny Spicer from Saint Joseph, MO: Ask him what systems he uses most. I already know what his number one is, but would like to know which others he thinks helps his game the most.

**Stevie:** I had no system before CTE/Pro One. I need no other system. CTE/Pro One connects you with the geometry of the table. This is the only way to play pool in my opinion. There is no guessing or feel involved.

Ken Margetts from Montrose, CO asks: Wish I could be there to talk with him in person, but lately he's been a huge supporter of CTE/Pro One and I would just love to hear more about what he's has to say about it?

**Stevie:** I learned Pro One May of 2010 and it has been the best information I have ever learned to help my game. It allows me to have objectivity. It gives language to what my eyes have seen for 25 years but could never repeat on a consistent basis. It has given me a pre-shot routine that is the same every time. It connects me with the geometry of the table. It allows me to focus on cue ball and stroke when I shoot instead of the object ball.

Randy Sergeant from Janesville, WI asks: My question would be for an A to AA player... When a player is stuck at this level and never seems to get better, no matter how much you practice, how do you get to the next level. Also in 8 ball, been losing games on the break, have good break but balls don't fall. How do you improve the break. Melissa, you could probably answer this question. I wish someone would.

**Stevie:** Get a different perspective. Instruction is what helped me. Make sure the outside rows of balls are frozen from the head ball down to the corner balls.

A special "Thank-you" to Stevie Moore for taking time out of his travelling schedule to participate in my Ask the Viper.

Viper ©

Melissa "The Viper" Little has been a WPBA Touring Professional for over 10-years, she has represented the USA in six WPA World Championships, is the current USA Bar Table Champion for 8-Ball and 9-Ball and has over 20 top-10 WPBA career finishes. Melissa is sponsored by Jacoby Custom Cues, www.str8-shots.com and the Cue Times Billiard News. She teaches monthly clinics, gives private lessons, and has created a juniors program that promotes billiards education to the local youth.





# Chet Itow Memorial by OMG

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Sometimes, that's just how it goes

I am thankful for all the support I had from people regarding my unexpected finish in this tournament. Those who know me and understand what I do in order to compete were happy to see my investment pay a dividend here. I did, however, have to field some interesting questions/ statements/incidents from the usual wellmeaning and sometimes clueless peeps. This is what I signed up for when I decided pool was the life for me.

End of Day 1 conversation -

You won two matches? Easy draw, eh?

Yes.

Whoa! How lucky are YOU today?

so I'm this lucky almost every day.

Wow, you get a new cue? Is that why you're playing better?

No. I got a new arm.

No one expected YOU to get this far.

Thanks for the support.

Seriously, what are you doing different for your game these days?

Drinking too much the night before a tournament really brings out the best in my game.

End of Day 2 conversation -

You shouldn't be mad about losing to Stevie Moore.

Losing always sucks, regardless of whom I lose

You'd better get used to losing.

No. I won't. Because if one gets used to losing, one becomes a loser, no?

"Oh, sweetheart... come here!" [dude I DO NOT KNOW tries for a hug]

Screw this sh#t! [flees to women's restroom to hide for next 20 minutes from well-meaning pity vultures]

How does someone like you get this far in the tournament?!

Sometimes, that's just how it goes.

Lucky enough to be healthy enough to play pool 
In addition, I had a guy follow me around the first day who kept telling me not to be afraid. Now, he might have been drunk, but I swear he made it his mission to try and get me to admit that I was afraid. Afraid of what? I asked him this and he said, oh, you know -- you're playing with all these professionals and you're not a professional. You may not think you belong, but just do your best, blah blah blah.

> All right, foolios. Not all girls who play pool need your sh#tty peptalks that do nothing but

reinforce that we are not good enough to be where we are. Let me lay it out for everyone who wanted to know why I played better than usual in this tournament: it was because I got a ride to the tournament.

If I had traveled in my usual manner to this tournament, I would have taken a two-hour city bus ride from my home to the Greyhound station. Assuming I did not get robbed or beaten on my way to the Greyhound station, I would have stayed awake the entire seven-hour trip up to San Jose, because a Greyhound bus might be just as dangerous as Skid Row, depending on who is riding. After arriving at 6:30 a.m., I would have taken a city bus to Mountain View. Once in Mountain View, I would have checked into the hotel, washed up, napped if I had time, and then gone directly to the pool room.

Not having to do all that allowed me to be in good condition for this tournament.

