

## The Platte Valley Open Attracts an Impressive Field of Players of all Skill Levels

On the weekend of April 2nd-4th, 2010, players from all over came to Saratoga. Wyoming to test their skills against some of the best players in region. Divided into three divisions - Masters, Classic (Intermediate) and Sportsman (Beginners) - participants were bound to have a competive experience no matter their experience level. Congratulations to all the top finishers and we look forward to seeing you next year!

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## Instruction With Tom www.tomrosspool.com <br> 30-Degree Rule for Caroms

## April 2010

Throughout The Video Encyclopedia of Pool Shots, a project that I recently completed in collaboration with Billiards Digest columnist, Dr. Dave Alciatore, we demonstrate many applications for the 30-Degree rule and Dr. Dave's famous peace-sign technique for predicting cue ball and object ball paths over a broad range of cut angles. So far in our discussion of the rule here we've seen how to apply it for accurate position play and to avoid scratches. Now we can move on to another useful application and one that will help win many games, particularly in 9 Ball.

As a review, for cut angles that range from $1 / 4$ ball to $3 / 4$ ball hits on the object ball, a naturally rolling cue ball will deflect from the object ball on a path that is roughly 30 degrees away from its path toward the object ball. Certain cut angles yield a slightly smaller angle while others yield a slightly larger angle. Across the range of cut angles however the average cue-ball deflection is 30 degrees. And, for shots where the angle is slightly smaller or greater, the difference is small enough to make a reliable prediction for the cue ball with the 30 degree rule.

## Find the Cue and Win!

In every issue of the Cue Times Billiard News, we will be hiding a pool cue like the one pictured at left.

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 encounter opportunities to win the game early with a combination or carom shot on the 9 Ball. Of course those shots are useful in all pool games but 9 Ball is the game where they offer the most dramatic advantage since a successful conversion can win the game. For that reason we will confine our discussion to a 9-Ball context.

In the diagram we see two shots that offer carom opportunities to win the game. With only two balls on the table for each shot it's easy to imagine them as the 8 and 9 . However, each solid ball that you see can be any ball in the rack. The earlier in the rack that an opportunity arises to sink the 9 ball, the more sense it makes to consider going for it. For our purpose two balls work for each shot to illustrate the principles without cluttering the diagram. In Shot A we see a very tempting carom on the 9 , especially with no good shot on the solid ball. But how do know where to hit that solid? With a normal, 30-degree peace sign we can answer that question. For a shot like this one lay your peace sign next to the solid ball as shown and rotate it until your middle finger points on the line the cue ball must take to pocket the 9 ball. Then look at where your index finger points to find the aiming line for the cue ball. Aim along that line with natural, forward roll and somewhat gentle speed to pocket the 9 ball. Shot A also offers

Often in 9 Ball we a combination shot but most experienced players would choose the carom for one important reason. Missing the combination can leave both balls together near the pocket and an easy combo for the opponent. Carom shots always separate the object ball from the 9 ball allowing us to avoid that disastrous possibility.

Shot B is similar except for one major detail. Here we have ball in hand and can employ the peace sign to determine the best placement for the cue ball. Naturally if that solid ball were the 8 , the shooter with ball in hand would opt for the easy two-ball run out, so imagine other balls on the table for this one. Lay your peace sign as shown with the middle finger pointing along the line to game winner. Then look at where a line coming backwards from the index finger would point, as shown with the dashed line in the diagram. Place the cue ball on that line far enough from the object ball for the cue ball to develop full, natural roll before contact. Once again aim along that line with an above center hit and slow to medium speed.
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## A Pool Player's Guide to Savvy Air Travel



By Samm Diep Reprinted from March 2008 ©

Tournament season is in full force and Vegas Nationals are just around the corner. With the soaring prices of fuel these days, more and more people are choosing to fly to events instead of drive. When flying, here are some useful tips for hassle-free traveling:

As pool players, it's safe to assume that if you're flying to a tournament with your cues, you will be checking a bag, no questions. The days of carrying our cues on the plane are behind us. To make sure your cues arrive where you do, always get to the airport AT LEAST one hour prior to boarding. Depending on the airport, you may want to arrive even earlier.

## Checking in

- Most airlines currently charge a $\$ 15$ fee to check your first bag and an additional $\$ 25$ fee for the second. If you haven't already, you may want to invest in an
oversized duffle that will fit both your cues and clothes together. [see SammsPocket.com for an assortment]
- Make sure none of your bags are over 50 pounds. There's typically a charge for that too.
- If you're connecting, confirm that your bags are checked in all the way to your final destination.
- Check in online whenever possible. Just about every airline offers online check-in within 24 hours before your flight time. Even if you don't have a printer, you can usually (re)print your boarding pass when you arrive at the ticket counter to drop off your bag(s).
- Have your photo ID out of your purse/ wallet from the time you arrive at the airport until after you get through security.
- If you checked in online, you still want to (re)confirm the departing gate number with the ticket agent after checking your bag(s).
- Once you've checked your bag(s) in and they're confirmed on the flight - Now, RELAX... You should still try to get to your gate on time, but don't panic if the security line is a mile long. It's unlikely that the plane will take off with your
bags on board without you. They'll generally page you until you get to the gate.


## Security

- Try to wear comfortable, slip on shoes that are easy to remove. Please wear socks.
- Have your boarding pass and ID out and ready when entering the security line.
- Make sure you do not have any liquids/ gels over 3 oz with you.
- Once your boarding pass and ID have been checked, put away your ID (you don't need it again) but keep your boarding pass out.
- Get your electronics out and in a bin alone.
- Your shoes, belt, and jacket can go into a separate bin together.
- Cell phone, loose change, watches, keys, etc. can all go together in one of the smaller bins.
- Make sure you zip up and secure all your bags before placing them on the conveyer belt.
- Keep your boarding pass with you!
- Do not walk through the metal detector until you see the last of your items enter the x -ray machine.
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# Top Gun Allstars Shine at Mirage Sports Bar 

Top Gun Allstars is the culmination of the Top Gun series for each session where the top finishers from three tournaments are invited to battle it out with the crème de la crème. A tremendous showing of forty nine (49) players made for a Great Event to test each and every one of these top players.

It became obvious very early who to keep an eye on. Amy Wilson (5) having lost only 4 games in her first four matches was now facing Ken Schmidt (6) who was even smoother losing only 2 games in his first four sets and on the top of the board was one of the pre-tournament


The top finishers in the Top Gun Allstars tournament for the Fall 09 session are L to R: Eric Andrychow, Mike Campbell, Ken Schmidt (back), Amy Wilson (front), Nelson Montierth, and Dave Berger
favorites, Nelson Montierth (7) also losing only 2 games in his four matches against Dave Berger (5) who was moving along very well winning tree double hill matches and then picking it up some "spanking" Ted Koerselman (7) in his fourth match $5-2$. Nelson bested Dave double hill while Amy won four straight against Ken to play in the winner's side finals. It was a well fought match going double hill once again before Nelson was able to close the door and seize the "hot seat" to await a challenger from the elimination side.

Meanwhile it is Eric Andrychow (6) and Mike Campbell (5) working their way through the back side to face Dave and Ken respectively and then it was Mike vs. Eric to face Amy for a shot at the trophy. Amy played well though Eric was not to be denied his shot at the Championship besting her $5-3$. Now back on the front side Eric finds himself needing to beat Nelson two straight sets in this true double elimination for-
mat event, quite a feat against one of the most productive tournament players in the state.

Eric wins the first game after some back and forth play and then is similar style Nelson takes the next two games. In game 4 there is a tremendous "mo" shift to Nelson when Eric makes the 8-ball out of turn giving Nelson a two game lead. It appears Eric now starts to feel the pressure when in game 5 he runs down to the 8 and then misses. Nelson now goes into his "weaving - dodging \& bobbing" mode and eventually racks this game up to get on the hill and then as it so often happens slams the door on Eric with a break and run to claim the Bronze Eagle. Great tournament gentlemen it was a pleasure to watch.

