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**James Beckemeyer**  
1st Place

### James Beckemeyer Wins First Stay In Stroke Title

**Welcome back to  
the fray James!**

(Photos courtesy of Joshua Ramey)

**For full coverage of this event,  
see page 7**



**James Brothers**  
Runner Up

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## Instruction With Tom

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

January 2002

Last week I received an e-mail from a reader asking for help with speed control. It came at the perfect time as I had begun searching for the topic that I would address in this month's installment; after nearly fifty columns ideas for new material do not always spring forth. So, as a way of keeping the information flowing, please feel free to send an e-mail, make a phone call or dispatch a carrier pigeon with any questions. Chances are good that I can address your concerns in detail right here.

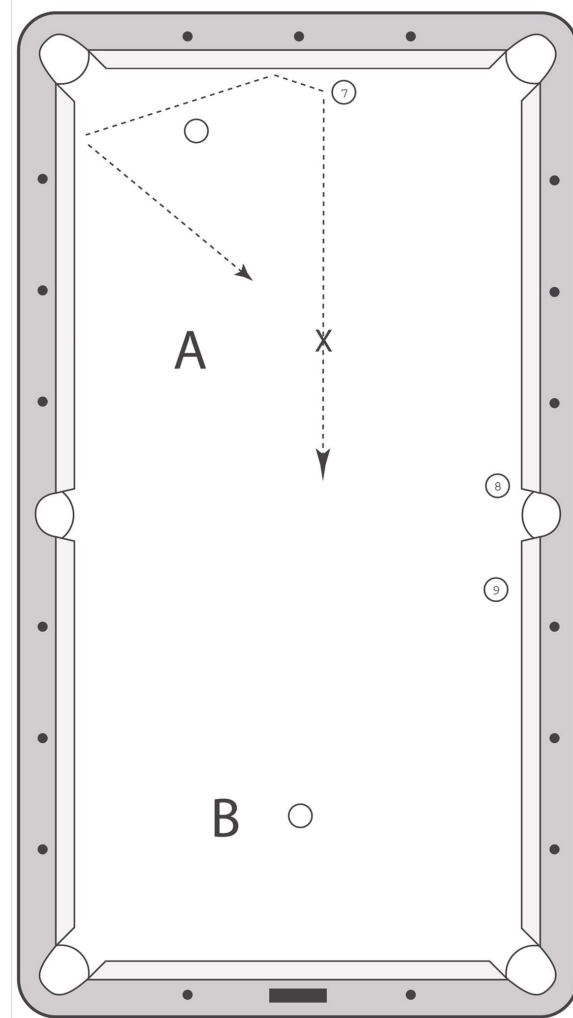
Speed control can be very difficult to discuss in specific terms. For example, if you are coaching someone on a shot, how do you tell that person exactly how hard to hit it? Words like "soft," "medium" and "hard" fail to cover the range of possibility. And we know that very slight variations in the power applied to a shot can cause great differences in result. So we need ways to learn and practice what we call touch.



ors, particularly artistic ones, the feel required to make fine adjustments lives in the fingers. Our best pool game always emerges during those times when we move the game out of our heads and into our hands.

The primary cause for position errors is not lack of skill but the absence of complete thinking. As I've written in the past, precise position play results from two critical steps during the preparation for a shot. First, while standing and studying the shot, the player must identify precisely where he wants to leave the cue ball by choosing a pinpoint rather than an area on the table. The second step after choosing that pinpoint is to forget about it, simply let go of it to focus on pocketing the ball. In that moment where you allow yourself to forget about the spot you chose your hand is liberated to perform. Clinging to thoughts about position during the shot will cause internal nagging and physical tension as in any experience with incomplete or unresolved matters.

To begin we must understand where that touch originates. Although pool requires constant thought and complex decision making, we play the game with our hands, one hand really, the shooting hand. Just as it is with most endeavors,



perpendicularly thus requiring perfect speed to stop the cue ball on it. The seasoned player hits this shot with draw and left english to move on to the line off the second rail, a path that yields the desired angle on the eight ball with a considerable margin for speed error. Many if not most shots offer options for the cue ball and better players identify and choose the paths that widen the margin for error regarding speed.

Now we need a method for adjusting easily to the speed of a strange table. Great players can do so with most tables after just a few shots. A useful tool is a reference speed for all tables, one that will help your hand make the proper adjustments for all of the shots that you will encounter. I use one called lag speed and I like to tune it in before I play on a strange table. Place the cue ball as it is in shot B and shoot it straight through the center of the table to hit the foot rail, come back and hit the head rail with enough speed to rebound and stop within a half diamond of where it originated. Three or four consecutive, successful trials will work to begin tuning your hand to the table's speed.

The ability to play with precise speed control and adjust one's touch to different tables comes mainly from experience. Experience also teaches us to make definite and smart choices. Always look closely at your next shot to avoid leaving yourself too straight when you need to move the cue ball or too thin when you need keep the cue ball close. Choosing the correct angles will allow you to play more shots with comfortable speeds that are easier to control, which beats finding yourself trying to power one shot and bunt the next to stay in position. That is how great players can go through racks seemingly hitting every shot with the same speed.

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## Not So Fast on Carrying on Your Pool Cue... Just Yet

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) policy changes to remove certain small knives and sporting equipment from the prohibited items list were originally scheduled to go into effect April 25, 2013. However, in order to accommodate further input from the Aviation Security Advisory Committee (ASAC), which includes representatives from the aviation community, passenger advocates, law enforcement experts, and other stakeholders, TSA will temporarily delay implementation of these changes. This timing will enable TSA to incorporate the ASAC's feedback about the changes to the prohibited items list and continue workforce training.

For more information on these changes, please visit:

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When implemented, the following sporting equipment will be permitted through TSA security checkpoints: billiard cues, ski poles, hockey sticks, lacrosse sticks, and

golf clubs (limited to two). This change includes the allowance of small novelty and toy bats through checkpoints. These bats must be 24 inches or shorter in length or weigh less than 24 ounces if they are longer than 24 inches. Full-size baseball, softball, and cricket bats (longer than 24 inches and heavier than 24 ounces) continue to be prohibited from carry-on luggage and must be placed in checked baggage.

It is important to note that TSOs have the discretion to prohibit an individual from carrying an item through the screening checkpoint or onboard an aircraft if they believe the item poses a security threat. Therefore, TSA security screening personnel make the final decision on whether to permit items into the sterile area of the airport. If a passenger is unsure if an item meets the requirements described above, TSA recommends that the item be placed in checked baggage. Travelers should also check with their airline or travel agent for policies, as individual airlines may place additional restrictions on any item.



## Tournament Results

#### Tue (4/2) 21 Players

Mark H. \$115  
 Danny S. \$71  
 Jim C. \$52  
 Rick F. \$25

#### Fri (4/5) 21 Players

Fred L. \$90  
 Jose C. \$55  
 Rick F. \$35  
 Greg W. \$20

#### Sat (4/6) 16 Players

Josh B. \$60  
 Jeff C. \$45  
 Andy P. \$25

#### Sun (4/7) 21 Players

Jose C. \$110  
 Andy P. \$76  
 Danny S. \$52  
 Kiko B. \$30

#### Tue (4/9) 18 Players

Andy P. \$103  
 Jose C. \$63  
 Kiko Q. \$42

#### Fri (4/12) 12 Players

Andrew K. \$60  
 Justin S. \$40  
 Nick D. \$20

#### Sat (4/13) 14 Players

Don L. \$55  
 Scott F. \$40  
 Andrew O. \$25

#### Sun (4/14) 16 Players

Marc V. \$95  
 Danny S. \$62  
 Jose C. \$35

#### Tue (4/16) 28 Players

Danny S. \$136  
 Marc V. \$90  
 Kiko P. \$70  
 Jose C. \$35  
 Rick F. \$20  
 Rodney R. \$20 Top A/B Player

#### Fri (4/19) 14 Players

Matt K. \$65  
 Brandie R. \$45  
 Bert \$30

#### Sat (4/20) 12 Players

Ray V. \$50  
 Jimmy V. \$30  
 Evan B. \$20  
 Roy Y. \$10

#### Sun (4/21) 13 Players

Marc V. \$80  
 Jimmy V. \$50  
 Charlie Z. \$34

#### Sun (4/23) 20 Players

Jose C. \$131  
 Mark H. \$79  
 Kiko B. \$52  
 Jimmy V. \$20 Top A/B Player

#### Fri (4/26) 16 Players

Jose C. \$60  
 Scott F. \$45  
 Chris F. \$30  
 Janet O. \$15

#### Sun (4/28) 20 Players

Melissa L. \$110  
 Mark H. \$66  
 Rick F. \$44  
 Andrew K. \$20 Top A/B Player





**News from  
APA North**

## Scotch Doubles Qualifiers for Vegas

The APA of Northern Colorado would like to congratulate the scotch doubles team of Ken King and Lori Barker. After coming from the dark side at Night Shotz in Loveland, they decided to try again at an 8-Ball Vegas Qualifier held at Paradise Billiards in Evans CO. In the snow storm limited field of 11 teams Ken and Lori took advantage of their first round BYE and just continued advancing thru the winners side to earn the hot seat spot. The final opponents turned out to be the cousins, Craig and Tonya Haselbush.