Regarding whether or not I was "afraid" or felt I did not "belong" in this tournament: there are many more things in life to be afraid of than losing a pool tournament. I belonged in this tournament, just like the other 108 players belonged in this tournament, because I paid the entry fee. Every paid player had a right to be there -- regardless of skill level -- and every paid player had a right to win, regardless of who actually won.

> Visit OMG's blog at: www.massiveunderstatement.com

# Calendar of Events for the 2013 ACS, VNEA and BCAPL Nationals

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

# **2013 ACS Nationals - May 11 - 17, 2013**

Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV (On-Time Entries to be postmarked by March 25, 2013 - Late Entries to be postmarked by April 8, 2013) 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 5</u>	<u>May 6</u>	<u>May 7</u>	May 8	<u>May 9</u>	May 10  ◆ 9-Ball Singles & 8-Ball Scotch Doubles check-in begins at 6:00 pm	May 11  ◆ 9-Ball Singles begins at 9:00 am  ◆ 8-Ball Scotch Doubles begins at 6:00 pm
May 12  ◆ 9-Ball Singles concludes  ◆ 8-Ball Scotch Doubles concludes  ◆ All 8-Ball Singles checkin begins at Noon	May 13  ◆ All 8-Ball Singles play starts at 9:00 am  ◆ All 8 and 9-Ball teams check-in begins at Noon	concludes		May 16  ◆ All team events play continues	May 17  ◆ 9-Ball Teams, Open 8-Ball Teams, Standard 8-Ball Teams and Sportsmen Teams conclude with times TBD	May 18

# 2013 VNEA International Championships - May 23 - June 1, 2013 Bally's in Las Vegas, NV (Entries and fees are due to your VNEA League Operator by Tuesday, April 16th)

For more information, go online at www.vnea.com or check with your VNEA League Operator

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>May 19</u>	<u>May 20</u>		*NOTE: Singles do NOT need to check in if your name is already on the brackets.		◆ Special 9-Ball Singles check-in from 8:00 am to 8:30 am	May 25  ◆ 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
May 26  • 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)		<ul> <li>Team check-in from 7:30 to 8:30 am</li> <li>Team competition begins at 9:00 am (except Master Teams)</li> <li>Team Uniform Photos @ VNEA Booth from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm</li> <li>Prize Money available</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>◆ Certified Referee School at 8:00 am</li> <li>◆ Team competition continues at 9:00 am</li> <li>◆ Team Uniform Photos @ VNEA Booth from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm</li> <li>◆ Master Team competition begins at 9 am</li> <li>◆ Prize Money available from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>◆ Team competition continues at 9:00 am</li> <li>◆ Executive Committee Meeting at 9:00 am</li> <li>◆ Speed Pool Minis from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm</li> <li>◆ Prize Money available from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm</li> <li>◆ President's Reception/Meritorious Service Awards</li> </ul>	◆ 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	June 1  ◆ 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

# 2013 BCAPL National Championships - July 17 - 27, 2013

Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV (On-Time Entries to be postmarked by June 3, 2013 - Late Entries to be postmarked by June 17, 2013) For more information, including entry fees, go online at www.playbca.com or check with your BCA League Operator

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 14	<u>July 15</u>	July 16	July 17  ◆ 9-Ball Challenge begins at 1:00 pm  ◆ 9-Ball Singles begins at 9:00 am	July 18  ◆ Open Scotch Doubles play begins at 7:00 pm  ◆ 9-Ball Challenge and 9-Ball Singles conclude	<ul> <li>Master &amp; Advanced Scotch Doubles play begins at</li> </ul>	July 20  ◆ Grand Master Singles begins at noon  ◆ Singles play begins at 9:00 am
July 21 ◆ Singles, Grand Masters Singles and Scotch Doubles play continues	◆ Second Chance Singles play begins at 8:00 pm ◆ Singles and Scotch	◆ Singles, Second Chance Singles and Scotch Doubles concludes ◆ Grand Master Singles	♦ Open & Women's Teams	<ul><li>◆ Open Teams play continues</li><li>◆ Master Teams and Trophy</li></ul>		July 27  ◆ Open Teams, Master Teams, Trophy Teams and Second Chance Teams play concludes

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

# **Denver Straight Pool Association League Results**

pool. This is like handball...or cribbage or something. Straight pool you got to be a real surgeon...to get it-- You know, it's all finesse. Now everything is nine ball because it's fast...good for TV...good for a lot of break shots. Oh, well. What the hell. Checkers sells more than chess.