Thanks to all for your support of not only this tournament but the best league around as well, the A.P.A. See you next session.

| Champion | Nelson Montierth (Bit of Billiards) | $\$ 305.00$ | $\$ 45.00$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :---: |
| Runner-up | Eric Andrychow (Mirage Sports Bar) | 200.00 | 30.00 |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ | Amy Wilson (Mirage Sports Bar) | 110.00 | 10.00 |
| $4^{\text {th }}$ | Mike Campbell (Chipper Lanes) | 70.00 |  |
| Tie $^{\text {th }}$ | Ken Schmidt (Mirage Sports Bar) | 25.00 |  |
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bier. Give us a call and let us know when you can join in.

| Team Standings - Over \$5,000 |  |  |
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| Team Name | Total Pts | Won |
| 1st....Fugglies - Joh | .... 356 | . $\$ 968$ |
| 2nd ..Fugglies - Ch | man.. 354 | .. 863 |
| 3rd ...Fugglies - Mo | ....... 3534 | ... 745 |
| 4th ...Fugglies - Mo | ood.. 3525 | .... 654 |
| 5th ...Fugglies - Ou | ...... 3519 | .... 527 |
| 6th ...Fugglies - Gre | el .... 3475 | ... 435 |
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## Top Lady Guns Give It Their All

Story provided by Lief Jensen
Let's give a big round of applause for all the ladies that qualified for this event, you have distinguished yourselves among your peers and the entire league system here in Colorado. Forty-four of you, which is a tremendous showing, came out and gave it your all, be proud of that and show off that custom patch wherever you go to play this game we all love. I am sure this event will continue to grow and if you qualify next time around do not deprive yourself of playing in the best and biggest ladies event in the state.
It is a tremendous learning experience and a whole helluva lot of fun!

With only two $\mathrm{s} / 16$ 's and six 5 's in the field it was a day for the 4 's and below to kick some " and take no prisoners and that is exactly what one skill level 3 did. Wasting no more time on gab let's get to the action. It came down to Dawn Poole vs. long time league player and seasoned tourney veteran, Nikki Brundige and Stacie Philbrook vs. Lorraine Schaffer as the last four undefeated players. Stacie and Dawn won their respective match with out losing a game setting up a great match ( $\mathrm{s} / 13 \mathrm{vs} . \mathrm{s} / 14$ ) for the "hill". On the back side, Nikki met up with Annette Jewell from the Northern Colorado league area and Lorraine faced Amy Wilson who was on a real win streak winning 5 in a row after a first match loss. Amy advanced losing only one game to Lorraine and Annette moved on not allowing even one game to her opponent. Meanwhile on the front side it is Stacie (3)


The Top Lady Guns are L to R: Nikki Brundige, Dawn Poole, Lorraine Schaffer (back), Stacie Philbrook (front), Amy Wilson, and Annnette Jewell
claiming the "hill" sending Dawn down to face Annette who bested Amy. Great showing taking fourth Amy, you played GREAT!

Annette would not be denied her shot at the Championship putting Dawn (4) out at third winning her over a hundred dollars and the respect and admiration of many. You Go Girl! Now the stage is set for the finals, Stacie (3) on the hill with Annette (6) challenging for the Bronze Eagle and the title. The match begins by Stacie winning the lag for the break though when she breaks dry Annette goes right to work making an impressive run out, 1 - 0 Annette. Game 2 also
goes to Annette after Stacie makes a few balls and then misses. Game 3 goes back and forth for a few innings and when Annette gets to the 8 -ball she makes a tragic mistake, scratching to give Stacie a game putting her on the hill. Stacie breaks and makes a few of her balls and then Annette comes to the table and she is visibly showing the pressure now. She makes a few balls and then misses leaving Stacie a good table and she takes advantage of it getting down to the 8 -ball which
she misses. Annette gets up and does her work running all her balls off and then to the 8 -ball . she scratches again on the eight giving Stacie the game, the match and the tournament, Championship to Stacie Philbrook or newest Top Lady Gun and recipient of the Bronze Eagle. Good on you Stacie, way to hang in there and fight, you deserve this title all the way! Annette, all I can say is you have one Eagle already and I am sure you will acquire more in the future. Congratulations on your performance and taking home over \$ 200 along with the Runner-up trophy. You represented yourself and your league area admirably as always.

See you all again next session and we will see who is the "Best of the Best" then.

| Stacie Philbrook (McCarthy's) | $\$ 280.00$ | $\$ 65.00$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Annette Jewell (Bit o' Billiards) | 175.00 | 40.00 |
| Dawn Poole (Mirage Sports Bar) | 105.00 | 25.00 |
| Amy Wilson (Mirage Sports Bar) | 60.00 |  |
| Nikki Brundige (Rack ‘Em) | 20.00 |  |
| Lorraine Schaffer (Longshots) | 20.00 |  |



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June 13th, Singles Qualifier Boards June 27th, 9-Ball Scotch Doubles

# The Hedgehog Has Only One Trick by omg 

(continued from April issue)

Hedgehog also had an impressive collection of high-end cues which he carried with him at all times in a case large enough to house a bazooka and extra ammunition for said weapon. He played with a VERY fancy ebony-ivory-abalone number. All right--things still looked spiffy. In my opinion, his play level maybe merited a cue of slightly lesser value, but, hey, it's a free country and if you want to flaunt your wealth instead of your skill, this is the country to do it. No matter, I and my Valley sneaky-pete with the four cracks in the butt-cap and 8,000 miles in crosscountry mileage this year alone was going to get the cash, anyways.

Another tournament player who is very dedicated, very nice, and very sincere, whom I shall name ORVILLE, then told me that Hedgehog always talked about gambling and giving weight, but never followed through. Apparently, Hedgehog's answer to any request for a game was, "Not tonight." Hmm. That bit of information gave me pause, but I was still confident. After all, I'm a chick. We can get games guys can't. Comes with the territory of Lack-OfRespect.

Bernard then came over and was laughing his head off. I raised an eyebrow. He told me and

Quad Venti, "So, Hedgehog comes over to me and says, 'Why the hell did you tell Quad Venti that I could give her the eight?' And I said, 'Well, because you said you could!' And Hedgehog says, 'Well, you KNOW Quad Venti will tell her!' So, I said, "Well, yeah. But I made sure to tell her, too!'"

At this point, I had what is known as the "baroo?" look. What was going on? Orville looked over sympathetically and said, "Yeah, he's not going to play you. He talks about it all the time, but he'll never play."

Now, will someone tell me how and when I missed the memo that people who talk smack are not going to back it up? Oh, it's been around since the dawn of history, you say? Crap. I wasn't very good at history. That's what I get for sleeping during lecture.

Nevertheless, I am an exceptionally pig-headed individual, so I planted myself in close proximity to the tournament area as I contemplated these new pieces of information.

As the tournament was winding down, Hedgehog was in fine form. He and his lady-target were playing for the hotseat. He won one game,
but through a series of inexplicable errors, one of them scratching on the nine on the case game by sending the cue ball two unnecessary rails, he managed to lose to his lady-target. Miss Bianca, Bernard's lady, told me with badly contained laughter that Hedgehog had just told her he'd let his lady-target win "because he was playing good anyways, and she could have the hotseat". Wow. I have no words to describe my consternation at hearing this.

Miss Bianca, who is a beginning player who works very hard on her game, then also told me that, for a Father's Day present, she had ordered Bernard a custom cue by an excellent and legendary cuemaker. Hedgehog had asked her what cue she was getting and she had told him. He responded with, "Are you sure you can afford that cue? I mean, it's a lot of money." He then proceeded to ask her if she was going to "bang it up". Yes. Roast Hedgehog was definitely on the menu.

Oh, and his handicap in the tournament? Get this: he asked to have his handicap RAISED to the highest available. He then dropped down after some non-stellar performances. Hilarious.
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## Pool and Dart Leagues Year Round!

In House Pool Leagues:
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# Tony Piazza Claims Title at All-American Tour Event 

The 34th stop of the 2009-2010 Lucasi Hybrid All American Tour (produced by the American CueSports Alliance - ACS) was hosted in Lakewood, CO, at Greenfields Pool \& Sports Bar, March 20. The $\$ 500$ added event attracted 35 players in a double elimination 8-ball format on 7-foot Dynamo bar boxes. Tony Piazza (Ft. Collins, CO) ended his run to the hot seat by outpointing Mark Morgan (Ft. Collins, CO) 5-2 in the A-side semifinals and Adam King (Ft. Collins, CO) $5-1$ in the A-side finals. On the B-side, Mark Morgan was eliminated at $5^{\text {th }}$ place at the hands of Mark Haddad (Westminster, CO) 5-1, joined by Steve Chan (Lakewood, CO) a 5-3 victim of Ruben Silva Jr. (Colorado Springs, CO). Haddad then ousted Silva at $4^{\text {th }}$ place by a 5-3 margin. Mark Haddad further won a trip to the tourney finals by virtue of his B-side finals win over Adam King (Ft. Collins, CO) 5-4. The tourney finals showcased Tony Piazza versus Mark Haddad, but Piazza dominated play with a 5-1 first-set win for the title!

