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2nd - Women's 8-Ball Masters Team

(L to R) - Angela Jackson, Laura Seavy, Julie Schultz & June Smith

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Hard to Kill

2nd - Men's 8-Ball Intermediate Team

(L to R) - James Fortin, Greg Kingsbury, Steve Thomas, John Sandifer and James Beckemeyer



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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.

March 2002

With several Monk workshops scheduled for March and The Monk himself coming in May for a three-day workshop at Shakespeare's, I have been reviewing some of his videos lately to brush up on his material and teaching methods. Last week I found an exercise of his that I had neglected for a while but enjoy practicing for its productivity and simplicity.

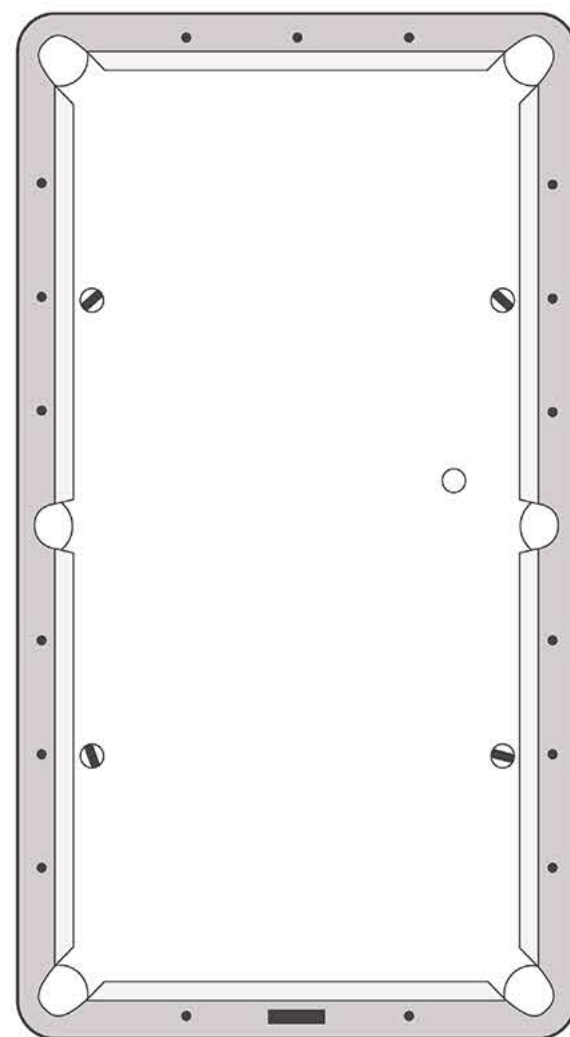
It uses only four balls and is called--get ready for this--the four-ball exercise. I want to share it this month with a short discussion of how it works and its benefits. Look at the diagram and set up four balls as shown. Make sure that you do not freeze the object balls to the rails but place them about a half-inch away. Begin with cue ball in hand to pocket any of the four balls and play position for any other. After pocketing the ball respot it before shooting and continue in that fashion, shooting until you miss a shot or scratch. You can shoot any ball and play position for any other remembering to respot every



up a straight shot for one of the balls and practice repeating a six-inch draw shot with it, that would be a different drill, the one-ball exercise.

The first benefit from the exercise is the practice that it gives you for pocketing a ball on a rail. Rail shots appear repeatedly in every pool game and should not cause fear in a player when they come up. Practice is necessary for improvement and will lead to mastery. Play them with the goal of shooting the object ball along the rail, without touching it, into the far facing of the pocket. Remember that with a ball near a rail you have no direct line to the center of the pocket and that your target for the object ball moves to the pocket facing. The exercise will offer opportunities to play the shots at various speeds and to play them with and without outside english. You can also experiment with the table you are using to see how much rail it allows for you to hit and still pocket the ball. A table with tight corner pockets may not accept a ball that touches the rail at all on its way in while a more liberal table may allow for you to hit the rail as far as a full diamond in front of the pocket.

ball that you pocket. There are only two restrictions. One, you must keep the cue ball within the square formed by the four balls. And two, you must play position for a ball other than the one you just shot. Although it might be helpful to set



across the table with comfortable speed.