Craig and Tonya just happen to be the other Jack and Jill team heading to Vegas in April to represent Northern Colorado. In the end, our repeat team earning their second Vegas trip of the year is Ken King and Lori Barker taking the win.

They will be joining the Scotch Doubles team of Patti Zlaten and Wes Dycus at the APA National tournament in Las Vegas in August this year. Best of luck to all of our Vegas bound teams!



Lori Barker & Ken King



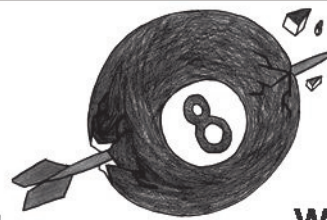
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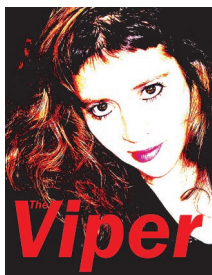
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## Ask The Viper...

Q & A's by WPBA Pro  
Melissa Little

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### An Interview with Top Ranked International Player Lu Hui Chan

*This month I am interviewing my first international star player from Taiwan. I am honored to introduce you to Lu Hui Chan...*

#### The Interview:

**Viper:** Where were you born?

**Lu:** Hsinchu, Tawain

**Viper:** Do you have a girlfriend?

**Lu:** No, I am basically married to pool

**Viper:** Do you have siblings?

**Lu:** I am the oldest of five children and none of them play pool



**Viper:** What do your parents think of your pool career?

**Lu:** My parents have always encouraged to me to be the best that I can be.

**Viper:** As far as a Taiwanese player, who did you look up to?

**Lu:** Ching-Shun Yang, he is a couple of years older than me and he was the number 1 ranked player in the world. His mental game is superior; nothing can bring him out of his game and that is what I admire that about him most.

**Viper:** In your opinion, what parts of the world produce the best players?

**Lu:** Taiwan and the Philippines

**Why:**

**Lu:** Not because of talent rather I think it's because of the equipment. Over in Asia it's very humid and most pool halls over there have extremely tight tables. So when the big names come over to the US it seems a little easier. ☺

**Viper:** Who's your favorite female pool player?

**Lu:** Alison Fisher because she is so consistent and a very nice person

**Viper:** Where and when did you first start playing pool?

**Stevie:** I was 13 years old, and visited a bookshop that housed a pool table and I was intrigued by the game so I started playing.

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

**Lu:** In 1998 I won my first WPA world junior 9-ball championships

**Viper:** Do you currently have any sponsors?

**Lu:** No and I am looking for sponsorships for here in the USA. Later in the spring I plan on coming back and playing in more US events including the US Open.

**Viper:** Did you ever play in a pool league?

**Lu:** NO, they do not exist in Taiwan

**Viper:** Are you good at any other sports?

**Lu:** I started playing baseball in elementary school and got really good at it.

**Viper:** Describe yourself in three words?

**Lu:** Quiet, dedicated and determined

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

**Lu:** I have had the opportunity to travel the world and I wouldn't change a thing. ☺

**Viper:** Who were/are your favorite professionals?

**Lu:** I really liked Rodney Morris, when I was a kid I got to watch him in action and he was unbeatable in Taiwan.

**Viper:** How do you prepare for events?

**Lu:** I listen to my music on my iPod and practice for a few hours per day. I work on my break and play the ghost. I like to listen to American hip-hop music – Lady Ga Ga

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

**Lu:** The National Coach for the Taiwanese team told me once growing up to not ever worry about the score and try to stay relaxed as much as possible.

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

**Lu:** I love everything about competing especially when I am winning.

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

**Lu:** Make sure you have enough time to practice and analyze your game so you can learn your mistakes. Don't make the same mistake twice. Try your best not to focus your attention on winning and losing.

**Viper:** What's your Favorite game?

**Lu:** 10-ball because it's so much more challenging then 9-ball.

A special "Thank-you" to Lu Hui Chan for taking time out of his traveling schedule to participate in my Ask the Viper.

Viper ☺

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## The 6th Annual Wyoming Open Was a Great Success For Many

*Saratoga, Wyoming* - USA's #1 ranked Shane Van Boening went undefeated to win the 6th Annual Wyoming Open. The South Dakota native defeated Hawaii's Rocket Rodney Morris in the 8-Ball bar table event that boasted a full field of 48 in the Masters Division. The event was produced by E.J. Glode and co-promoted by Dragon Promotions. Drawing over 150 players in 3 divisions, the Wyoming Open is widely regarded as the biggest and best pool event in 6 states. The event was sponsored by Asia's #1 pro cloth Andy Cloth and Master Chalk. Local partners are Duke's Bar & Grill and Riviera Lodge and all events coordinated by Shively Hardware.

In the Sportsman Division featuring novice players, Mike Kozeniewski of Wyoming won the 50 player division. He defeated Dwain Twiford twice in the finals. The Classic Division featured a full 64 player field of advanced players and \$1600 for 1st place. Colorado's Don Clements went undefeated including wins over runner-up Kevin Wall twice.



EJ Glode with Shane Van Boening

The main event open to masters level as well as professionals featured \$5000 added to the purse, not including a calcutta which featured another \$6000 in prizes. Early favorites included Rodney Morris, Stevie Moore, Charlie Williams, Raj Hundal, Rafael Martinez, and Shane Van Boening. Other notable names were Marc Vidal of Spain (and Colorado!) and Mark Tadd of Utah.

All the favorites made it to the final 16 bracket. In the re-draw, Martinez defeated Hundal while Vidal made an upset over Charlie Williams 7-5. Van Boening defeated Moore, Martinez 6-5, and another hill-hill thriller over Rodney Morris 6-5. Hundal then shutout Stevie Moore 7-0 while Williams bounced back with 2 more wins to make the final 8.

Martinez, Hundal, Williams, Vidal

rounded out the final 8

The final day saw Rafael Martinez defeat Williams 7-4 while Morris won over Hundal. Morris then went on to win a tough 7-5 match over Martinez after being down 4-0. He then went on to eliminate Vidal 7-5 who finished 3rd. Notable finishes by non-pro players included 5th place by Ricardo Martinez (unrelated to Rafael) and Bruce Wilson who got 7th.

The finals pitted two red hot players in Morris vs Van Boening. Both players went #2 and #1 respectively in the player auction. The match went extremely fast. Morris had beaten Van Boening in the past 5 other tournaments. But Van Boening's break seemed unstoppable, and Morris scratched the final break giving the match to Shane 7-5.

"The way I've been playing, I knew Shane would have to play absolutely perfect to beat me. And sure enough, he played a flawless two matches against me this tournament. My hat's off to him", said Morris.

"Bar Box 8-Ball is my all time favorite game", said Shane.

The Wyoming Open also had a second chance Hard Luck 9-Ball event for the players knocked out early. This was won by Ace Brown of Utah who was thrilled to finally win his first trophy at the Wyoming Open in 6 tries. Several mini-tournaments were held at Duke's Bar that went on to 3am.

"I'm finally starting to shoot loose! It's so much fun! I won't ever miss this tournament!", said Brad Kallevig.

26 kids also showed up to play in the Wyoming Open Qualifier for the USA Junior Nationals hosted by the BEF (Billiard Education Foundation). Kids 17 and under came from Nebraska, Colorado, and all over Wyoming. The tournament was a bright gem that brightened further the atmosphere of the Wyoming Open, and the success was due to Mrs. Samm Vidal, new director of the BEF.

"The Wyoming Open is the biggest week for my business and for many others in our town. E.J. is always trying to improve the event, and this year is by far the best Wyoming Open ever!", said Chris Duke, owner of Duke's Bar & Grill. Duke is one of the event's primary sponsors and partner.

## James Beckemeyer and James Brothers Battle for Top Honors

Results provided by Rich Montoya  
Photos courtesy of Joshua Ramey

A very strong field of players (34 to be exact) showed up at Love's Shack Pool & Pub to play some 8-ball in this 13's and down event and as I have always said... On any given day, there could be a new champion!