## Savvy Air Travel

by Samm Diep
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## Special Needs

- If you suffer from motion sickness, make sure you take and pack (conveniently in a carry-on bag) your air sickness pills.
- If you are susceptible to catching colds, make sure you take your Airborn and stock up on vitamin C and zinc approximately 2-24 hours prior to airport exposure.
$\diamond$ You may also want to carry antibacteria wipes with you.
$\diamond$ Keep your hands clean.
$\checkmark$ Avoid unnecessary contact with your eyes, ears, and nose.
$\checkmark$ Try to practice good basic hygiene.


## General

- Use a list when packing to help ensure you don't forget anything before and after.
- Clean out your pool case! You should consider doing this often anyway but it will definitely help reduce any unnecessary weight. Also, get change/tokens at the tournament. This will also help keep the weight to a minimum.
- Bring an extra bag. Find a lightweight duffle or backpack that can fold up and fit into your luggage. Be prepared in the

By virtue of Mark Haddad being the highestfinishing ACS member in the event, he qualified for a free 8 -Ball singles entry into the 2010 ACS Nationals in Las Vegas - courtesy of the ACS. The ACS wishes to thank sponsors Lucasi Hybrid Cues, Championship Billiard Fabric, Nick Varner Signature Cases, Ozone Billiards and Pool Cue Guru for their support in donating "Value-In-Kind" product for this and all stops on the Lucasi Hybrid All American Tour. All entries in the Tour are also entered into a drawing in June for a \$1,000 Lucasi Hybrid Cue, courtesy of Ozone Billiards. Sponsorship opportunities and tour stop openings are still available for the 2009/2010 All American Tour by contacting the ACS.

The Tour moves south to Port Charlotte, Florida, on Saturday, April 10, for a $\$ 500$-added 8-ball stop at Q's Sports Bar \& Girl (contact Ken Coulter at 941-585-9600). Further information, entry details and schedules for the 2009/2010 Lucasi Hybrid All American Tour are available at www.americancuesports.org.

Final Results:

| $1^{\text {st }}$ | Tony Piazza (Lakewood, CO) | $\$ 600$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ | Mark Haddad (Westminster, CO) | $\$ 300$ |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ | Adam King (Ft. Collins, CO) | $\$ 150$ |
| $4^{\text {th }}$ | Ruben Silva Jr. (Colo Springs) | $\$ 75$ |
| $5-6^{\text {th }}$ | Steve Chan (Lakewood, CO) <br>  <br> Mike Morgan (Ft. Collins, CO) | $\$ 50$ |
|  |  |  |



L-R: Mark Morgan, Steve Chan, Ruben Silva Jr., Frank Urbaniak, Adam King, Tony Piazza, Mark Haddad
event that your luggage is overweight or you bring some extras back with you.

- Once you get through security, check the gate assignment again before walking all the way there and realizing that it's changed.
- Try to wear clothes with pockets. They come in handy.
- If you need a pillow or blanket, make sure you grab one or ask for one as soon as you board. Supplies are usually limited.
- Dress in layers. It can get chilly on the plane.
- Dress comfortably. You'll be sitting in whatever you're wearing for the next couple hours, or longer.
- Don't forget to pack your music, books, games, pillow, snacks, and any other essentials.
- And, of course, never leave your personal belongings unattended and always check to make sure you haven't left anything behind where ever you stop.


## There you have it! Now

 you're a savvy flyer. We'll see you in Vegas!Please be sure to visit PoolTipJar.com "random smatterings of pool thoughts, articles, \& news". You can take polls, view article archives, and read tournament and training updates.

## Samm Diep, "Cherry Bomb"

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# FeatureBusiluess of the Mouth 

## Wynkoop Brewing Company

## By David Hakala

The neighborhood around Denver's Union Station was dismally blighted in 1988. Only people with nowhere else to go drifted among hundred year-old buildings that sagged and flaked in sad disrepair. You could almost hear the tired old buildings begging to be demolished. But the man who would become Denver's mayor and his two partners decided that wasn't going to happen.

John Hickenlooper, Mark Schiffler, and Ron Robinson formed The Wynkoop Holdings Group to help revitalize one of Denver's most historic areas. They also wanted to make great beer. The partners succeeded at both. Of course, great beer goes perfectly with a great pool room!

The pool room on the second floor of the Wynkoop Brewing Company, $163418^{\text {th }}$ Street at Wynkoop Street, is one of the most congenial venues you'll find anywhere. Century-old brick walls lend a nostalgic, Old West elegance. Twenty-two 9-foot Brunswick tables have ample clearance on all sides. The tall casement windows admit just enough light while surrounding buildings screen out glare.

The room fills the entire second floor of the venerable building, allowing pool players, shuffleboarders, dartists, diners, and drinkers to coexist peacefully. Square brick columns divide the cavernous space into comfortably cozy sections. Shelves on the columns, tall 4-stool tables, and broad window niches provide handy spots for food, drink, and cue cases without getting in the way of the action. A pair of well-appointed twotable private rooms is available for those special games.

The pool room opens at 11 a.m., and pool is free until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Happy Hour is from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekdays, too. Under-21 players are welcome until 8:00 p.m. Several pool programs cater to all ages and levels of expertise.

House pro Melissa "The Viper" Little, a nation-ally-ranked WPBA player, is passionate about the benefits of pool, especially for youngsters.
"I love the fact that nobody can master the game of pool," Little says. "You can be a student of the game forever. Pool has so many life lessonsI cannot believe all that I have done just from playing this game."

Little and the Wynkoop strongly back youth pool programs, hosting the Billiards Education Foundation Junior Nationals for ages 8-19 (June 5th, 2010) and the Junior State 9-Ball Championships (September 18th, 2010).
"You have to introduce kids to playing pool early in life," Little emphasizes. "It has more to offer a child as far as mathematics and keeping them off of the streets, and it's very entertaining."

Little was introduced to pool at an early age and learned from a number of players informally. She credits Colorado player Henry


Wynkoop Brewing Company can accommodate any size group - large or small Granis with finally
teaching her "the correct way to play" and says she tries to teach it to others. "The most important thing about pool is practicing the right way and your fundamentals."

Little offers clinics that include small class sizes, lunch and a drink ticket: $\$ 40$ for adults and only $\$ 20$ for minors.
"I am very blessed in what I do," she says, "and I want to share these experiences with others. Through my league, I give everyone a chance to go to play in a pro event. In kids, I want each of them to try and play- if they try it they will fall in love with the game. I want to promote the sport so someday we can see billiards in the Olympics."

Upcoming events hosted at the Wynkoop include

- Billiards Education Foundation Junior Nationals qualifiers for ages 8-19; June 5th, 2010
- 15-Rack summer session starts June $13^{\text {th }}$; winner receives a paid entry into the 35th annual US Open 9-Ball Championships in Virginia
- A fundraiser in July for the new Jefferson County Boys and Girls Club
- Winter session will feature paid entries into the Derby City Classic ALL events starts September 12th, 2010
- Junior State 9-Ball Championships: September 18th
- WPBA Amateur National Championships ( $\$ 1500$ added) and the WPBA US Open qualifier - November 19-21, 2010

For information and dates, email
Melissa@MelissaLittle.com or visit her Web site at http://www.melissalittle.com.

Don't pass by the Wynkoop's sumptuous dining and beer experiences on your way upstairs to the pool room.

Manager Marty Jones says the most popular dishes include a $1 / 3$-pound buffalo burger; fish and chips; and shepherd's pie (which I can testify, from personal experience, is a hearty culinary delight).

Rail Yard Ale is the Wynkoop's signature brew. They've recently started bottling it on the premises, and brought back the tradition of delivering beer by horse-drawn carriage for the first time since 1915. More than 80 bars, restaurants, and retailers now stock Rail Yard Ale, and Jones says a second Wynkoop brew will be distributed in May.

Growlers - four-pint mini-casks too big to be mere mugs - are a favorite among regulars; when you've bought ten, you get one for free.
"We have several cask-conditioned beers now," says Jones, referring to the Old World method of "live" brewing, or allowing yeast fermentation to carbonate the beverage instead of artificially injecting carbon dioxide.

The Wynkoop takes its beer and its pool as seriously as Al Gore takes global warming.