As soon as you get into a pattern of moving the cue ball across the table you will realize the greatest benefit of the exercise. When I play this exercise it rarely ends on a miss; my nemesis is the scratch across side when moving the cue ball to the opposite rail. To avoid that scratch you must become deft with moving the cue ball across the table to hit the opposite rail at the diamonds closest to the side pocket. With all of your cross-table shots practice choosing and then hitting the opposite rail at one of the two diamonds that sandwich the side pocket. You should experiment with various angles and cue-ball hits to hone your feel for moving the cue ball one diamond laterally as it stays beneath the side pocket on its path to the opposite rail. And you will play shots from various angles to move the cue ball three diamonds laterally to hit the opposite rail one diamond past the side pocket. Practice the necessary speed to land right on the opposite rail for a straight-in shot and the speed required to hit that rail and rebound one diamond segment to create a continual, cross-table sequence. From there you can experiment with thinner cuts and the challenge of moving the cue ball twice across the table without a side-pocket scratch.

Sometimes the simplest exercises with the fewest rules produce the best results through focused practice. This one exemplifies those properties and, since the table is never cleared, allows you to shoot for indefinite stretches of time before your first mistake. Do not be discouraged if you make a mistake early when you first begin practicing this exercise. Soon you will see your control of each discrete element fall into place as you move toward mastery with the exercise and ultimately, your pool game.

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1,000 Reasons for Felt Team "Shut the Front Door!" to Smile!

By Felt staff

The dual-sanctioned, 8-ball/9-ball spring league session at Felt wrapped up with some happy campers but no team was smiling bigger than "Shut the Front Door!" who took top honors in both the 8-ball and 9-ball divisions for the regular season as well as during the playoffs, squeaking by team "What's your team name?" in the 9-ball finals by a mere margin of 3 points!

"Shut the Front Door!" took home a total of \$1,000 for their efforts in the quick, 10-week spring session. Not too shabby for a thrown-together team that just wanted to get qualified for nationals.



1st Place in 8 and 9-ball playoffs
"Shut the Front Door!" - Mark Morgan, Aimee Peterson, Brad Peterson, David Jantzen and Tim Root



2nd Place in 9-ball playoffs "What's your team name?" - Chisolm Woodson, Adam King, Jimmy Gardner, Alex Kanapilly and Chris Onesky



2nd Place in 8-ball playoffs "Land Sharks" - Matt Rowbotham (M), Matt Rowbotham (S), Ryan Mette, Michael Willis, Terry Erdmann and CJ Black



Tournament Results

FRI (6/7)

bar table 8-ball, 16 players

1st - Larry D. \$65
2nd - Mike W. \$50
3rd - Daryl T. \$30
4th - Shawn \$15

SAT (6/8)

bar table 9-ball, 11 players

1st - Larry \$55
2nd - Frank \$45
3rd - Daniel \$25

SUN (6/9)

big table 10-ball, 15 players

1st - Mark H. \$125
2nd - Marc V. \$70
3rd - Bill S. \$50
Top A/B - Geoffrey Q. \$20

TUE (6/11)

big table 9-ball, 23 players

1st - Mark H. \$160
2nd - Jose C. \$105
3rd - Marc V. \$50
4th - Kiko I. \$35
Top A/B - Larry \$25

FRI (6/14)

bar table 8-ball, 13 players

1st - Larry D. \$50
2nd - Craig \$40
3rd - Keith \$35

SUN (6/16)

10-ball, 11 players

1st - Jose C. \$95
2nd - Kiko I. \$50
Top A/B - Greg \$10

TUE (6/18)

big table 9-ball, 22 players

1st - Kiko I. \$160
2nd - Eddie \$90
3rd - Fred \$55
Top A/B - Jeff L. \$20
Top Lady - Terry D. \$20

FRI (6/21)

bar table 8-ball, players 20

1st - Evan \$65
2nd - Larry D. \$50
3rd - Daniel \$45
4th - Mike W. \$30

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Carpe Momento *By OMG*

April 30th, 2013

This past weekend, I got a last-minute "Hey, do you want to go to a tournament?" message. Off I went.

I went 2-2 in the tournament, which was fine by me. Up until that morning, I had still been on a liquid diet because of food poisoning, so when I tired after two matches on the winner's side, I was not angry or displeased, merely content. After I was knocked out completely from the tournament, I sat down at the bar with a friend (also KO'd from tournament) and together, we had a fun time drinking a little beer and chatting with the friendly and funny bartender. As we were having our fun, a dude walked up and ordered a beer. He turned to me and sniffed, "You don't look like you enjoy playing pool."

Cue the record-scratch.

I turned to this fellow and considered the situation.