Well, this time it was the James's who bested the field. James Brothers started out with Charlie Williamson (5-3) and then John Santistevan in a see-saw battle that featured 6 out of 9 Racks being a run out. James came out on top (5-4) and went on to do battle against a new young player Pepito Lopez. James once again came out on top (5-3) and then matched up against the 10-ball Champion Jon Amo (5-3). He dominated the next match as well against Jonas Martinez for the hot seat (5-2). James dazzled all of us with an array of shot making, safety play, and run out capabilities that we would all envy.

On the other side, it was James Beckemeyer, a former champion who just recently came back from a 10 year hiatus. He matched up against a very dangerous player in Dusty Trujillo (5-4) in the first round. Next in line was the always present Dave Hubbard (5-2), then Scotch Doubles Champion Pom Rai (5-1), before losing to one of the best - Jonas Martinez (4-5). He went to the losers bracket and said it was time to "pump up the volume" and he did just that by beating Pepe Lopez Sr. (5-3) and then Jon Amo, (5-1) and finally in a revenge match, he defeated Jonas Martinez (5-1). That is when he told me privately that he wanted some double dippage. He started out the first set of the finals with a



Tourney Champ  
**James Beckemeyer**

(5-1) victory over James Brothers. Then, in the final game of the tournament, Brothers broke and looked as if he might run out to win his first Stay In Stroke title, but missed a bank shot on the 8-ball and the rest is history. What a great tournament!!!! Congratulations go out to Mr. Beckemeyer for his outstanding play in a tough field.

My idea was to create good action, as well as an opportunity to get warmed up for Vegas. Thanks to all who competed, to Crystal (behind the bar), to Deb Love (owner), as well as Joshua Ramey (photographer) and Holly Figueroa for her help.

Continue to support billiards in Colorado by teaching someone, taking a lesson, support Cue Times advertisers, buy a cue, participate in all the local events you can and last but not least.... "STAY IN STROKE"!



Runner Up  
**James Brothers**

### Here is how they finished:

1 <sup>st</sup>	James Beckemeyer	\$300.00/\$425.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	James Brothers	\$250.00/\$360.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jonas Martinez	\$200.00/\$275.00
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jon Amo	\$175.00/\$200.00
5 <sup>th</sup>	Pepe Lopez	\$150.00/\$130.00
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Willeford	\$150.00/\$130.00
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# Str8 Shots Qualifies another Six for BEF Junior National Championships

(Englewood, CO): On Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, Str8 Shots hosted another successful qualifier for the 2013 BEF Junior Nationals at Antique Billiard Museum in Colorado Springs, CO. Over 20 young players arrived in hopes of qualifying for the upcoming championship in July.



L to R: Baron Mauro, Tanner Stoops, Tyler Casey, Kyleigh Shaw, Mason Hoffman

exchanged run outs with Quezada in the finals before settling for second and \$200 in scholarship bucks. Kristiana Lievanos, the only girl in the division made her way to the semi-finals to take third and a paid entry into Nationals.

In the 14 & Under division, 14-year-old Tyler Casey came back through the b-side after losing his first match to 10-year-old Baron Mauro. Mauro had a great showing considering it was his first pool tournament ever. Both boys, along with second-place finisher Tanner Stoops, earned their way to Nationals.

In total, Str8 Shots added \$800 to the event to be awarded in academic scholarships, and even more in entry and membership fees, and not to mention payouts in the open division. Colorado is more than

In the 18 & Under division, 18-year-old Geoffrey Quezada of Arvada went undefeated to claim the likes of a \$300 academic scholarship made possible by Str8 Shots. 15-year-old Josh Bustos, who was already qualified for Junior Nationals,

fortunate to have the support and organization of Str8-Shots.com.



L to R: Kristiana Lievanos, Geoffrey Quezada, and Josh Bustos

### 18 & Under division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Geoffrey Quezada, age 18 (\$300 Scholarship)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Joshua Bustos, age 15 (\$200 Scholarship)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Kristiana Lievanos, age 17 (\$100 Scholarship + Paid Entry in to Jr Nationals)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Taren Stewart, age 15
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Jacob Christiansen, age 16 (Qualifier)

### 14 & Under division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Tyler Casey, age 14 (\$100 Scholarship, Qualifier + Trophy)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Tanner Stoops, age 11 (\$50 Scholarship, Qualifier + Trophy)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Baron Mauro, age 10 (\$50 Scholarship, Qualifier + Trophy)
- Top Girl: Kyleigh Shaw, age 8 (Paid Entry into Junior Nationals + Trophy)

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## 1st Annual Energy Capital 9-Ball Classic Gillette, WY - April, 2013

Forty-four players of all skill levels showed up at the inaugural Energy Capital 9-Ball Classic held at the Sundance Lounge in Gillette, WY. On the line was the right to be the first winner of what is sure to become an annual event.

In this handicapped event, the field was comprised of 13 B's, 11 A's, 14 AA's, and 6 AAA's with Colorado being represented by the eventual winner ATM and Pueblo's own Jim Calderon.



Andrew Pettinger  
Champion

1st	Andrew ATM Pettinger	\$1250
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3rd	Buzz Gorham	\$575
4th	Mick Teifenthaler	\$375
5/6th	Vince Archuletta Shane Hatfield	\$225
7/8th	Jeff Worcester Aaron Maki	\$150

There were plenty of ways to win some cash at this event with money added to the main pot, player auctions, and mini-tournaments on the side. With the tournament director's plan (Chuck Wise) to grow this to a full 64 player field, opportunities to win even bigger payouts will no doubt increase. To make it even more competitive, Chuck is also thinking about creating a couple of brackets to accommodate the different skill levels.



Ken Nash (AAA)  
2nd Place



Buzz Gorham (B)  
3rd Place



# Adventure Time in Saratoga, WY

By Krystle Radtke, guest contributor

*(A little about Krystle in her own words: "Well, I'm a flute player pursuing a Masters degree in Flute Performance. My life is pretty open ended right now and I'm coming to terms with that one day at a time.")*

Pool has always been a pretty large part of my life: I grew up playing in bars while my mom worked and while my family just hung out downtown (small towns allow small children into their small bars). I distinctly remember playing pool with my first crush, barely able to see over the table, and the joy I had in winning the "game," (Although let's be honest, it was not a legitimate game of pool, throwing the balls around and hitting at them with bar sticks). In high school I participated in leagues, we lied about my age so that I could play in different bars around town on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights (15 to 18 isn't that big of a difference, right?) and I played in countless different bar tournaments. I bought my first intermediate flute with money from pool tournaments and I played pool every night from as soon as the bus dropped me off at the bar until I went to bed. Pool permeated my life in a way that didn't negatively affect my school, music, or sports. I somehow managed to do it all while playing ridiculous amounts of pool around town.

Unfortunately my undergraduate degree brought on insane amounts of practice with the flute: rehearsals, concerts, and classes. Studying both music and philosophy I rarely had the time to go to the gym and eat food, much less go to a bar to throw down some money and play some pool. So for years I took a pool hiatus 9 months out of the year.

It was awful.

But then I moved to Laramie to pursue a graduate degree in flute performance. It was here that I saw a sign for a pool tournament on campus, a tournament I enthusiastically signed up. Things weren't going well between my then-boyfriend and me and I needed to do something that reminded me of who I was. This tournament was it. I later learned that it was a regional qualifier, the very same tournament that brought me to the ACUI regionals in Salt Lake City where I finished undefeated as the number one seed for nationals. Pool made a sudden, unexpected comeback into my life and I have shamelessly embraced it. Now I play in weekly tournaments



here in Laramie, sometimes traveling down to Fort Collins for the tougher competition and the better tables. I have been watching professional matches on YouTube in between practicing the flute at school and at night while I wind down from the day with a glass of wine. So it's not surprising that I have been jumping at the opportunity to travel to see the pro's play and to test myself against better competition.





My first trip of this sort happened on March 23<sup>rd</sup> when I drove down to the Englewood pool hall Felt to see Nick Varner and Thorsten Hohmann play, with the intentions of playing in the 8-ball barbox tournament. Unfortunately due to the weather I showed up too late for the tournament to work out, but watching Nick and Thorsten play and hearing what they had to say about pool got me even more excited about the sport. There's just something about watching a live match over a YouTube match that is just super exciting.

Which brings us to this last weekend. Oddly enough the University of Wyoming had Good Friday off for an Easter break, which turned out to be a convenient day off for me as a pool fan! I had known about the sixth annual Platte Valley Open pool tournament in Saratoga for a while, but I decided at the last minute that I wanted to shoot in the tournament. The final draw was hearing that Shane Van Boening was going to be there, because Shane is the pool player of my dreams right now. I have watched almost every one of his matches on YouTube and am always on the lookout for new matches of his online — whether nine ball, ten ball, barbox or large table, straight pool, anything. So hearing that he was going to be shooting pool at a place that was mere hours from my apartment was enough to get me to hop in my car and drive. I decided to try my hand at the Classic division and somehow managed to get in. With a \$100 entrance fee, a \$120 motel room fee, \$30 for gas, and money for food and drinks, I was definitely

stretching my financial situation for this tournament. And it was so worth it.