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## Tournament Schedule

MONDAY- 7pm Big Table 9-Ball \$10 Entry \$5 Green Fee Open- Race to 4 Winners' Side 3 Losers' Side TUESDAY - 7pm Bar Box 9-Ball \$10 Entry \$5 Green Handicapped- Race AAA-6 AA-5 A-4 B-3
THURSDAY- 7pm Bar Box 8- Ball \$10 Entry \$5 Green Fee Handicapped- Race AAA-5 AA-4 A-3 B-2 FRIDAY- 7pm Bar Box 9-Ball $\mathbf{\$ 1 0}$ Entry $\$ 5$ Green Fee Open- Race to 4 Winners' Side 3 Losers' Side SATURDAY- 7pm Bar Box 8-Ball \$10 Entry $\mathbf{\$ 5}$ Green Fee Open- Race to 4 Winners' Side 3 Losers' Side SUNDAY- 7pm Big Table 9-Ball \$10 Entry \$5 Green Fee Handicapped- AAA-6 AA-5 A-4 B-3

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| Tournament Results |  | Tuesday 4-13 | 13 players | Thursday 4-22 | 13 players |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1st- Jonathan L. | \$100 | 1st- Damond L. | \$90 |
|  |  | 2nd-Conan | \$60 | 2nd-Steve T. | \$60 |
|  |  | 3 rd - Kris P. | \$35 | 3rd-Greg | \$30 |
| Tuesday 4-6 | 10 players | 4th- Jeremy F. | \$15 | 4th- James | \$15 |
| $1^{\text {st }}$ - Justin R. | \$85 |  |  |  |  |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ - James F. | \$45 | Thursday 4-15 | 10 players | Friday 4-23 | 18 players |
| $3^{\text {rd }}-\mathrm{Tim}$ S. | \$20 | $1{ }^{\text {st }}$ - Justin | \$90 | 1st-ATM | \$120 |
|  |  | $2^{\text {nd }}$ - James | \$45 | 2nd- Bobby B. | \$80 |
| Friday 4-9 | 12 players | $3^{\text {rd }}$ - Sisco | \$15 | 3rd- Damond L. | \$50 |
| $11^{\text {st }}$ - Chuck | $\$ 105$ |  |  | 4th-Steve C. | \$20 |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ - Bobby B. | \$55 | Saturday 4-17 | 22 players |  |  |
| $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ - Nelson | \$20 | $1^{\text {st }}-$ Chris O. | \$140 | Saturday 4-24 Colorado Open Big Table 9-Ball |  |
|  |  | $2^{\text {nd }}$ - Richard | \$75 | \$400 ADDED | 20 players |
| Saturday 4-10 | 19 players | $3^{\text {rd }}$ - Adam K. | \$50 | 1st-Mark H. | \$450 |
| $1^{\text {st }}$ - ATM | \$130 | 4th-Steve | \$40 | 2nd- ATM | \$275 |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ - Bobby B. | $\$ 80$ $\$ 40$ | 5th/6th- Rich | \$20 | 3rd-Melissa L. | \$175 |
| $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ - James F. | \$40 | 5th/6th- Chuck | \$20 | 4th- Tony P. | \$100 |
| 4th-Willie B. | \$20 |  |  | 5th/6th-Steve C. | \$50 |
|  |  | Sunday 4-18 | 8 players $\$ 80$ | 5th/6th-Adam K. | \$50 |
| $1{ }^{\text {st }}$ - Eric J. | \$90 | $2^{\text {nd }}$ - Dim ${ }^{\text {damond }}$ | $\$ 80$ $\$ 40$ | Saturday 4-24 Nig |  |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ - Justin R. | \$45 | 3rd- Josh | \$20 | 1st-Robert R. | $\begin{aligned} & 23 \text { players } \\ & \$ 160 \end{aligned}$ |
| $3^{\text {rd }}-$ Jeff M. | \$15 |  |  | 2nd-Peter M. | \$85 |
|  |  | Monday 4-19 | 9 players | 3 rd - Alex K. | \$45 |
| Monday 4-12 | 9 players | 1st-Steve C. | \$70 | 4th-Kris P. | \$25 |
| $11^{\text {st }}$ - Bobby B. | \$90 | 2nd- Nelson M. | \$35 | 5th/6th-Andy | \$15 |
| $2^{\text {nd }}-$ ATM | \$45 | 3rd- Chuck | \$15 | 5th/6th-Tony G. | \$15 |

## VNEA Inducts Two Coloradans Into Its Hall of Fame

Thousands of pool players have displayed their talents in VNEA Leagues throughout the U.S. and abroad since the inception of the VNEA in 1980.

However, not all of these players will ever join the ranks of Willie Mosconi, JohnnyArcher or Allison Fisher. But, a handful of them possess an incomparable desire to accomplish goals that far exceed an average pool players expectations. For these extraordinary players, and also players with other special skills, the VNEA Hall of Fame was created in 1993. With 80 fine members already in place, the Hall promises to be a fraternity of honor and excellence.

Individuals who stand out in their local area for talent, good sportsmanship, longevity, hard work and for being an all around fine, well respected person, are eligible for the VNEA Annual Hall of Fame Induction.

The latest inductees into the prestigious VNEA Hall of Fame have gone through an extensive review process which consisted of the following:
> Nominations were received by player members and Charter Holders throughout the entire world.
> The Awards Committee reviewed each nomination carefully and extensively and after many months of hard work chose the individu-
als listed herein based on the following criteria:

- Good Sportsmanship and Professional Attitude.
- Promoter and participant in the development of pool and the VNEA.
- Active participant in the many affairs of their local, regional and state VNEA programs over an accomplished career.
- Various accomplishments in local, state, regional and international competitions.


Ruth Klock
Birthdate: September 18, 1953 Charter Holder: Aspen Amusements Carbondale, CO
Years in VNEA: 22
Years Playing Pool: 40


Bernard "Stub" Foley
Birthdate: August 25, 1915
Charter Holders: Games People Play Automated Amusement JE\&S Video Colorado
Years in VNEA: 20
Years Playing Pool: 86


Free Pool: Monday-Friday 11:00-5:00 PM
Open Pool Clinic with "The Viper" Saturday, May 1st and June12th, 2:00-4:00 PM Adults: $\$ 40$ Kids: $\$ 20$ includes: Lesson with Melissa Little, lunch, and drink ticket

15-Rack Pool Leagues
The summer session starts Sunday, June 13th, 2010 $\$ 10$ per week, 10 -week session, playing 10 -ball the ghost for 15 -racks per night.

BEF Junior National Championships Qualifiers June 5th, 20102010
Three events; 19 -under boys, 14 -under boys, and 19 -under girls
Start time: 11:00 AM - $\$ 20$ entry fee that also includes membership to BEF More information Melissa@melissalittle.com or www.15rack.com / www.melissalittle.com

## Rick Field Wins Hank's Billiards Bar Box 9-Ball Monthly Event

On April $10^{\text {th }}, 2010$ Hank's Billiards in Edgewater, CO held their monthly money added bar-box 9ball tournament. Players joined together to support the tournament and it was Rick Field who won the event. Melissa Little finished $2^{\text {nd }}$, and $3^{\text {rd }}$ place went to Ed Borrego.

Melissa lost her first match to Rick 7-6 and went through the losers bracket to meet up with Rick again in the finals. She won the first set 73 , and could not hold on in the second set losing 7-6 in the final set.


From left to right: Rick Field, Melissa Little, and Ed Borrego


What a league this was, 12 Teams started this journey and 1 team fell off the strong beaten path. The top spot was up for grabs many times during the 22 week session but the Korn Flakes did not get soggy in this bowl of talent and spread the gap between them and the 2nd place team to ensure the Title. Congrats to you and to the Top Shooters as you very well deserve your spot in this league. Get ready to play next year and get signed up by early September to join, give us call.


Congratulations to Rick for taking the championship.

Due to the events scheduled in Las Vegas in May, Hanks will conclude their monthly tournament in JuneCheck the Cue Times for further dates.

Rick Field \$200
Melissa Little $\$ 100$
Ed Borrego \$50

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"I wasn't tall enough for basketball."


Billiard Education Foundation

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Date: April 29, 2010

## CHALLENGE THE STARS ...

## Play Pool with the Pros in Las Vegas

The Billiard Education Foundation (BEF) will host the annual Challenge the Stars benefit in conjunction with the BCAPL National 8- Ball Championships and the 2010 U.S. Open 10-Ball Championship in Las Vegas on Tuesday, May 18th. Diamond Billiard Products will provide the tables for the festivities which will take place in the Grande Ballroom of the Riviera Hotel $\&$ Casino at $8: 00 \mathrm{pm}$. This benefit gives all players and spectators an opportunity to support youth billiard programs while mingling with and competing with top pros from all over the world.
Over 100 pros will be invited to participate, including, Shane Van Boening (USA), Efren Reyes (PHI), Jasmin Ouschan (AUS), Ga Young Kim (Korea), Kelly Fisher (ENG), John Schmidt (USA), Dennis Orcullo (PHI), Ralf Souquet (GER), Johnny Archer (USA), Charlie Williams (USA), Tony Robles (USA), Francisco Bustamante (PHI), Mika Immonen (FIN), Melissa

Little (USA), Sarah Rousey (USA), Thorsten Hohmann (GER), Tom"Dr. Cue" Rossman (USA) and many more. Challengers can select 3 options of play: the BEF Challenge, $\$ 20$ donation, challenger plays one game of 9-ball with designated pro, the Pro Challenge, $\$ 40$ donation, shoot one game of 9-ball with one of your three top choices, based on availability, or the Ultimate Challenge, $\$ 100$ donation, play three games of 9-ball with one of your three top choices, based on availability. All challengers will receive an autographed certificate and a souvenir photo taken with their pro.