Straight Pool is alive and well in Denver. We play at Felt in Englewood. We will be finishing up the last session and starting the next session on Monday April 1st at 7pm. All you need to do to play is show up on Monday Night. The first week is a team meeting and a practice night.

Eddie Felson: Straight pool is Competition play starts the following week. The weekly fee is \$15, 7 of which goes to the house and everything else goes to the prize pool. 100% of the prize pool is returned to the players.

> David Sheesley with Contact questions at 720-277-6563 or dks@DenverStraightPool.com.



Pictured above, left to right, are Kenny Rosenbaum, Marc Vidal, Brian Ruden, Peter Harth, Robbie Pollack and Dave Kato; some of the players from the Fall 2012 Session

# TSA to Allow Pool Cues as **Carry Ons Once Again**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Airline passengers will be able to carry small knives, souvenir baseball bats, golf clubs, pool cues and other sports equipment onto planes beginning next month under a policy change announced Tuesday by the head of the Transportation Security Administration.

The new policy conforms U.S. security standards to international standards, and allows TSA to concentrate its energies on more serious safety threats, the agency said in a statement.

The policy change was based on a recommendation from an internal TSA working group, which decided the items represented no real danger, said David Castelveter, a spokesman for the agency.

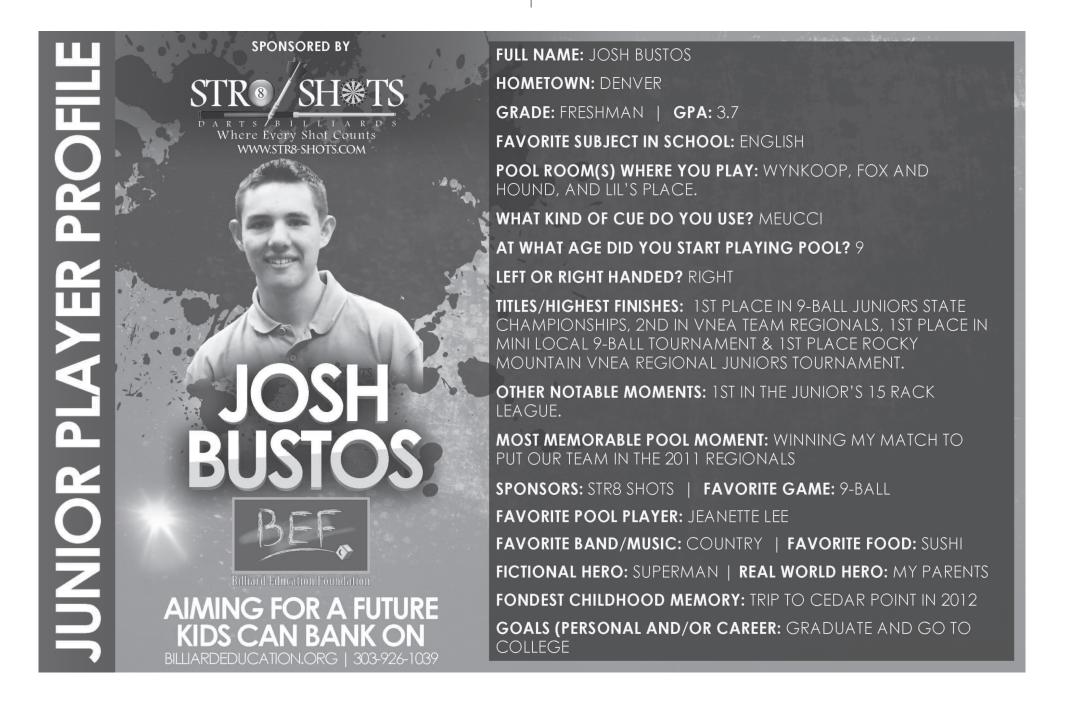
The presence on flights of guncarrying pilots traveling as passengers, federal air marshals and airline crew members trained in selfdefense provide additional layers of security to protect against misuse of the items, he said. However, not all flights have federal air marshals or armed pilots onboard.

The new policy permits folding knives with blades that are 2.36 inches or less in length and are less than 1/2-inch wide. The policy is aimed at allowing passengers to carry pen knives, corkscrews with small blades and other knives.