Although I lost my first match to Richard Case, a man that I would later become friends with, my first day in Saratoga was amazing. I was there with my buddies Scott Maloney and Delilah Ye Feng, and was in the midst of cheering on Scott when I heard that Shane Van Boening and Rodney Morris were in the finals of a mini-day tournament at the local bar, Duke's. I shamelessly bailed on Scott to go watch the match. Shane and Rodney were playing a strange hybrid of 8-ball and 9-ball that EJ had devised solely for this tournament and that I had never seen before. So, unsurprisingly, I stood by a fellow pool player and struck about a conversation about the ball colors and the numbers. You see, for this Saratoga game (that's what they dubbed this unique hybrid) the numbers 1-6, 7-12, and 13 were used, omitting the 14 and 15 balls—and the numbers did not match up to the typical ball numbers. 1 in normal pool is yellow, 1 in this game was green, and etc. So I asked the fellow next to me which was which and we started chatting (I think the ball colors matched up with snooker ball colors, but I'm still not sure).

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# Three Brothers. Two Families. One Huge Love for Pool

By Cue Times Staff

16-year-old Taren Stewart may be Tarasa Escoubas's only biological son but you would never know it when you see them with his two brothers. Taren lives full time with his mom and her husband of five years, Travis Escoubas. Half of the week, he's joined by his two brothers, 14-year-old Joshua Bustos and 10-year-old Cody Escoubas. Travis and Tarasa have never believed in using the word "step" when referring to their new siblings. They've only known each other as simply brothers. "I guess I collect kids," said Tarasa with a smile.

You see, Josh is the oldest biological son of Katie Bustos-Barnhill, and Cody is the biological son from Katie and Travis's previous marriage to each other. Though Travis is not Josh's biological father, he raised him as his own since he was a baby. Tarasa also has two older boys from a previous marriage who are not her biological children but are still actively part of her family. Katie and Damon Barnhill have been married, coincidentally, also for five years and Damon has two young daughters from a previous marriage who spend time at their home as well.

Starting to hum the Brady Bunch tune yet? Wait, it gets better.

These two sets of loving parents have devoted their lives to creating a healthy, nurturing environment for these boys. Most ex's and step parents may be polite and civil with one another and each other's kids but these families spend at least one day a week together supporting the boys' love for pool. They share them 50/50 during the week and even live only a mile away from one another. "We do every other week with mid-week dinners so the boys don't ever go an entire week without seeing the other parent," said Katie.

Taren and Josh both began playing pool around the same time. Taren was 10 and Josh was 9. Tarasa fondly recalls spending hours together on their home pool table in the garage with a little space heater, having family tournaments and playing for high stakes.... Chores. "Of course at that time we could always beat the boys so we (parents) never ended up doing the dishes. Now...not so much," shares Tarasa. Though Cody was not old enough to play for chores at the time, he was still part of the action by keeping score on his own personal dry erase board.

As the boys became more



The Stewart-Escoubas Family

and Josh's team took top honors in Loveland at the VNEA Regional Youth Tournament, while younger brother Cody's team finished third. Most recently, both Taren and Josh won their respective age divisions at the Str8 Shots Qualifier at Felt, earning their spots to the 2013 BEF Junior Nationals. And, on the same day, an ecstatic Cody learned that he had also earned his way to Nationals for finishing in the top of the Wynkoop's 15-Rack League.

Pool has not only helped build the confidence of these three young men, but it has given them goals to work toward and achieve. "I have never seen him focus so hard on something, determined to be the best," Tarasa said about Taren.

After over a year of searching for a league for the boys and not wanting to drive all the way to Fort Collins or Greeley, Travis and Tarasa took on the grand endeavor of starting a youth pool league at Lil's Place. Without knowing what to expect, they were overwhelmed by the turnout. The current league has grown to over 20 kids with new inquiries every week. With the help of Str8 Shots, they're able to keep the league dues low for the families with multiple children and the children receive trophies, gift bags, pizza parties,

serious with pool and began competing, the two families saw more and more of each other. Not unlike proud soccer moms, Tarasa and Katie can often be found along the rail with cameras in hand and sometimes a tear or two in their eyes. In February, Taren

clinics, and more. "Str8 Shots has really gone to huge efforts to make this happen, they are so behind the scenes but they are the ones providing this opportunity," said Tarasa, "I am so passionate about this junior's league and it all started with a little family time in the garage playing pool."

"Pool has given us even more quality family time. We play everywhere. Pool is such a huge part of our lives that even when we go on vacation those cues are packed and ready to go with us," said Tarasa, sharing a story of visiting the pool room as a family on a recent trip to Illinois to visit grampa. "The boys get along great at home! They are not only brothers but best friends," both moms agreed.

"Pool is changing the lives of my boys because it is not only teaching them the game skills but also how to behave appropriately in all situations, when winning, losing and how to handle yourself in a mature appropriate way," added Katie.

With the loving support of their families, there is no doubt that these boys have great success in their future. To say these three boys are lucky to have a supportive home life would be an understatement. We could all learn a valuable lesson on the power of love, for one another and for our great sport.



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Leagues are a great way to get out for a night with friends and meet new people. Don't hesitate because of your pool playing ability. All teams need players of EVERY skill level and leagues are a great way to learn and improve your game. Join Today!

**SPECIAL EVENTS  
MAY 2013**

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**APA Singles Qualifier Boards  
Sunday May 26th @ 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 June 1st @ 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



# Metro Denver APA Updates

## Fall Session 2012 All Stars Top Gun

"The Best of the Best" in Denver Metro & Northern Colorado APA met Saturday April 6th, 2013 at the Mirage Sports Bar & Cafe to challenge each other for \$720.00 cash prize and the Top Gun All Star Eagle.

The matches for 7th/8th pitted Blake Cohen and defending champ Eddie Wray Carroll as well as Lady Top Gun runner-up Lisa Hightower against Casey Betancur. Eddie Wray advanced in a close match to face David Jantzen and Casey advanced to face Lady Top Gun winner Aimee Peterson with the losers taking 5th/6th place. Eddie Wray advanced again in true 7 fashion buy Casey's road ended as Aimee emerged victorious pitting both Aimee and Eddie Wray against each other. It was quite a show going double hill but Eddie Wray managed to pull it out leaving Aimee in 4th place. Eddie Wray advanced to meet another 7 in Paul



### Top Guns All Stars

Left to Right: Eddie Wray Carroll, Paul Richardson, Mike Ellis & Aimee Peterson

Richardson. They both played a little cat and mouse with defense with Eddie Wray again emerging the victor leaving Paul in 3rd place. Eddie Wray moved back to the winners side setting up a rematch of last sessions All Star final against Mike Ellis. Eddie jumped out 3-2 and looked like he had Mike on the ropes however, he could not deliver the knock-out blow as Mike won the next 3 matches ending with a flourish with his 5th win being a 8 on the break.

## Ladies Top Gun Fall Session 2012

The Mirage Sports Bar & Cafe hosted the Top Lady Gun on Saturday March 30th, 2013. 46 of the top lady players in the Metro Denver & Northern Colorado APA were on hand to vie for \$690.00 and the prestigious Top Gun Eagle. The quarterfinals pitted Kim Frawley vs. Lisa Hightower and Sarah Duran vs. Casey Ellis with Lisa moving on to face Lingyl Jiang and Casey moving on to face Pam Dubois. Casey and Lisa were victorious again and went head to head with Lisa pulling out the win in a double hill match. Lisa moved on to face the hot shooting Amelia Ruplinger who had just lost a heart breaker to perennial top shot Aimee Peterson. Lisa continued her



### Top Lady Guns

Left to Right: Casey Ellis, Lisa Hightower, Aimee Peterson & Amelia Ruplinger

hot shooting streak to move her to the finals with the tough task of having to beat Aimee twice. Aimee proved to be too strong on this day taking the first set 5-0 and taking home the Eagle.