Spectators and amateur players can also share in the fun by bidding on an array of prizes and participating in the raffles. Whether you challenge a pro, participate in the auction or make a donation, you can make a difference in youth billiard programs. Admission is FREE. Step up to the challenge.


## Question:

"Last month, you answered a strategy question about 8 ball. I have the same question about 9 ball. If you can start a run out, but you cannot finish it due to trouble balls, how do you know how many balls to try and pocket before playing safety?"

## Answer:

This is a great question!!
I am still allowed to play in a few open tournaments locally here in Colorado and this helps me to keep warmed up for larger tournaments. So during these local tournaments I act as if I am really playing the next live ESPN match. I try and stay as focused as I would in a larger tournament. I find it so funny to watch recreational players break the balls, and approach the table so fast. I know when the players have not done there leg work when they A) approach the table too fast and B) run out and stop to look at a trouble spot in the rack and wonder why they can not get out of this trap that they placed themselves in...

So, the moral of the story is to have the discipline in your game to map out your plan for a run out and if you cannot then play safe until you can. Break the balls, stop to analyze, and then try your run out!!! The bottom line is that is why I invented 15 -Rack so that I
could nonchalantly teach players to play run-out pool. By the way the next session starts June $13^{\text {th }}$ and the winner receives a paid entry into the $35^{\text {th }}$ Annual US Open 9Ball Championships. This is a league that gives any skill-leveled player a chance to play with the big boys...15-Rack makes dreams -decome a reality.. Check out - www. 15 rack.com tor more infor" mation. (c) "- "-"

Best of luck to all, Viper

If you have a question for "The Viper" please e-mail them to cuetimes@gmail.com

Melissa "The Viper" Little has been a WPBA Touring Professional for over 10-years, she has represented the USA in Four WPA World Championships and has over 18 Top-10 WPBA Career Finishes. Melissa is currently the house-pro at the Wynkoop Brewing Company located in Downtown Denver. She teaches monthly clinics, give private lessons, and has created a juniors program that promotes the local youth in our sport.


## 2010 Platte Valley Open Results from Saratoga. WY

| Classic Division |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Andrew Kendrick | $\$ 1,500$ |
| BC Gonzales | $\$ 1,000$ |
| Asad | $\$ 650$ |
| Debbi Worcester | $\$ 400$ |
| Bobby Brown | $\$ 250$ |
| Kevin Wall | $\$ 250$ |
| Shaun Turley | $\$ 175$ |
| Shaun McBride | $\$ 175$ |
| Leo Mulherin | $\$ 120$ |
| Justin Martinez | $\$ 120$ |
| Eric Burgman | $\$ 120$ |
| Mitch Christiansen | $\$ 120$ |
| Jim Stewart | $\$ 80$ |
| Colleen John | $\$ 80$ |
| Debbi Gustafson | $\$ 80$ |
| Jimmy McKinney | $\$ 80$ |



Classic 1st - Andrew Kendrick

| Sportsman Division |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Robert Peach | $\$ 600$ |
| Eloisa Martinez | $\$ 400$ |
| AJ Royal | $\$ 240$ |
| Tom Cisneros | $\$ 140$ |
| John Marich | $\$ 90$ |
| Allen Murray | $\$ 90$ |
| Jordan Thayer | $\$ 70$ |
| Corey Cline | $\$ 70$ |
| Jean Bratberg | $\$ 50$ |
| Aaron Kirlin | $\$ 50$ |
| Trent Butler | $\$ 50$ |
| JJ Morris | $\$ 50$ |



Sportsman 1st - Robert Peach


2nd - BC Gonzales


3rd - Asad


4th - Debbi Worcester


2nd - Eloisa Martinez


3rd - AJ Royal


4th - Tom Cisneros

## Gerda Wins!

After an absence of almost ten years, Gerda Hofstatter has returned to the WPBA Winners Circle with an undefeated run at the 2010 San Diego Classic. It was Hofstatter's first win since the 2000 BCA Open 9-Ball Championship, and she did it with style.

Hofstatter's run in this event started with wins over Lisa Davids, Angel Paglia and Kyoko Sone to earn her place in the final sixteen. Hofstatter's first match in the final sixteen was former \#1 ranked Monica Webb, and she made quick work of Webb 9-3. Next up was current \#1 ranked Ga-Young Kim, who fell 9-4.

Hofstatter broke open the first TV match of the day on Sunday against Karen Corr. The match was close early, but Hofstatter took control and cruised to a 7-4 win.

The other side of the tournament board was all about newly crowned Regional Tour Champion Shu-Han Chang. Chang dropped her second match of the tournament, a 9-6 loss to Karen Corr, but came back with wins over Miyuki Sakai, Lisa Marr and Helena Thornfeldt to qualify for

the final sixteen redraw. After the redraw, Chang eliminated 2009 Player of the Year Jasmin Ouschan, Jeanette Lee and then Xiao-Ting Pan in the second TV match of the day 75. Chang held an early 2-1 lead in the finals, but Hofstatter regained the lead at 4-3. The turning point of the match might have been in rack eight when Hofstatter's miss on the 6-ball left and open rack for Chang. Chang missed the first shot and Hofstatter ran out for a 5-3 lead. From there, it was all Hofstatter with a 7-3 win.
The win was worth $\$ 12,700$ for Hofstatter, while Chang settled for $\$ 7,800$ in second place prize money. Karen Corr and Xiao-Ting Pan earned $\$ 5,100$ for their third place finishes.


## Billiard Education Foundation PRESS RELEASE

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## BEF JUNIOR NATIONALS HEADS TO NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

The Billiard Education Foundation (BEF) is excited to announce that Northern Illinois University (NIU) will host the 22nd Annual Junior National 9 Ball Championships on July 7 -11, 2010.

The Huskies Den in the Holmes Student Center, located on the NIU campus in DeKalb, IL, has seventeen (17) 9-foot billiard tables that will be the stage to an expected 150 young billiard athletes. Junior players will be competing for scholarships, prizes and an invitation to represent the United States at the World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA) World Junior 9-Ball Championships.

To participate in the BEF Junior Nationals, players must earn an entry through a BEF qualifier or must be appointed by their local junior league. The national event features 4 divisions: 19 \& Under Boys, 19 \& Under Girls, 14 \& Under Boys, and 14 \& Under Girls. Qualifiers will be held throughout the United States through the month of

June. The BEF is accepting nominations and offering player invitations for the girls' divisions. For more information about hosting a qualifier, league guidelines, or upcoming qualifier dates and locations, visit
www.BilliardEducation.org.
The 2010 BEF Junior National 9-Ball Championship sponsors include, Ozone Billiards, Simonis Cloth and Delta-13 Rack.

## About BEF

The Billiard Education Foundation (BEF) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization which is committed to promoting education and encourages the development of life skills through youth billiard programs.

For more information, please visit www.BilliardEducation.org or call 303.926.1039.

## 30-Degree Rule for Caroms by Tom Ross

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Both shots in the diagram are pocketed with close to a halfball hit on the object ball. However, success does not demand perfect accuracy because the natural 30-degree roll occurs across a range of cut angles. Spend some time practicing the shots you see here and others like them to calibrate your peace sign and become comfortable with the technique. Also, a little experimentation will uncover the most reliable speed for various shots. With the 30 -Degree Rule and a little practice you will be shooting caroms accurately and confidently in no time all.

The Video Encyclopedia of Pool Shots is the most comprehensive collection of pool shots ever
published with over 750 different shots in 50 categories. On Disc I we demonstrate and describe a few dozen different caroms and kiss shots employing the 30 -Degree Rule and other techniques for accurate execution of these very useful shots.

For a 30-Degree Template to Calibrate Your Peace Sign: http://billiards.colostate.edu/ Click on Instructor and Student Resources then scroll down to Templates and Diagrams where you will find the 30 -Degree Rule Angle Template.

Tom's web site www.tomrosspool.com is dedicated to the instruction of pool. Check it out or contact him at: mamooch99@gmail.com THE CUE TIMES!!

## SE Metro APA Players Converge at the Mirage for Top Gun Tourney

The "Best of the Best" were ready to play with fifty nine (59) top APA league players registering to vie for the most coveted trophy in Colorado, the Bronze Eagle, which goes to the Champion of one of the Top Gun events. Only the winingest players each session are even eligible to compete in this prestigious series of events and when you watch the action you can tell why everyone of these players are here.