Passengers also will be allowed to bring onboard as part of their carry -on luggage novelty-sized baseball bats less than 24 inches long, toy plastic bats, pool cues, ski poles, hockey sticks, lacrosse sticks and two golf clubs, the agency said. The policy goes into effect on April 25.

Security standards adopted by the International Civil Aviation Organization, a U.N. agency, already call for passengers to be able to carry those items. Those standards are non-binding, but many countries follow them.

Box cutters, razor blades and knives that don't fold or that have molded grip handles will still be prohibited, the TSA said.



# Varner and Hohmann Joins with Str8-Shots for Open Event

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### **Open Event**

Thanks to the junior pool players with an assist from Str8Shots, Felt Billiards was the host for the first of three money added Open 8 Ball Tour-



Thorsten Hohman and Nick Varner offers tips on kicking techniques

naments on Saturday March 23rd. The typical Colorado March weather (read heavy wet snowstorm) outside kept some players from getting to the tourney. But inside Felt Billiards Bar, the house was nice and warm and cozy, full of poolplayers of all ages, for a glorious afternoon of billiards festivities. The tourney was on the Valley barboxes, races to 5 and 4, alternate breaks, and BCA rules. The entry fee was \$30 plus \$10 green fees, and with the \$500 guaranteed added money the total payout was \$1,460.00!

The full field of 32 players, was a mix of some of Colorado's strongest players and a few newcomers. Joining WPBA pro Melissa Little were five other lady poolplayers in the truly open field. The first round had some interesting matchups as the always tough Greg Romero drew the new young gun in town, Danny Smith. Greg jumped out to a commanding lead only to see Danny come back and win the match. In a rare tournament appearance Gary Golder upset a very hot Jose Cruz in another tough first round match. A second round winners match between Brian Casey and Terry Duncan, would later prove to be the deciding factor in the race for the Top Lady prize. Terry was on the hill and could



Carol James look on as Nick Varner lines up a shot during the clinic

not close out the match that would have given her the Top Lady prize money. Brandie Regent, Aimee Peterson, Carol James, and Terry ended up splitting the money four ways!

The winner's side final four matches

turned out to be minor upsets. Marc Vidal defeated Danny Smith and Robert Rodriguez sent Mark Haddad to the loser's bracket! Jose Cruz came back from his first round defeat, won four matches in a row, before finishing 7th-8th in the money along with Doug James. Greg Romero won five matches in a row since his first round defeat, before falling to Mark Haddad, while Melissa Little lost to Danny Smith, landing them both in the 5th-6th place spots.

In a great match two local pro caliber players battled to not finish fourth! Mark gave notice that tournaments are tough in Colorado, as he sent new Denver resident Danny Smith home in fourth place. After losing a tough winners bracket finals, Robert Rodriguez was not ready to pack it in, even against the always dangerous Mark Haddad. One miscue and one bad break helped send Mark Haddad to a fine third place finish.

The true double elimination finals was set to begin about 1:45am, and after talking it over Marc Vidal and Robert decided to play one race to five for the first place money. Both players were playing hard and in



Colorado player Jim Calderon watches on as Nick Varner imparts advice

dead stroke. After trading runout after runout the score was tied at four! Robert turned to the crowd and praying to the pool gods, asked for one dead break, please just one dead break! The crowd gasped as the break did indeed come up dead, all sixteen balls coming to a stop. Robert

proceeded to stalk around the table and run out in seconds to claim the game and the tourney! Marc played strong in this tournament from beginning to end, but had to settle for the second place prize money. Robert Rodriguez is no stranger to the Denver area players or railbirds. He has been a top Colorado player for over twenty years. Congratulations Robert for a strong victory over a strong field and well deserved \$485.00 for your first place finish!



Thorsten Hohmann offers some banking tips to clinic participant Terry Duncan

# Complete Payouts

1st Place Robert Rodriguez \$485.00 2nd Place Marc Vidal \$325.00 3rd Place Mark Haddad \$200.00 4th Place Danny Smith \$130.00 5th Place Melissa Little \$80.00 5th Place Greg Romero \$80.00 7th Place Jose Cruz \$40.00

4 way tie for Top Lady split \$80.00 Aimee Peterson Terry Duncan Carol James Brandie Rejent