# Sweet "7" Tourney Results for Metro Denver APA

## Captain/Co-Captain Tournament

The Sweet "7" Tournament Series for Metro Denver APA kicked off with a bang at the Captain/Co-Captain tournament on April 13th, 2013 at the Famous Door in Aurora. 46 teams consisting of 92 players squared off for the \$2,200.00 in prize money. The 5th & 6th placed pairings pitted Laszlo Dekay and Lee Kramer against Chisolm Woodson and Christina Merola, Filip Stibral and Zoe Johnson vs. Ken Schmidt and Christine Reese with the winners getting paid and the losers going home. Laszlo & Lee squeaked by as did Ken and Christine becoming the first of the money winners in 5th/6th place for \$100 per team. The playoff for 3rd and 4th place money was Todd Bernshausen and Roxanne Hoffner against Gary Brown and Lisa Hightower. It was a highly contested match going double hill but strategic defense and key shot selection saw Todd and Roxanne get the better of it winning 3rd place and \$400 as Gary and Lisa received the 4th place prize of \$200. That left the finals pitting Chad Miller and Tony Holub against Mike Pope and David Foyle, both teams had yet to taste defeat and were hun-



### Top Captains & Co-Captains

Left to Right: David Foyle & Mike Pope/  
2nd Place \$600, Chad Miller & Tony Holub/  
1st Place \$800, Todd Bernshausen & Roxanne  
Hoffner/3rd Place \$400, Gary Brown &  
Lisa Hightower/4th Place \$200

gary to take down the top prize. It looked like Mike and David were gonna pull it off easily as they quickly jumped out to a 2-0 lead, one key miss allowed Chad and Tony to get on the board and did they ever take advantage with a quick one inning game then an 8 on the snap to take the lead 3-2. The next game was a defensive battle but the rush was still on Chad and Tony's side as they closed out the match 4-2 leaving Mike and David in 2nd place with \$600 and Chad and Tony in 1st place with a prize of \$800. It was a GREAT start to what promises to be a truly "SWEET" run of tournaments.

## 4's & 5's Bracket Tournament

The 4's & 5's Bracket Tournament proved an exciting one as the bracket got underway at the Mirage Sports Bar and Cafe in Littleton on April 20th, 2013. 70 players showed up and all had hopes of getting their hands on the \$2,200.00 in prize money. The two matches for 5th & 6th place pitted Lisa Hipley vs. Neil Aragon as well as Kris Henson vs. Soren Gilbertson. Both matches came down to the wire with Lisa and Kris both winning and claiming \$100 each. The 3rd & 4th place match came down to Brad Peterson and Teresa Bates, Teresa put on a fine display of defense but was unable to overcome the spot on shooting of Brad. Teresa gets 4th place and \$200 while Brad finishes 3rd and takes home \$400. The finals proved exciting as Rosie Thamrongpradith and Ismael Martinez matched up against



### Top Shooters from the 4's & 5's

Left to Right: Teresa Bates, Rosie Thamrongpradith, Brad Peterson, Lisa Hipley, Kris Henson and Ismael Martinez

each other. Rosie was steady throughout the match picking her shots and defenses carefully. Ismael seemed to be a man on a mission making the tough shots look easy and pulling off some incredible hits. Ismael won the hotly contested match and top prize of \$800 with Rosie grabbing 2nd and \$600.

Congratulations to all the competitors for a great tournament !!!

## METRO DENVER APA SWEET "7" REMAINING TOURNAMENT DATES FOR 2013 SPRING SESSION

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

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 3RD, 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 \$15.00)

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

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



# You Know That I'm No Good *By OMG*

March 18th, 2013

I have different mental states when I am not in a tournament and when I am in a tournament. It wasn't always this way. For a long time, both my "in-tournament" and "out-tournament" personalities were one and the same. Ah, those were the days. (If you think I'm a bitch now, you should have known me back then.) Time, and society, have managed to wear off some of my angles and I'm no longer a curmudgeonly stegosaurus all the time. One of my greatest challenges, if not THE greatest challenge, has been the separation of my in-tournament and out-tournament self.

"Out-tournament" is exactly what it says. I am not in a tournament. If the tournament has not started yet, I am not in a state of competition. I am a reasonable human being with realistic expectations.

After I am knocked out, I am, of course, "out-tournament". After I get my time to myself to process it all, my in-tournament self fades and I am back to being Hello Kitty. I am philosophical about my wins (if any) and losses (arrgh) and can discuss them in a logical manner. People say sh#t to me and I can generally deal with most of it/them -- if not, I have the presence of mind to just walk away. I am a reasonable human being with realistic expectations.

My in-tournament self is the last completely unreasonable feral thing about me and rather than let it run wild or have society shoot it dead, I've tried to manage it into a tolerable coexistence. I had a good showing at the Chet Itow Memorial tournament due to many factors but the biggest contribution was made by my in-tournament self.

When I am in a match my in-tournament self begins to run at top speed. While in this mode, all I can think about is winning and how to achieve it. The opponent I play no longer mat-

ters. Every mental resource I have is poured into finding a way to win. Great shots and great fumbles are all the same to me. If I make a great shot, I don't take pride in it -- it is one shot and there are many left. If I miss a ball with ball-in-hand, I don't beat myself up over it -- all I can do is wait for another chance. I have 100% faith in all my decisions and I accept the consequences of those decisions. All I can think about is winning and all I do is push forward toward that goal.

It is between matches that I have the hardest time dealing with society. Although I am not in a match my mental state is still very much in-tournament. I am still 100% committed to winning. I do not care who I play next. The chart does not matter to me. I only want to bring the best game I have to the next match. I do not think about losing. I do not think about playing particularly well or particularly bad. I just want to continue moving forward.

I had a hard time dealing with the comments I received during the Chet Itow. My out-tournament self will concede I had one of the easiest draws in the tournament and I sh#t out to win all my matches because that is the answer society wants me to say. I am never expected to cash well in a tournament of that caliber because you know that I'm no good. My in-tournament self would remind the populace that, easy draw or not, none of my opponents simply laid down and surrendered. They all played and even if I played terrible and sh#t out to win, I still had to slog through each of those matches to the end.

After my first loss, my in-tournament self was surprised, and not a little peeved, at the comments saying, "well, you had a good tournament" "certainly you didn't expect to win against him". To my in-tournament self, this tournament was not over. It was double elimination. As I said to one person, "I'm not out yet, so stop throwing dirt on the coffin." He reminded me there were "only pros" left in the field. And my answer was, I did not care.

My brash, absolutely driven in-tournament self grates on a lot of people. I get a lot of flak for being unreasonable, unrealistic, arrogant, ridiculous, stupid, unappreciative, unladylike -- you name it, I've been insulted/complimented. But, here's the thing -- when I'm in a tournament, why would I want to tell myself I am going to lose, that the only reason I made it thus far was due to luck? If that's the truth, I should just quit while I'm ahead and hit the bar.

By dint of paying an entry fee, we all have at least a little hope we will do -- something. Otherwise, why not stay on the sidelines and talk sh#t? Losing is easy. Whether you can win is unknown and therein lies the challenge. Winning demands you leave your comfort zone for the unpredictable. Winning demands you sometimes suspend reality, that you should first hope to do something beyond your everyday self and then throw everything you have behind that hope with no logical, reasonable chance of success. Hope is what turns the impossible into the merely improbable, and in doing so, gives you the chance for success.

Yeah, I had an easy draw. But, I had prepared for that stroke of luck for years. Then I had to demand more from myself in order to use the opportunity I was gifted, because, I assure you -- I was entirely capable of screwing up every match I won. I didn't need people telling me I wasn't a good player or that I had no chance. I don't know why people feel a need to tell me those things, but I am telling you now, that sh#t is getting old. At least wait for me to be out of the tournament before you impart your unsolicited opinions. My out-tournament self will then be agreeable, logical, reasonable, and realistic. My in-tournament self will tell you to get lost because I am here to win and until that last ball drops and the cue ball doesn't scratch, no one -- not you, not my friends, not a burning bush on a mountain -- will convince me I don't have a chance.

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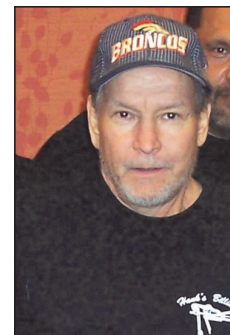
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Provided by guest contributor  
Jackie Karol

*If you look around the room and don't see any suckers....YOU are the sucker!*

You are playing 9-ball. What do you do?

Idea #1: "Hit the 1-ball into the clustered 3 and 4-ball and hope something goes!"

Idea #2: "Bank the 1-ball into the corner!"

Idea #3: "Hit the 1-ball paper thin on the right side to leave the 1-ball safe behind the 3 and 4-ball cluster"

*Suckers...*

Why aren't these the best ideas?

Idea #1: It is very unlikely that you will pocket a ball this way.