Everyone was happy to see this event return to its prominence and once again draw the numbers of old and make it the stand out tournament it has been for years! Lief was back at the helm assisted by James Brothers and all is well once again!! Watch for this event to continue to grow and players once you make it to this tournament you will see why everyone talks about "TOP GUN".

The field was comprised of mainly $\mathrm{s} / 15$ 's with 18 players and the 4's were 16 strong followed by $10 \mathrm{~s} / 16$ 's, 9 participants were s/l 3 and the smallest portion of the field were the 7's with six players. Right from the start the notice was out when in the first round of play there were four "upsets" if you will when Jason Hawkes (4) sent Tom Ferrini (7) to the one loss side; Ryan Jones (3) bested Greg Jones (7), Brett Osborne (3) handled James Elliott (6) and Steve Thur (3) had his way with Curtis Courtney (5). In the second round the evidence of why all these players are here continued when Johnathan Smith (4) put notice on Kevin Bradley (7) besting him double hill; Travis Rohrich (3) handled Matt Rawlins (6) allowing him only 2 games in the race to 5; Jesse Cottage (4) beat Michael Farol (6) 5 games to 3 and Brett Osborne (3) continued his strong play sending Scott Sorknes (5) to the losers side. I could go on and on pointing out some excellent play though suffice it to say the day was filled with great play and some tremendous matches.

Picking up the action with the winner's side quarter finals it is Bryan Connolly vs. Joy Remollo on the top of the bracket and Ken Schmidt vs. Matthew Bates on the lower half.


The top four finishers from L to R: Duke Trieu, Robin Chadwick (front), Matthew Bates, and Joy Remollo

Matthew \& Joy advance while Ken \& Bryan are sent down to respectively face Robin Chadwick, who has been on a terror winning 5 of her 6 matches and Duke Trieu, a tough s/l 7 playing at his home bar. Unfortunately Bryan has to withdraw giving duke a pass to meet Robin in loser's side semi finals besting Ken 3 zip. Robin continues her march allowing Duke only 2 games before she closes the door to advance to the elimination side finals with Joy Remollo who was unsuccessful against Matthew losing 5 -2 . Matthew is now on the hill waiting for one player to emerge from the back side to challenge him for the Bronze Eagle. Joy back in stroke dispatches Robin, not allowing her a game and forcing her to settle for Third Place. Way to go Robin, Awesome showing! !

Now back of the front side, though with one loss to Matthew's no loss record, Joy will have to win two sets (matches) against Matthew in this true double elimination format to become the Champion. Matthew is definitely playing lights out having only loss 5 games in his six matches to reach the hill, though Joy has no give-up in him either as a very seasoned tournament veteran. Matthew take an early lead 2-1 though in

|  |  |  | $\underline{\text { Sidepot }}$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Champion | Matthew Bates (Skylark) | $\$ 315$ | $\$ 75.00$ |
| Runner-up | Joy Remollo (Sobo 151) | 220 | 45.00 |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ | Robin Chadwick (The Break Room) | 145 | 30.00 |
| $4^{\text {th }}$ | Duke Trieu (Mirage Sports Bar) | 95 |  |
| Tie $5^{\text {th }}$ | Ken Schmidt (Mirage Sports Bar | 55 |  |
| Tie $5^{\text {th }}$ | Brian Connolly (Rack-Em) | 55 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

each of the next four straight he makes a critical error coupled with some excellent safety play by Joy for Joy to take off the first set by a score of $5-2$. Now even at one loss each it is down to a sudden death match for the Eagle and the title of Top Gun Champion. Matthew takes advantage of a couple uncharacteristic careless errors by Joy to take the lead $2-0$. Joy draws even at $2-$ 2 when he makes a nice run out when Matthew makes nothing on the break and then takes the next game in a one inning. Game 5 went to Joy after a fair bit of back and forth, it kind of looked like the nerves may be affecting each of them. Matthew tied it up once again when he made the eight on his second attempt to do so. Now at 3 games each it is down to the "cutting". Game 7 goes to Matthew, to capture the "hot seat", when Joy hooks himself on the 8 and misses it giving Matthew ball in hand (BIH) with only three balls to pocket. Game 8 was a very tough safety game, each player exchanging a number of safeties until Matthew lays down a solid hook on Joy which he is not able to escape and with BIH for the final time Matthew gets out and WHAMO! he finally claims his first Top Gun Championship. Giving Matthew his props though, he is a past Champion of Top Gun Allstars. Congrats Matthew on your win, you definitely earned it. Joy, do not lower your head, you are a champion as well, you just don't get the trophy "this" time.

Thank You to all the players who came out to compete and congratulations to all who qualified this session you are all winner's right there. For those who entered though did not make the cash this time enjoy your custom patch from Top Gun and cherish the memories.


## Hedgehog by OMG

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As I sat there, I learned from more players that Hedgehog was a well-heeled, condescending bastard who did not like to hang out with the riff-raff, preferring to follow and talk exclusively to high-level players only. Yes. He was a Pool Groupie. El Groupie de Billar. Sir Groupity-Group of the Billiards Kingdom. He is of the type of people who want to be "in" with the high-rollers, the great players, and the cuemakers, but cannot get there with skill, money, or knowledge.
YOU know someone just like this, I am sure.
The tournament came to a close and wouldn't you know, Hedgehog won it. Yaaay! I could now make my own judgment of Hedgehog based on his actions to my behavior. Also, asking a person to gamble after they've won a tournament is a time-honored tradition, is it not? Maybe not the most courteous tradition, but it happens with regularity nonetheless.
"Hey, champ!" I said. "Are ya ready? Let's play!"
And he replied, without making eye contact, "Um, not tonight."
Wow. Are you serious?
"What then, like when?"
"I don't know, but not tonight."
So, in one of my deepest, darkest moments in recent history, my pride took the wheel and went for a joyride. "'Not tonight' is a phrase best used by women with headaches," I said. "Not by pool players who
talk about gambling and never do it." At this point, I didn't really care whether he played me or not, I was simply irritated that someone would make a statement regarding my skill level versus theirs and then not step up to back up what was said.

I considered the possibility that he hadn't said what he supposedly said, but the circumstantial evidence was pretty damning. I softened up a bit, and in a huge move for me, I said with as much kindness as I could muster (which probably wasn't very much, but, hey--it's the thought that counts), "You know, I've talked smack in my time, and I've had to pay for it. I'm just saying you shouldn't say things you are not prepared to defend."

## And he said, "Not tonight."

After this incident, I went over to Quad Venti, and two other high-level players, TRIPLE GRANDE ICED MOCHA and TRIPLE TALL DRY CAPPUCINO. The general consensus was that I had blew it. If I had woofed in a different manner, I would have probably gotten a game, and, in the end, I could have proven myself to be the better player by putting Hedgehog's trust fund in my pocket. They lectured me on customer service skills in the world of matching up and told me pride would cost me nothing but money. I agreed. I definitely did not have the woofing skills yet, and unless I controlled my pride, I would make no money gambling.

Insisting that I am the better player really is a trivial matter, and, in retrospect (after a week or so of contemplation), I can see its triviality very clearly. I will, however, tell you why Hedgehog's actions got such a rise out of me, in spite of self-control, alcohol, and good friends. I operate on certain guidelines, and having been gone from the pool world for
so long, I had to re-learn the fact that not everyone operates the same way.

For those of you who know me well, I have suffered and sacrificed greatly for this game. For those of you who don't know me well, take my word for it. I played with a Cuetec until I got second in my first tournament. That same night, I took that prize money and bought my first custom cue. My next cue was worth a little more, and came with my first major tournament win. My break cue came the same way. In short, I feel like I should deserve my equipment. I'm one of those that doesn't do something until I feel that I can do it right. I didn't start gambling until I felt my game was at a decent level. My system, chivalrous as it is, is outdated, and unnecessary.
I do not want to be a groupie. I want to be respected for my game.

So, on behalf of those who have eaten ramen noodles for six months to save expense money for an out-of-state tournament, those who have ever come from being down hill-to-zero to win--or even lose, hill-hill--those who have fired all barrels in the name of pride or action, those who have practiced every hour they could, those who have crammed ten people in a hotel room to make a tournament affordable, those who have gotten out of a warm bed on a stormy day to get to a pool hall because they HAVE to hit balls, those who love and live for competition, and those of us not born with a gold tip-tapper shoved up our asses, I ask you, Hedgehog, most courteously in front of the real players of the world:
"Excuse me, sir, but would you like to gamble?"