7th Place Doug James \$40.00



Nick Varner assists Taren Stewart with smoothing out his stroke



# Tournament Trail

### SUNDAY

Felt Love's Shack Match Ups, Ft. Collins \*NEW Stardust/Aurora Wreck Room

10-Ball, 9' tables, 2pm start, \$100 added 3-Ball, 7pm, \$5 entry + \$5 green fees 9-Ball, 9, tables, \$\$ added, 3pm start 8-Ball, bar table, 2:00 pm, BCA rules 9-Ball, bar table, \$5 entry

### **MONDAY**

\*NEW Stardust/Aurora 8-Ball, bar table, 7:30 pm, BCA rules

# TUESDAY

Felt Greenfields 9-Ball, 9' tables, \$\$ added, 7:30 pm

8-Ball, bar tables, 8 pm

### <u>WEDNESDAY</u>

\*NEW Stardust/Aurora Wynkoop Brewing Co

8-Ball, bar table, 7:30 pm, BCA rules 10-Ball Tournament, \$\$ added

# **THURS**DAY

BC's Sports Pub

8-Ball, 1 pm start, \$5 entry

# **FRIDAY**

Antique Billiards BC's Sports Pub

Felt

9-Ball, Colo Spgs, 719-597-9809

8-Ball, bar table

8-Ball, bar table, \$\$ added, 7:30 pm 8-Ball, 7pm start

Hank's Billiards Love's Shack

Match Ups, Ft. Collins Wreck Room

8-Ball, bar table, 2 pm start 8-Ball, bar table, \$100 added, 7:30 pm 8-Ball, bar table, \$\$ added, \$10 entry

# <u>SATURDAY</u>

BC's Sports Pub Felt Greenfields

9-Ball, bar table, 8pm start

9-Ball, bar table, \$\$ added, 4:30 pm 9-Ball, bar table, 9pm start, \$5 entry 9-Ball, \$\$ added, 2pm start 8-Ball, open to all, \$\$ added, 7:30pm

Hank's Billiards Love's Shack Match Ups, Ft. Collins

8-Ball, A's/down, bar table, \$\$ added, 7:30pm

\*NEW Stardust/Aurora Wreck Room

8-Ball, bar table, 10:30 am, BCA rules 8-Ball, bar table, \$\$ added, \$10 entry

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

# April 6th

**BC's Sports Pub** Greenfields

Open 8-Ball, handicapped, 2 pm BCA 9-Ball, handicapped, Noon, Win Rockies Tix

April 7th

Felt

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

April 13th BC's Sports Pub Greenfields

Open 9-Ball, bar table, 2pm

8-Ball Thunder

April 20th

BC's Sports Pub Greenfields

Open Scotch Doubles, handicapped, 2 pm

**APA Splash Boards** 

April 27th

**BC's Sports Pub** Greenfields

Open 9-Ball, bar table, 2pm

BCA 9-Ball, handicapped, Noon, Win Rockies Tix

<u>April 28th</u>

Felt Wreck Room

May 18th

8-Ball, 9' tables, 2pm, \$\$ added **APA Singles Qualifiers, 1pm** 

# Upcoming Events

May 4th May 4th May 11th Dr. Cue Tourney, Pueblo Wreck Room

Love's Shack

Love's Shack

8-Ball, All Weekend **Open Scotch Doubles** 

Women's State Championship 8-Ball Thunder

See ads for more information

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# **APRIL 2013** GREENFIELDS TOURNAMENTS:

April 6th - BCA 9-Ball, Noon start, handicapped, WIN Rockies tix!

April 13th-8 Ball Thunder @ Greenfields -Sign up by 11:45am- Starts at Noon

April 20th - APA Splash Boards

# April 27th -

BCA 9-Ball, Noon start, handicapped, WIN Rockies tix!

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April 5th & 6th -Dawn of the Suns

April 12th & 13th-Decades of Bock

April 19th-Long Gone Bad April 20th-Katfish

April 26th & 27th -THE SWITCH

Don't Miss..... Saturday 9 ball Tournaments! Tournaments will start at 9PM, \$5 Entry Fee, BCA Rules, Random \$\$\$ will be added to the Pot!!!