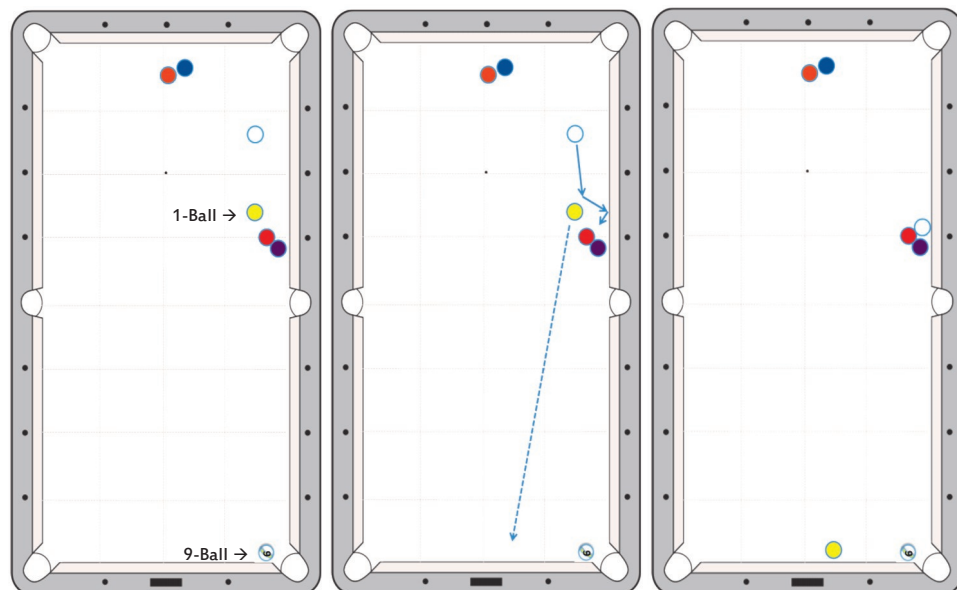
Idea #2: A bank shot here is low percentage and there is no future or payoff for doing that because the other balls are tied up.

Idea #3: Not a terrible idea, but there is a more powerful option.

Answer:

Notice that the 9-ball is near the corner pocket. You can play safe here AND set yourself up for a win by hiding the cue ball behind the 3 and 4-ball cluster and send the 1-ball near the 9-ball. Now it is likely that you will get ball-in-hand and be able to win the game by making an easy combo!

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# 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](http://www.americancuesports.org) or check with your ACS League Operator

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>May 5</b>	<b>May 6</b>	<b>May 7</b>	<b>May 8</b>	<b>May 9</b>	<b>May 10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ 9-Ball Singles &amp; 8-Ball Scotch Doubles check-in begins at 6:00 pm</li></ul>	<b>May 11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ 9-Ball Singles begins at 9:00 am</li><li>♦ 8-Ball Scotch Doubles begins at 6:00 pm</li></ul>
<b>May 12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ 9-Ball Singles concludes</li><li>♦ 8-Ball Scotch Doubles concludes</li><li>♦ All 8-Ball Singles check-in begins at Noon</li></ul>	<b>May 13</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ All 8-Ball Singles play starts at 9:00 am</li><li>♦ All 8 and 9-Ball teams check-in begins at Noon</li></ul>	<b>May 14</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ All 8-Ball Singles play concludes</li><li>♦ All 8 and 9-Ball teams check-in starts at noon</li></ul>	<b>May 15</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ 9-Ball Teams play begins at 9:00 am</li><li>♦ Open and Standard 8-Ball Teams play begins at noon</li></ul>	<b>May 16</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ All team events play continues</li></ul>	<b>May 17</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ 9-Ball Teams, Open 8-Ball Teams, Standard 8-Ball Teams and Sportsmen Teams conclude with times TBD</li></ul>	<b>May 18</b>

## 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](http://www.vnea.com) or check with your VNEA League Operator

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>May 19</b>	<b>May 20</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b>May 22</b> *NOTE: Singles do NOT need to check in if your name is already on the brackets. Teams MUST check-in on the appropriate day.	<b>May 23</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ 8-Ball &amp; 9-Ball Singles check-in from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm</li><li>♦ Certified Instructor Seminar from 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm</li><li>♦ Mini-Tournaments begin at 3:00 pm</li></ul>	<b>May 24</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Special 9-Ball Singles check-in from 8:00 am to 8:30 am</li><li>♦ 9-Ball Singles play begins at 9:00 am (includes Classics and Seniors)</li><li>♦ Special 8-Ball Singles check-in from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm</li></ul>	<b>May 25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Special 8-Ball Singles check-in from 8:00 am to 8:30 am</li><li>♦ 8-Ball Singles play begins at 9:00 am (includes Classics and Seniors)</li><li>♦ Prize Money available from noon to 7:00 pm &amp; Scotch Doubles sign-up</li><li>♦ Scotch Doubles begins at 9:00 am</li></ul>
<b>May 26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ 8-Ball Singles play continues</li><li>♦ Certified Referee School at 2:00 pm</li><li>♦ Team check-in from 7:00 to 9:00 pm</li><li>♦ Masters Singles Finals (TBA)</li><li>♦ Scotch Doubles Finals (TBA)</li><li>♦ Mini-Tournaments (TBA)</li></ul>	<b>May 27</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ 8-Ball &amp; 9-Ball Finals (TBA)</li><li>♦ Certified Referee School at 9:00 am</li><li>♦ Certified Instructor Re-certification Class from Noon to 4:00 pm</li><li>♦ Team check-in from Noon to 6:00 pm</li><li>♦ Mini-Tournaments begin at 9 am</li><li>♦ Prize Money available from 10:00 am to noon and 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm</li><li>♦ Suds &amp; Chips Mixer at 7:30 pm (includes Awards Presentations, Parade of Flags, etc.)</li></ul>	<b>May 28</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><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 from Noon to 4:00 pm</li><li>♦ Mini-Tournaments (TBA)</li></ul>	<b>May 29</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><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><li>♦ Sports Division competitions begin (TBA)</li><li>♦ Hall of Famers Party from 6:00 to 7:00 pm</li><li>♦ Mini-Tournaments (TBA)</li></ul>	<b>May 30</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><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 at 8:00 pm</li><li>♦ Mini-Tournaments (TBA)</li></ul>	<b>May 31</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Team competition continues at 9:00 am</li><li>♦ Prize Money available from 10:00 am to Noon, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm</li><li>♦ Hardluck competition begins at 10:00 am</li><li>♦ Artistic Pool Finals from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm</li><li>♦ Charter Holders Meeting from noon</li><li>♦ Charter Holder round table 2:00 pm</li><li>♦ Cues for Kids Giveaways at 7:00 pm at VNEA Booth</li><li>♦ Team Finals (TBA)</li><li>♦ Mini-Tournaments (TBA)</li></ul>	<b>June 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Team competition continues at 9:00 am</li><li>♦ Prize Money available from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm</li><li>♦ Charter Holder Roundtable at 11:00 am</li><li>♦ Team Finals (TBA)</li><li>♦ Banquet Cocktail Hour from 6:00 to 7:00 pm</li><li>♦ Banquet at 7:00 pm</li><li>♦ Awards Presentation and Entertainment at 8:00 pm</li></ul>

## 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)  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>July 14</b>	<b>July 15</b>	<b>July 16</b>	<b>July 17</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ 9-Ball Challenge begins at 1:00 pm</li><li>♦ 9-Ball Singles begins at 9:00 am</li></ul>	<b>July 18</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Open Scotch Doubles play begins at 7:00 pm</li><li>♦ 9-Ball Challenge and 9-Ball Singles conclude</li></ul>	<b>July 19</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Master &amp; Advanced Scotch Doubles play begins at Noon</li></ul>	<b>July 20</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Grand Master Singles begins at noon</li><li>♦ Singles play begins at 9:00 am</li></ul>
<b>July 21</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Singles, Grand Masters Singles and Scotch Doubles play continues</li></ul>	<b>July 22</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Second Chance Singles play begins at 8:00 pm</li><li>♦ Singles and Scotch Doubles play continues</li><li>♦ Artistic Pool play continues</li></ul>	<b>July 23</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Singles, Second Chance Singles and Scotch Doubles concludes</li><li>♦ Grand Master Singles concludes</li></ul>	<b>July 24</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Open &amp; Women's Teams play begins at 9:00 am</li><li>♦ Artistic Pool play continues</li></ul>	<b>July 25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Open Teams play continues</li><li>♦ Master Teams and Trophy Teams play begins at 9:00 am</li></ul>	<b>July 26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Open Teams, Master Teams and Trophy Teams play continues</li><li>♦ Second Chance Teams play begins at 6:00 pm</li><li>♦ Artistic Pool play concludes</li></ul>	<b>July 27</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Open Teams, Master Teams, Trophy Teams and Second Chance Teams play concludes</li></ul>

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



# Jeff Dietz Doubles Up to Win First Stay In Stroke Title

Results provided by Rich Montoya  
Photos by Joshua Ramey

April 20, 2013 - Jeff Dietz came out on top in this 10's and down event, but not without a fight from the field of 29. He started the day by beating Frederico Salazar (5-1). After losing his second round match to Merle Wilford (2-5) he started his comeback by defeating Dave Berns (5-3), and then after initially being down to Joshua Ramey 3-0, he kicked it into another gear and never let Joshua see the light of day by showing his ability to control whitey (5-3). Next, he blanked Mike Montoya (5-0), then Rich Zendejas (5-3) and to get to the finals, he squeaked out a win over Merle Wilford (5-4).