Another great session of 9-ball ended with 12 teams and a final champ by just a few rounds, yet another title for the DILLIGAF team. Ron Starbuck has been the man to beat and won the singles award by 5 games over Art Sievers. Join this league in September 2010 by calling us soon.



All Leagues will start when we have at least 6 teams. In House leagues may be available in houses with 4 or more tables. 5 person teams,
$\$ 10.00$ nightly dues.
Call us to get signed up - 303-477-2333



Billiard Education Foundation PRESS RELEASE
Contact: Laura Smith
Executive Director LauraSmith@BilliardEducation.org Date: April 3, 2010
Billiard Education Foundation Attends Grand Opening of the Challenger Learning Center of New Mexico

The Billiard Education Foundation (BEF) was honored to be part of the grand opening of the Challenger Learning Center held at the Unser Discovery Campus in Albuquerque, New Mexico on March 6, 2010.

The BEF made the 9-ball on the break when legendary race car driver Al Unser and his wife Susan invited billiards to be a part of their benefit celebration to launch their newest addition to the Unser Discovery Campus, the Challenger Learning Center. The billiard festivities included challenge matches with WPBA touring pros and BEF Executive Director Laura Smith and Director of Program Development Dawn Hopkins. BEF President Tom Riccobene, who was also recently named as a Top CEO in New Mexico for his business, was also in attendance for the gala.

Attendees of the grand opening were encouraged to bid on various auction items including a Valley billiard table donated by Zabel Vending \& Amusement of Albuquerque, draped with cloth donated by Simonis. A generous contribution by local businessman Mike Budagher helped make it possible for one of the local middle schools to acquire the table. Ken Lairsey, vice principal and teacher sponsor of the "Pool In School" program at the Learning Community Charter School was thrilled to add a third table to his school program. The BEF was granted over $\$ 6,000$ in donations from the Challenger Learning


L to R: Tom Riccobene, Laura Smith (Executive Director of BEF), Mike Budagher, \& Dawn Hopkins

Center benefit.
About Challenger Learning Center of New Mexico

The Challenger Learning Center New Mexico is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit educational organization whose mission is to honor those who have explored the frontier of space; to extend the classroom walls for teachers of science, technology, engineering, and math; and to encourage students of all ages to learn to solve problems and make decisions to help them command their own destinies. It completely engages students in an exciting simulated space mission adventure that includes a realistic Mission Control room and an orbiting Space Station, produced with guidance from NASA.

About Billiard Education Foundation

The Billiard Education Foundation (BEF) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization which is committed to promoting education and encourages the development of life skills through youth billiard programs. The BEF funds academic scholarships, produces the Junior National 9-Ball Championships, sponsors billiard athletes to attend the WPA World Junior 9 -Ball Championships and promotes "Pool In School" programs.

For more information, please visit www.BilliardEducation.org or call 303.926.1039.


VNEA Wednesday Aurora 09-10

The VNEA finally gets a start in the East Denver Aurora area in September 09 by kicking off this Wednesday VNEA league. And what a league it was. Only 16 points separated 1st and 2nd with Hadens \#1 landing the first place spot. Carlos Gonzalez wins the top


1st Place Team: Hadens \#1 - Ryan DeYoung, Raymond Aguirre, Lynor Johnson, Martin Riel, James Lyman (NP: Shawn Wade, Steve Fults)
shooter spot just barely over Douglas Gray and Rebecca Kerschen takes the Top Lady shooter by only a few points over Vailey Jestus. Look for more action in the area for VNEA league and get

Top Shooters: Carlos Gonzalez, Rebecca Kerschen, Douglas Gray

| Team Standings - Over \$3,500 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Team Name | Total Pts | Won |
| 1st ... Hadens \#1 | 1882 | . ${ }^{\text {708 }}$ |
| 2nd..Hadens - 4 B | Honk 1866 | . 553 |
| 3rd...Rack em - Ja | ........ 1811 | . 481 |
| 4th ...Frontier Club | a....... 1782 | . 391 |
| 5th ...Rack em - W | ........ 177 |  |
| 6th ...Gibby's - Nat | ...... 175 | 277 |
| 7th ...Rat Boys - Th | ......... 1732 | 280 |
| 8th... 3 Jacks - Mik | ....... 156 | 244 |


| Top Shooters |
| :---: |
| 1st.....Carlos Gonzalez..... $\$ 75$ |
| 2nd....Douglas Gray......... 50 |
| 3rd....Colin Monaco .......... 25 |
| Top Lady: Rebecca........ 25 |
| Tournament Winners |
| 1st.....James Lyman ...... $\$ 100$ |
| 2nd....Ryan DeYoung ...... 70 |
| 3rd.....Carlos Gonzalez...... 45 |
| 4th....Douglas Gray .......... 25 |
| 5th.... Bubba................ 10 |
| 5th.....Don Guckenberger... 10 |

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## BC's Sports Pub

## Weekly Tournament

 Results| 3-26-10 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1st | Steve Hemelstrand | \$110 |
| 2nd | Manuel Torres | 65 |
| 3rd | Aaron Westcott | 40 |
| 3-27-10 (Open Singles, \$ Added) |  |  |
| 1st | Jackie Karol | \$200 |
| 2nd | Felipe Flores | 125 |
| 3rd | Terry Duncan | 75 |
| 4th | Rick Burbach | 50 |
| 4-2-10 |  |  |
| 1st | Bruce Wilson | \$125 |
| 2nd | Felipe Flores | 70 |
| 3 rd | Jose Flores | 40 |
| 4th | Harvey Wilford | 25 |
| 4-9-10 |  |  |
| 1st | Eric Jones | \$90 |
| 2nd | Dave Wright | 45 |
| 3rd | Emilio | 25 |
| 4-16-10 |  |  |
| 1st | Harvey Wilford | \$100 |
| 2nd | Rich | 60 |
| 3rd | Chris Patrinas | 40 |
| 4-17-10 (Scotch Doubles, \$ Added) |  |  |
| 1st | Harvey Wilford and Merle Wilford | \$210 |
| 2nd | Brian Leary and | 130 |
|  | Paul Wooten |  |
| 3rd | Dave \& Rhonda Wright | 60 |
| 4-23-10 |  |  |
| 1st | Gary Schaffler | \$70 |
| 2nd | Eric Jones | 40 |
| 3rd | Roland Lucero | 20 |

## ATM Wins US Open 10-Ball Qualifier

The two-day event was broad-
cast live through USTREAM and recorded videos can still be viewed at: http://www.ustream.tv/channel/ viper-tv.

Andrew Pettenger, aka "ATM" won the event beating Adam King in the extended single race finals (9-4). Andrew played incredible pool throughout the weekend and went undefeated to win the qualifier. The cable tech and Colorado resident will travel to Las Vegas in May to compete against some of the best players in the World. Andrew's other notable finishes are $25^{\text {th }}$ place finish at the Reno Open and a $22^{\text {nd }}$ place finish at the Derby City Classic.

Produced by CueSports International (CSI), the parent company of the BCA Pool League, the USA Pool

On April $17^{\text {th }}-18^{\text {th }}, 2010$ The Wynkoop Brewing Company hosted the last U.S. based U.S. Open 10-Ball Championships qualifier. Twenty-one players from all around the Front Range of Colorado competed for the paid spot. 15-Rack Pool leagues sponsored the top-7 point leaders from the spring session of league to compete in this prestigious event.


League and the longstanding producer of the U.S. Bar Table Championships and the Jay Swanson Memorial 9-Ball Tournament, the 2010 U.S. Open Championship is sponsored by Diamond Billiard Products, Simonis, Aramith, Billiards Digest, BreakRak, and the live stream will be featured by TAR with OB Cues as the stream sponsor.

The U.S. Open 10-Ball Championship will be held May 17-22, 2010 at the Riviera Hotel \& Casino. The live stream of the event can be viewed at www.playbca.com and www.theactionreport.com. There is still one last opportunity to win a paid qualifier spot to the U.S. Open 10-Ball event this coming weekend, April 23-25 at Sharks Club in Spruce Grove, Alberta, Canada. For information about that qualifier call Pat Ringham at (780) 818-0110.