# Places to Play

# \*\*\* Denver Metro Area \*\*\*

ARVADA 12 VOLT TAVERN - 7514 Grandview Ave, 303-432-7463 BALLOON INN - 6440 Wadsworth Blvd, 720-533-4822

BRICK HOUSE - 9262 W 58th, 303-421-2986

JAKE'S ROADHOUSE – 5980 Lamar St, 303-424-7266

OLD TOWN TAVERN & GRILL - 7355 Ralston Rd, 303-467-1472

RALSTON LOUNGE - 6420 Ward Rd, 303-423-2828

RED JACKS SALOON - 5707 Olde Wadsworth Blvd, 303-593-1661, Tournaments, leagues

RED LION TAVERN - 9502 W. 58th Ave., (303) 423-2046, APA leagues, FREE pool on Wednesdays

SPORTS BARN, THE - 10480 Ralston Rd, 720-898-8788 STARDUST LOUNGE - 5205 Marshall, 303-424-9987, In-House & Traveling Pool Leagues

WOODY'S PIZZA & POOL - 7995 Sheridan, 303-650-5500

**AURORA** 

AMERICA'S BAR & GRILLE - 2340 S Chambers Rd, 303-337-3721 BD WOLFS SPORTS BAR - 15162 E Hampden Ave, 303-699-2222 BQ'S - 16961 E Quincy, 303-693-1915

**CHALLENGERS**-12161E Iliff Ave, 303-750-5558 DOC'S PUB - 10890 E. Dartmouth, 303-671-5324

**DYLAN'S BAR & GRILL**-2627 S Parker Rd., 303-755-2874

FAMOUS DOOR - 15220 E Hampden Ave, 720-870-3236, 16 Pool Tables, Leagues, Tourneys, Darts

FAT BOYS BAR & GRILL - 10660 E Alameda Ave, 303-344-1905

FRIENDS BAR & LOUNGE - 1470 Jamaica St, 303-366-2566

FRONTIER CLUB - 18881 E. Colfax, 303-367-8637

KASBAH NIGHT CLUB - 15373 E.6th Ave, 303-367-0591 LEGENDS OF AURORA - 13690 E Iliff Ave, 303-671-0560

MAJESTIC - 3140 S Parker Rd, 303-695-4478

MAYA SPORTS BAR & GRILL - 455 Havana St, 303-360-7271

MCCARTHY'S - 15350 Smoky Hill, 303-693-4500

MONTVIEW BAR & GRILLE - 11680 Montview Blvd, 303-366-3132

**PITCHERS** - 1670 S Chambers Rd, 303-751-7115 PLAINSMAN, THE - 652 Peoria St, 303-366-6478 Q BILLIARDS - 2712 S Havana St, 303-745-7322

RACK'EM CUE CLUB - 1919 S Havana St, 303-755-7675, In-House & Traveling Pool Leagues,

SAM'S BAR - 6801 Leetsdale, 303-322-6401 SAND CREEK LOUNGE - 16893 E Iliff Ave, 303-337-4984

SCOOTERS - 13698 E Alameda Ave, 303-366-0019 **SHEABEEN PUB** – 2300 S Chambers Rd, 303-696-6131

**SPORTS STATION** - 850 Dayton, 303-343-2950

STARDUST CLUB & RESTAURANT, 1770 S. Buckley Rd, 303-632-8761, Pool Leagues

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

**BROOMFIELD** 

BUENOS TIEMPOS – 1000 Depot Hill Rd, 303-466-6386, Pool Leagues, Great Mexican Food

NIGHT OWL LOUNGE – 2000 Midway, 303-460-8928
ZOOSTERS - 300 Nickel St, 303-465-9298, www.zoopool.com, In-House & Traveling Pool Leagues

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

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MICKY MANOR - 2544 Federal Blvd, 303-458-0043

PARAMOUNT CAFE - 16th & Glenarm, 303-893-2000

PARK TAVERN & RESTAURANT - 921 E 11th Ave. 303-832-7667 PUB ON PEARL - 1101 S Pearl, 303-777-6768

**READY ROOM, THE** - 1141 Syracuse, 303-377-2642 **ROCK BOTTOM BREWERY** - 1001 16th, 303-534-7616

ROMES SALOON - 785 W Mississippi, 303-744-6643 SKYLARK LOUNGE - 140 S Broadway, 303-722-7844

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

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BEER DEPOT – 4231 W 38th Ave, 303-477-0903

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LOVE'S SHACK - 7290 N Pecos, 303-426-6420, Pool Leagues, Texas Hold'em, Weekly Pool

Tournaments

**MUSIC BAR** - 4586 Tennyson, 303-458-5360

WELCOME INN - 3759 Chestnut Pl, 303-296-7229, Pool Leagues

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**DIRTY DUCK BAR-**4780 E Evans, 303-758-3667