(5-3), Bear Martinez (5-1), and Mike Montoya (5-0) - who started out very well before getting blanked by Danny and Jeff. The hot seat match was a good one with Danny besting Merle (5-3). In true double elimination format, Danny ended up succumbing to Jeff Dietz (5-3) in the first set of the finals and (5-4) in the final set.

Congratulations to all the participants for making this a fine tournament. Don't forget to support billiards in Colorado... buy a cue, take a lesson, teach someone, visit Cue Times' advertisers, practice, and most of all "STAY IN STROKE". By the way Jeff has been moved to a 12, Merle to an 11 and Danny to a 10.

On the other side and winner of the hot seat was none other than Danny Kulp - who, by the way, has been playing in the metro area for a very long time. There was a time when the rule was that no tournament could start without him. He beat Danny Luevano (5-4) in a tight match. Then it was Dave Berns



Top Finisher **Jeff Dietz**  
(1st Place)

## Here is how they Finished:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jeff Dietz	\$300.00/\$425.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dan Kulp	\$250.00/\$365.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Merle Wilford	\$200.00/\$290.00
4 <sup>th</sup>	Rich Zendejas	\$175.00/\$200.00
5 <sup>th</sup>	Dominic Duran Jr.	\$100.00/\$90.00
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Montoya	\$100.00/\$90.00
7 <sup>th</sup>	Bear Martinez	\$45.00
8 <sup>th</sup>	Joshua Ramey	\$45.00



Runner Up **Danny Kulp**  
(2nd Place)

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**May 18th**  
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## Scotch Doubles Teams Converge on Love's Shack to Battle for Cash and Top Honors

Pom Rai and Brian Griego (the Greeleyites) proved to be too much for the 24 team field. They started the day out with a bye in the first round and then matched up against a very good team of Al Montoya & Adam Sisneros winning 6-2. In the third round, they defeated Krista Baker & Ted Koerselman 6-3 to move to the semifinals. Waiting there was a very good team from Brighton CO, Ross Smith & Miguel Martinez, but the Greeleyites prevailed in a match that went to the hill 6-5. That match put them in the hot seat against John Santistevan & Harvey Wilford. In this match they dominated to win 6-2 and in the finals, they went on to blank John and Harvey 6-0 to capture their first Stay In Stroke title 6-0.

On the other side it was John and Harvey kicking bootie and taking names. Their first victims were Larry Sposato and Robert Gonzales 6-2 and then a very good team of Marvin Owens & Karen Smith 6-3. They managed a win over the tough team of Greg Kings-

bury and Jayson Santiago 6-4. This one was a pretty good match that came down to a shot that doubled the corner to put John and Harvey in the finals where they would ultimately come in second place to Pom and Brian.

The other teams that played very well were Jose Cruz and Phil Guerrero, Miguel and Ross, Holly Figueroa and Charlie Williamson, Marvin and Karen, Ted Koerselman and Krista Baker, Al and Adam and a whole slew of players from around the city.

Thank you all for your participation! Please continue to support billiards in the state of Colorado by teaching someone, supporting our venues, merchants and playing your heart out. Special thanks go out to Holly Figueroa and Tina Payne who both contribute behind the scenes and don't forget to "STAY IN STROKE".

<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Auction</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Pom Rai/Brian Griego	\$335.00/\$430.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> John Santistevan/Harvey Wilford	\$285.00/\$310.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Miguel Martinez/Ross Smith	\$225.00/\$185.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Greg Kingsbury/Jayson Santiago	\$200.00/\$125.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Jose Cruz/Phil Guerrero	\$100.00/\$90.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Marvin Owens /Karen Smith	\$100.00/\$90.00

## Adventure in Saratoga

By Krystle Radtke

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After the match was over I kept chatting with the same pool player until an acquaintance of mine from Laramie wandered over and challenged me to a game. I didn't want to be rude to my new friend, Jim Calderon, and just go play with this other guy, but he waved me ahead so I played a game. I won the match after playing much better than I had in my match earlier that night. Typical. I always shoot better in the hours after a tournament. It was then that Jim seemed to take an interest in my playing and he and I started shooting against each other.

Over the course of the next few days I learned more about my game from Jim than I have from any one other player. Because you see I never had a coach or anything like that. Nobody decided to teach me pool; I simply picked it up and worked it out. I'm always complimented on my stroke, which is long and even, and lately as I have been entering the pool world I've had a few people ask who taught me. But I can't really say, so I say I taught myself. That's why playing with Jim was a fresh new experience for me—he gave me good advice about my bridge hand, he questioned my shot choices, forced me to think about my leave, had me re-do shots that I missed until I got it, and just in general helped me out a lot with game. But not in an obnoxious way; instead we just played pool, sometimes I won, sometimes he won, and he corrected any

problems that came up.

You might ask yourself why I, a young 22 year old girl, would drive to the middle of nowhere to watch pool, play pool, watch more pool, and then play pool until 3 a.m. and then 6 a.m. the next day. And honestly, all I can say is that you aren't a pool player if you have to ask that question.

Despite only winning one match in my division, and honestly shooting pretty awful pool on my part, I am so glad that I went out to Saratoga. On Saturday I started playing pool at 10:30, took a brief break around noon to get a new tip on my cue, started up again at 1, and played until 4 when I then went and watched matches until midnight. After midnight I went straight back to the bar and proceeded to play with Jim until 6 in the morning. The only thing sending me to bed was the knowledge that I had to wake up at 10 a.m. to check out of my sketchy motel; otherwise I would have kept playing all night long. I watched Shane Van Boening and Rodney Morris battle once each day of my elongated weekend, I watched Raj Hundal, Stevie Moore and countless others play. I played for so many hours that I honestly couldn't even tally them up. And I got to meet tons of people who were passionate about pool as well.

Many of these people were people like Jim, players in the Master's division who seemed surprised at my passion for pool and my insatiable appetite for the sport. I learned their names (promptly forgetting most of them, unfortunate-

ly, I have a terrible memory for names), watched them shoot, and talked to them afterwards. I watched matches with them and talked about how when I watch a pro match I like to hypothetically run the table in my mind—picking a pattern of balls (1-3-5-4-2-6-7-8 for example) imagining what my cue control would be—and then I would compare that to what the player did. One player in particular would ask me at each table what I would do, or in the middle of a table how I would fix a problem ball or etc., and I was always proud when Shane or Rodney would do exactly what I said I would do. Hypothetically of course, I can see the shots, but I am working on the cue control to make them happen. But honestly, just being able to predicate the shots of a champion like Shane Van Boening really makes me feel good about my future in the sport.

I am excited to play in future tournaments, I am excited about the prospect of practicing and bettering my game, and I am excited about where I could be in the next few years. The power of youth is infectious and this is the first time I have noticed it: at 22 years old, I can do anything I want with my life, I have a long time to live it, and the open ended nature of it that I have bemoaned in the past finally feels liberating and exciting. I can honestly say that I hope to make something of my pool playing while also working on my music. Maybe someday I can gig at pool halls with a jazz combo and play in tournaments on the side.

That would be a good life.