For more details about the U.S. Open 10-Ball Championship and spectator ticket information please contact holly@playcsipool.com
$1^{\text {st }}$ - Andrew Pettenger - Qualifier
$2^{\text {nd }}-$ Adam King - $\$ 150$ Gift Bag
$3^{\text {rd }}$ - Dave Gross - $\$ 150$ Gift Bag

# Calendar of Events for the 2010 APA, BCA, VNEA and ACS Nationals 

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

## 2010 APA National Singles Championships - April 29 - May 1, 2010

Riviera Hotel \& Casino, Las Vegas, NV (Qualify for Tiered 8-Ball and 9-Ball Events) - For more information, go online at www.poolplayers.com or check with your APA League Operator

## 2010 BCA National 8-Ball Championships - May 14-22, 2010

Riviera Hotel \& Casino, Las Vegas, NV (On-Time Entries to be postmarked by March 28, 2010 - Late Entries to be postmarked by April 12, 2010)
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 |
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| May 9 | May 10 | May 11 | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { May 12 } \\ \hline \text { - } 9 \text {-Ball Challenge at 9:00 am } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | May 13 <br> - Scotch Doubles check-in begins at noon (only needed if there are changes) <br> - 9-Ball Challenge concludes | May 14 <br> - Scotch Doubles play begins at 9:00 am <br> - Singles check-in begins at 9:00 am | May 15 <br> - Grand Master Singles begins at noon <br> - Singles play begins at 9:00 am |
| May 16 <br> - Artistic Pool Tour begins at 2:00pm <br> - Singles, Grand Masters Singles and Scotch Doubles play continues <br> - Open Team check-in begins at noon | May 17 <br> - Grand Master Singles concludes <br> - Second Chance Singles play begins at $8: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ <br> - Singles and Scotch Doubles play continues <br> - Artistic Pool play continues | May 18 <br> - Singles, Second Chance Singles and Scotch Doubles concludes | May 19 <br> - Master Teams and Trophy Teams check-in begins at noon <br> - Open Teams play begins at 9:00 am <br> - Artistic Pool play continues | May 20 <br> - Open Teams play continues <br> - Master Teams and Trophy Teams play begins at 9:00 am | May 21 <br> - Open Teams, Master <br> Teams and Trophy Teams play continues <br> - Second Chance Teams check-in at 9:00 am and play begins at 2:00 pm <br> - Artistic Pool play concludes | May 22 <br> - Open Teams, Master Teams, Trophy Teams and Second Chance Teams play concludes |

## 2010 VNEA International Championships - May 27 - June 5, 2010

Riviera Hotel \& Casino in Las Vegas, NV (Entries and fees are due to your VNEA League Operator by Tuesday, April 20th)

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| May 23 | May 24 | May 25 | May 26 | May 27 | May 28 | May 29 |
|  |  |  | *NOTE: Singles do NOT need to check in if your name is already on the brackets. Teams MUST check-in on the appropriate day. | - 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 | - 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 | - 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 pm |
| May 30 <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 pm <br> - Masters Singles Finals (TBA) <br> - Scotch Doubles Finals (TBA) <br> - Mini-Tournaments (TBA) | May 31 <br> - 8-Ball \& 9-Ball Finals (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 Noon <br> - Prize Money available from 10:00 am to noon and 2:00 pm to $4: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ <br> - Suds \& Chips Mixer at 7:30 pm (includes Awards Presentations, Parade of Flags, etc.) | June 1 <br> - Team check-in from 7:30 to $8: 30 \mathrm{am}$ <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) | June 2 | June 3 | June 4 | June 5 |
|  |  |  | - 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 $6: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ <br> - Master Team competition begins at Noon <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) | - 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 pm <br> - Mini-Tournaments (TBA) | - 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 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) | - 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 |

2010 ACS National 8-Ball Championships - June 6 - June 12, 2010
Riviera Hotel \& Casino, Las Vegas, NV (On-Time Entries to be postmarked by April 26, 2010 - Late Entries to be postmarked by May 10, 2010)
For more information, including entry fees, go online at www.americancuesports.org or check with your ACS League Operator



## Don Adams Wins Spring Session of 15－Rack Pool Leagues

 played in this record－breaking session．At the end of the 10 －week session the player with the most points became the ses－ sion＇s grand prize winner．

Don Adams from Charlie＇s Billiards came out on top winning by 12－ points ahead of Matt Driste．Don won a custom Jacoby 15－Rack pool cue，a custom Delta－13 15－Rack rack， and the top six finishers won free entries into the April $17^{\text {th }}-18^{\text {th }}$ CSI US 10 －Ball qualifier that was held at the Wynkoop．If a 15 －rack player had won that main event－the league would have paid for their airfare to the Las Vegas．The top six qualifying players were： $1^{\text {st }}$ place Don Adams， $2^{\text {nd }}$ place was Matt Driste， $3^{\text {rd }}$ place Bret Banwart， $4^{\text {th }}$ place Scott Smith，
$5^{\text {th }}$ place Michael Prewitt，and $6^{\text {th }}$ place Douglas Labout．The top 2 ladies，Kathy Crump and Chris Ho－ neman，qualified for paid entries into the biggest ladies event ever in Colo－ rado－The 2010 WPBA Amateur National Championships to be held at the Wynkoop Brewing Company－ November $19^{\text {th }}-21^{\text {st }}, 2010$.

On June $13^{\text {th }}$ ，the summer session of 15－Rack Pool Leagues begins and will feature a paid entry into the $35^{\text {th }}$ annual US Open 9－Ball Champion－ ships to be held at the beautiful Chesapeake Conference Center，in Chesapeake Virginia，October $17^{\text {th }}$－ $23^{\text {rd }}, 2010$ ．The top two ladies will also qualify for the Amateur Nation－ als．
A special thanks to 15 －Rack pool leagues sponsors for giving the play－ ers an opportunity to win a weekly gift bag－The Impulse Theater，Pool Dawg，The Wazee Supper Club， Charlie＇s Billiards，Jacoby Custom Cues，Delta－13，and The Wynkoop for hosting the league．

To sign up for the summer session please visit www． 15 rack．com or RSVP with Melissa Little at 720－ 296－5395

## Thompamment Traill

| 閏 SUNDAY |  |
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| Charlie＇s Billiards | ${ }^{9}$－Ball，${ }^{\text {9 }}$ tables |
| Chasers Pool Hall | 8 －Ball，bar table |
| Famous Door | 8 －Ball，bar table |
| Sand Creek Lounge | 8 －Ball，bar table |
| 啢 MONDAY |  |
| Charlie＇s Billiards | 9－Ball，9＇tables |
| Hank＇s Billiards | 8 －Ball，bar table |
| 盛 TUESDAY |  |
| Charlie＇s Billiards | 9－Ball，bar table |
| Hank＇s Billiards | 8 －Ball，bar table |
| Sand Creek Lounge | 8 －Ball，bar table |
|  |  |
| Wynkoop | 10－Ball， 9 ＇tables |
| 盛 THURSDAY |  |
| Charlie＇s Billiards | 8－Ball，bar table |
| 閴 FRIDAY |  |
| BC＇s Sports Pub | 8－Ball，bar table |
| Charlie＇s Billiards | 9 －Ball，bar table |
| Chasers Pool Hall | 8 －Ball |
| 蝺 SATURDAY |  |
| Charlie＇s Billiards | 8 －Ball，bar table |
| Love＇s Shack | 8 －Ball，bar table |
| Tournament Trail is free Trail listing only）．Li guarantee the | advertisers（\＄15 for Tournament of tournaments does not at will take place． |

## Matt Driste Wins 15－Rack＇s End of Session Tournament

On April 24 ${ }^{\text {th }}, 2010$ 15－Rack 10－ Ball Pool Leagues hosted their $\$ 400$ added＂End of the spring session＂tournament，which was held at The Wynkoop Brewing Company．Players who partici－ pated in the spring session re－ ceived a special invite to partici－ pate in this competition．

The formats were players got into randomly drawn groups of three and played 15 －Racks of $10-$ ball the ghost．The player with the most points including their handicaps advanced to the next round．

The five players that advanced played an additional 10－racks to determine their place in the finals． Matt Driste，newbie of 15 －rack＇s league，won the event with a domi－ nating score of 94 ，second place finisher was Nathan Barry with a score of 71，Bret Banwart won third with a score of 69 ，and Rob Nehr and Mike Prewitt finished $4^{\text {th }} / 5^{\text {th }}$ with a tie of 67 points each．

The next 15－Rack＂end of the ses－ sion tournament＂will be held


From left to right：Matt Driste， Nathan Barry，and Bret Banwart

September $4^{\text {th }}, 2010$ concluding the summer session of league， which starts June $13^{\text {th }}$ ，2010．For more information on how to join 15－Rack please visit www． 15 rack．com

Special thanks to the league reps Roy Yamane，Chris Macey，and Doug Conry for running the event and the LIVE broadcasting stream through www．ustream．tv

| $1^{\text {st }}-$ Matt Driste | $\$ 310$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $2^{\text {nd }}-$ Nathan Barry | $\$ 200$ |
| $3^{\text {rd }}-$ Bret Banwart | $\$ 100$ |
| $4^{\text {th }} / 5^{\text {th }}$ Mike Prewitt | $\$ 35$ each |
| and Rob Nehr |  |

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