**DR. PROCTORS** - 4201 E Mississippi Ave, 303-756-1665

DUKE'S BACK STREET SPORTS TAVERN-1150 S Galena, 720-213-0393

**EXTRA INNINGS** - 3333 S Tamarac Dr, 303-337-4075

FOUR MILE HOUSE - 4590 Leetsdale Dr, 303-797-1120

JASON'S BILLIARDS II - 2200 S Monaco, 720-377-1560, No Alcohol, Weekly Pool Tournaments

JL'S CHEERS - 3415 S Monaco Pkwv. 303-692-9183

MCDONOUGH'S IRISH PUB-10395 E Iliff Ave, 303-369-9819

MY BAR-10139 E Colfax, 303-367-0426

NAUGHTY PRINCE - 7950 E Mississippi Ave, 303-368-4959

PIPER INN - 2251 S Parker Rd, 303-755-0771

SAM'S BAR & LOUNGE - 6801 Leetsdale Dr, 303-322-6401 W.T.SHORTY'S SPORTS GRILL-990 S Oneida St, 303-388-2883

DENVER SW

ATHMAR LOUNGE – 1795 W Mississippi Ave, 303-935-5238

FAT FENDERS B&G - 2490 W Hampden Ave, 303-781-9408

**IKE'S BAR & GRILL** - 1050 W Evans Ave, 303-934-9000

LONGSHOT LOUNGE - 3665 S Federal Blvd, 789-9653

O STREET TAVERN - 3425 S Oleander Ct, 303-758-0332 **ROCKET LOUNGE** - 2950 W Evans Ave, 303-934-9729

WHITEHORSE LOUNGE - 5130 W Alameda, 303-935-2656

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ROADHOUSE - 2035 S Sheridan, 303-980-5614, SHARK'S SALOON & GRILL - 11475 W Colfax, 303-239-8859

T BONE'S - 8807 W Colfax, 303-238-6627

TAVERN ON 26TH AVE - 10040 W 26th Ave, 303-238-2549, Pool Leagues, Weekly Pool Tournaments

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ALIBI'S GRILL - 7983 S Broadway, 303-730-0123
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FOX AND HOUND - 5170 E Arapahoe Rd, 720-493-0111

FOX AND HOUND - 8996 W Bowles, 720-922-0400
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MIRAGE SPORTS BAR - 8340 W Coal Mine, 303-979-9220, Pool Leagues, Darts, Texas Hold'em
POCKETS BAR & GRILL, 5935 S. Zang St, 720-981-7665, Pool leagues and tournaments
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MR. K's - 8830 N Washington St, 303-288-7118
PRIME TIME - 10280 Washington St, 303-457-1902
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**TWO DOORS DOWN -** 8880 N Washington St, 303-287-9167 VILLAGE PUB - 9150 Huron St, 303-427-7745, Pool Tournaments

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**FUNUGYS** - 17785 E Cottonwood Dr, 303-699-5999 TAILGATE TAVERN - 19552 E Main Street, 303-841-7179

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**92ND AVENUE TAVERN** - 7701 W 92nd Ave, 303-422-6353 **BLITZ SPORTS BAR** - 8468 Federal Blvd, 303-426-0260, Pool Leagues

CHARLIE'S WEB - 8364 Sheridan Blvd, 303-412-8120 DAVIE'S LOCKER - 8855 Lowell Blvd, 303-429-0096

HOFFBRAU BAR & GRILL - 7699 W 88th Ave, 303-422-7755

HICC UPS - 7980 Sheridan Blvd, 303-429-9523 OUTPOST - 6921 Lowell Blvd. 303-429-5737

PARK CENTRE LOUNGE & GRILL - 12011 N Pecos, 303-450-9913

**REAR INN LOUNGE** - 4991 W 80th Ave, 303-426-4500

SWEETWATER - 9975 Wadsworth Pkwy, 303-420-1004

TOMMY'S - 6801 Lowell Blvd, 303-426-4167

WHEAT RIDGE 44TH AVENUE GRILL - 7605 W 44th Ave, 303-421-4544, Pool Leagues, Full Kitchen

LONGSHOTS BAR & GRILL – 4400 Ward Rd, 303-403-0227, Pool Leagues, Texas Hold'em,

CLUB CORNER - 6551 W 44th Ave, 303-424-5424 HANK'S BILLIARDS - 5250 W 38TH Ave, 303-424-1822

HOPPERS - 1-70 Frontage Rd N of Kipling, 303-456-0257 **JAMMIN JOE'S** - 4700 Kipling St, 303-428-4597