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**1st Annual Amateur State Women's Championship**  
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**8-BALL Thunder**



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# Tournament Trail

## SUNDAY

Felt 10-Ball, 9' tables, 2pm start, \$100 added  
Love's Shack 3-Ball, 7pm, \$5 entry + \$5 green fees  
Match Ups, Ft. Collins 9-Ball, 9' tables, \$\$ added, 3pm start  
Wreck Room 9-Ball, bar table, \$5 entry

## TUESDAY

Felt 9-Ball, 9' tables, \$\$ added, 7:30 pm  
Greenfields 8-Ball, bar tables, 8 pm

## THURSDAY

BC's Sports Pub 8-Ball, 1 pm start, \$5 entry

## FRIDAY

Antique Billiards 9-Ball, Colo Spgs, 719-597-9809  
BC's Sports Pub 8-Ball, bar table  
Felt 8-Ball, bar table, \$\$ added, 7:30 pm  
Hank's Billiards 8-Ball, 7pm start  
Love's Shack 8-Ball, bar table, 2 pm start  
Match Ups, Ft. Collins 8-Ball, bar table, \$100 added, 7:30 pm  
Wreck Room 8-Ball, bar table, \$\$ added, \$10 entry

## SATURDAY

BC's Sports Pub 9-Ball, bar table, 8pm start  
Felt 9-Ball, bar table, \$\$ added, 4:30 pm  
Greenfields 9-Ball, bar table, 9pm start, \$5 entry  
Hank's Billiards 9-Ball, \$\$ added, 2pm start  
Love's Shack 8-Ball, open to all, \$\$ added, 7:30pm  
Match Ups, Ft. Collins 8-Ball, A's/down, bar table, \$\$ added, 7:30pm  
Wreck Room 8-Ball, bar table, \$\$ added, \$10 entry

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# Special Events

## May 4th

BC's Sports Pub Open 8-Ball, handicapped, 2 pm  
Classic Q's, Pueblo Str8Shots Open Event & Jr Qualifier, starts at noon  
Hank's Billiards 8-Ball, 12's and down, \$300 added, \$25 entry, 10 am  
Side Pocket, Pueblo 19th Annual Dr. Cue 8-Ball Tourney, all weekend

## May 5th

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

## May 11th

BC's Sports Pub Open 9-Ball, Race to 5, \$10 + \$3 green fee, 2 pm  
Greenfields BCA Scotch Doubles, \$20/team, 1 pm  
Hank's Billiards 8-Ball, 12's and down, \$300 added, \$25 entry, 10 am  
Love's Shack 1st Annual Women's State Championship (SIS)

## May 18th

BC's Sports Pub Open Scotch Doubles, handicapped, 2 pm  
Felt \$1000 Added Big Table 8-Ball, Main Event  
Love's Shack 8-Ball Thunder (APA), starts at noon

## May 19th

Felt A's and Down Big Table 8-Ball, \$\$ Added

## May 25th

BC's Sports Pub Open 9-Ball, Race to 5, \$10 + \$3 green fee, 2 pm  
Greenfields BCA Open 8-Ball, \$10 entry, 1 pm

## May 26th

Felt 8-Ball, 9' tables, 2 pm, \$\$ Added  
Wreck Room APA Singles Qualifier Boards, 1 pm

## Upcoming Events

June 1st	Greenfields	Jack & Jill Scotch Doubles, 1pm
June 1st	Wreck Room	Open Scotch Doubles 8-Ball, 1pm
June 8th	Greenfields	8-Ball Thunder (APA)
June 15th	Love's Shack	APA Singles Qualifier

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# ...I'm No Good by OMG

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I do not have the benefit of talent the top players have. As an average player who is slightly competitive, I do not have the luxury to play this game only for fun. I do not have the greatest of financial resources. My internal drive to win must outrun those shortcomings. I am not a good player, but given my drive and dedication, it is inevitable that I should be able to do something when given the chance.

I sometimes think the hardest pool player demographic to compete in is where I am (and lots of you are): good, but not good enough. That is, we're okay players but never expected to do well past a point. When we do well, it is often attributed to luck rather than skill and because of that, we never get a chance to enjoy our success. Social norms require we NOT say we played well to win, for fear of looking arrogant. Over time, we sometimes begin to believe it was all luck and no skill, and that reduces our faith in our own abilities. We then play down to how other people think we should play, not how we want to play. This is why I spend so much effort maintaining my out- and in-tournament personalities. One is to appease society (can't run from it forever) and the other is for myself. At times, I can flick back and forth between the two as easy as flipping a switch, but that ease is not sustaina-

ble the further I advance in a tournament.

Many years ago, I entered in a tournament. It was my first hundred-dollar tournament and something about the three-digit price terrified and thrilled me all the same. I had saved up money from my minimum-wage college job until I could afford the travel and entry. I went to the pool room literally jumping with excitement and I asked who else was going. There was no answer. One regular told me no one from that room went to that tournament because it would be throwing money away. I was shocked. I had always been told, by some of these regulars no less, that I needed to play better players to get better. Where better to do that than in one of the West Coast's biggest tournaments?

"You're not going to win that tournament. There are 256 players and you can't beat any of them."

I knew I was a sh#tty player then, the same way I know where I stand now. I am a reasonable human being with realistic expectations. "I know I'm not going to win the tournament, but I thought it was important to get tournament experience."

"You're throwing your money away. What's wrong with ten-dollar weekly tournaments?"

"It's not the same. I don't want to spend my life playing ten-dollar weekly tournaments."

"Well, then you go ahead and you throw your

money off that cliff into the ocean, if that's all the sense you got."

That image of throwing money off a cliff into the ocean has always stayed with me. I've thrown many thousands off that cliff in the name of tournaments and action -- and I'm still doing it.

After we sat in silence a while, he said in a softer, conciliatory tone, "Hey, I think you can still get your money back. It's real early and if you write to them or call, maybe they'll give you a refund."

I looked at him with dead eyes. "A refund?"

"Yeah. You can still get your money back."

A refund. For real? A *REFUND*?! I laughed out loud at the idea. The feral side of me sprang into action and I've had problems managing it ever since. "There's only one acceptable way for me to get my money back. I'm gonna jump off that cliff and swim after it. And if I don't get it back, then at least I'm going to get my money's worth."

"You're frickin' crazy."

"You know it."

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# Top Players Gather at Antique Billiard Museum for Str8Shots Event

Results provided by  
Jim Calderon, Tournament Director

Excitement was in the air as pool players of all ages, filed into Colorado's biggest pool room. The Antique Billiard Museum in Colorado Springs was the site of the second of three Junior National Qualifiers and open tournaments sponsored by Str8-Shots.com. The giant poolroom boasts over 30 Diamond barboxes and plenty of 9 foot Brunswicks for the junior players. The walls are covered with tournament brackets and photos from some of the country's largest pool events in the 80's and 90's, most from Scott Smith's collection. Scott was the tournament director for most of the big pro events at that time. It was a great pool setting complete with a large contingent of gray haired pool railbirds, here to sweat the first \$1000 added pool tournament in Colorado Springs in many a year!

Colorado Springs poolplayers were the order of the day as they nabbed seven of the 13 money spots in the tournament. It was fitting that several of the top finishers were also Junior Nationals qualifiers themselves! Four ladies braved the tough 57 player tournament field, hoping to sharpen their skills against some of the best poolplayers Colorado has to offer. The top lady prize went to Laura Lo of Colorado Springs. Laura won a match on the winner's side, then two on the loser's side, before losing to Frank Urbaniak.



**Top Finishers (L to R):**  
Cecil Monge, Jim Calderon  
(tournament director) and  
Nate Smith

The 9th thru 12th spots went to Jason McClure of Colorado Springs, who had a fine tournament upsetting two strong players along the way. Jim Frazier of Westcliffe, Lou Valdez and Jim Calderon of Pueblo, all played well enough to get the cash!

Finishing in 7th-8th place were Ray Lucero of Pueblo and Marc Vidal of Denver. Ray had a nice upset win over Jeremy Melber and

Marc played solid as always, only losing to two strong players playing well.

Ruben Silva of Pueblo West was not too happy with his 5th-6th place finish in this event, as he does not lose too many tournaments at Antiques. He won six matches, tying for the most wins in the event, defeating both Jeremy and Marc Vidal along the way. Dave Mahder of Monument also finished in the 5th-6th spot, winning five matches in the tough field.

Having an exceptional tourney was Jim McCrary of Colorado Springs. Winning a match against the always tough Sam Cordova is a great way to start off your day. He won three more matches on the winner's side before losing his match to Nate Smith. He then played a very good match to knock Ruben out of the tourney and ended up with a great effort falling to Greg Romero, finishing 4th in a strong field.

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Greg Romero of Denver made a rare appearance out of the metro area. He brought his usual "A" game with him. Greg also won six matches beating some very good players along the way. He was stopped by two players who were playing very good in their home pool room. Greg's consistent solid play netted him a strong 3rd place finish.

Nate Smith survived some hill-hill matches to knock off four of the players who finished in the money. Nate won six matches losing only the hill match against Cecil.

Cecil Monge was unstoppable on this Saturday! Playing run out 8-ball, Cecil was in control of most of his matches along the way. After beating four good players, Cecil had a nail biter with Greg Romero, but survived to play Nate for the hill. The pressure was on as both players could not capitalize on their opponents mistakes. Cecil made the crucial shots as he won and ended up undefeated for the tournament. It was early morning when Nate and Cecil decided to split the first and second place prize money. Congratulations to both of these Colorado Springs players on a great finish!

Thanks to Chris Denton and Dar Kyle for helping me run this large event. Thanks again to Marc and Kimberly of Str8 Shots for a great pool Saturday. See you at the next tourney!



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