**ROCKETTE** - 10006 W 44th Ave, 303-422-9163 STAN'S CARAVAN - 11221 W 44th Ave, 303-467-3557

# Places to Play \*\*\* Wyoming-Places to Play \*\*\*

# \*\*\* Around Colorado \*\*\*

### <u>ALAMOSA</u>

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

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

### **BOULDER**

**28th STREET TAVERN** - 2690 28th St, 303-444-1562

CU MEMORIAL CENTER - 1669 Euclid Avenue, 1st floor, Boulder, CO 80309, 303-492-6338

**PEARL STREET PUB** - 1108 Pearl St, 303-939-9900 OUTBACK SALOON, THE - 3141 28th St, 303-444-0081 'ROUND MIDNIGHT - 1005 Pearl St, 303-442-2176 SUNDOWN SALOON - 1136 Pearl St, 303-449-4987

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

### **BRIGHTON**

BILLIARDS C & E - 122 N Main St J DAWG'S DD SALOON - 245 S Main St, 303-659-9948

JERRY'S BAR - 130 N Main St, 303-659-3788 JORDINELLI'S CAFE - 25 N Main St, 303-659-1055

## COLORADO SPRINGS

ADAM'S APPLE - 3302 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, 719-528-6525 ANTIQUE BILLIARDS MUSEUM - 3628 Citadel Dr, 719-597-9809

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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 GEE CUES SPORTS BAR - 3906 San Miguel, 719-638-6855
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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
PASCALS - 1785 B St 719-576-2238

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

### <u>EVERGREEN</u>

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

# FORT COLLINS

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

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

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

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

## **GRAND JUNCTION**

BANK 8 BILLIARDS—2460 F Road Ste #3, 970-255-8808 BRASS RAIL – 476 28 Road, 970-241-8686

# **GREELEY**

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

# <u>LONGMONT</u>

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

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

# **LOVELAND**

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

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

### **PUEBLO**

CLASSIC Q'S - 1715 South Prairie Avenue, 719-924-8250

SIDE POCKET LOUNGE - 4111 Club Manor Dr. 719-546-3636

TUMBLEWEED TAVERN - 214 S. Mc Cullough Blvd, Pueblo West, 719-547-9995

# STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

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

# **VAIL**

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

## **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

NORTHGATE LIQUORS - 711 N 4th, 307-358-6806 PLAINS TRADING POST - 628 E Richards, 307-358-4489

### **GILLETTE**

FIRESIDE LOUNGE - 114 N US Hwy 14-16, 307-682-7545 JAKES TAVERN - 5201 S Douglas Hwy, 307-686-3781 MINGLES - 2209 S Douglas Hwy, 307-686-1222

# **GLENROCK**

FOUR ACES BAR - 316 W Birch St, 307-436-9010

## **MOORCROFT**

**DEWEY'S PLACE** - 307-756-3713

### **RIVERTON**

**BOOT, THE** - 702 E Main, 307-856-7595 **CEDAR BAR** - 413 E Fremont Ave, 307-856-6721

**RALFF'S** - 121 N Broadway, 307-856-2837 **RIVERCITY BAR** - 910 S Federal Blvd, 307-856-4652

# RAPID CITY, SD

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

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ACE GAMES INC - 12200 W 52nd Ave, 303-432-9876 ALL BILLIARDS SERVICE - 2417 N Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs, 719-597-7974 ALPINE BILLIARDS SALES & SERVICE - 380 S Potomac St, Aurora, 303-617-0220

BEST QUALITY BILLIARDS - 10405 West Colfax Ave, Lakewood, 303-233-2557, www.bestqualitybilliards.com

BIG BREAK BILLIARDS - 6920 S. Jordan Rd. #E, Centennial, 720-270-1444
BILLIARDS EMPORIUM – 250 S. Santa Fe Ave, Pueblo, 719-542-7665, 719-583-3660 billiards,

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

**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

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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 TUR CO - 1640 S. Abilene St. Aurora 303-755-4772

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

SPA PALACE - 8001 W Closs DI, Littleton, 303-972-4932

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

STAY IN STROKE BILLIARDS - Rich Montoya, 303-748-6653, offering leagues and tournaments TAP POOL LEAGUES - Scott Prater, 303-944-2994, www.tapleague.com, TAP Pool Leagues