This was the dude who knocked me to the loser's side by the score of 7-1. I had been my usual, hard-fighting, intense self as I struggled against strange equipment, increasingly hot and humid temperatures, my own fatigue, and trying not to barf. It had been a -- difficult -- match for

me. In spite of it all, I had maintained composure and indeed, I had shaken this dude's hand TWICE(!), so now, I wanted to know, why THE HELL did he want to come and spoil the good time I was having? I was out of the tournament already, he was still in it, and yet, he was somehow dissatisfied with this state of affairs and figured he would spread his dissatisfaction.

The statement by which he addressed me was an interesting one. It was NOT a question asking whether I enjoyed playing pool (which would have been much friendlier), it was a STATEMENT declaring his belief that I did not enjoy pool. I felt he was baiting me to go on the defensive and declare, unequivocally, that I did, indeed, enjoy playing pool. He was setting the stage for argument.

However, I had grown old and complacent and had no desire to argue with someone who had so obviously already made up his mind regarding me and my relationship to pool. I could have said a dozen astute, witty, cutting, sarcastic things, but I gave this dude the benefit of the doubt -- perhaps he did not intend to be asshole. In any case, I recognized instantly that this was a Teachable Moment and I could Do The Right Thing. Instead of being my usual caustic self, I told the truth.

"When I play, my first thought is to break even. That's real tough to do in this tournament. It's hard work."

Because of unexpected costs, this tournament went overbudget for me. If I had beaten this dude, I would have been in the money and life would have been a little easier for my wallet. But, it didn't happen and I did not begrudge him his victory -- sometimes, that's just how tournaments go.

If I had thought being honest and candid would accomplish -- something -- I was extremely mistaken. This dude snorted with the barest of eyerolls and said, "Work? You call it work? See? You DON'T enjoy playing."

I looked at him neutrally for a moment and noted he was quite young, or at least young enough not to know that one may enjoy one's hard work, be it for a living or for a hobby. I thought of all the long bus miles, the longer walked miles, the hours I put into this game, the grinding of piss-ant tournaments to pay for those hours, the eating of many, many packages of ramen and other inferior foods to raise a stake for bigger tournaments and action.

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Billiard Education Foundation PRESS RELEASE

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Str8 Shots to Support BEF Juniors with 10% Contribution

Str8-Shots.com may be relatively new to the scene but they are proving to be one of the leading online dart and billiard retailers, and they're here to stay. They're not only dedicated to providing exceptional service and loyalty to their customers but they have been the driving force in resuscitating the billiard life in Colorado. They've recently hosted a series of big money added tournaments which all began around qualifier events for the juniors.

Str8 Shots has not only supported the local billiard community in Colorado but they have played a leading role in promoting pool across the country from their involvement with the juniors to their charitable program with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. And now, beginning June 1, they take their commitment to the next level by committing to donate 10% of their net income on all orders of billiard products to the Billiard Education Foundation and they challenge the industry and other retailers to do the same.

"We are small fish in a large pond. However we know the importance of paying it forward; especially when it comes to helping the youth. The BEF is an amazing organization devoted to promoting youth in billiards and it is our honor to help them in any way we can. Our hope is that all retailers will do the same," said Marc and Kimberly Griffiths, owners of Str8 Shots.

"The Billiard Education Foundation is SO proud and fortunate to have the support of such a committed sponsor as Str8 Shots. They are true ambassadors for our sport," said Samm Diep-Vidal, Executive Director for the BEF.

Str8-Shots.com is an online retailer for dart and billiard supplies. They have also been hosting a series of successful adult and junior events throughout Colorado and plan to bring even more events, including tournaments and fundraisers in the coming months.

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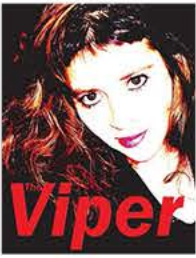
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Ask The Viper...

Q & A's by WPBA Pro
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An Interview with Top Ranked American Player Oscar Dominguez

This month I am introducing you to one of my personal favorites, Mr. Oscar Dominguez from California. ☺

The Interview:

Viper: Where were you born?

Oscar: In Van Nuys, CA on March 26, 1985

Viper: Do you have siblings?

Oscar: Yes, I have two twin brothers. They are 6 years older than me.

Viper: What did your parents think of your pool career?

Oscar: They always supported me, but never encouraged me to play pool. It's safe to say they weren't thrilled about it, but they just want me to be happy.

Viper: When you were younger, who did you look up to?

Oscar: My brothers and dad. Besides them, Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan since I was a big basketball fan.

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

Oscar: Right now, it seems that China and Taiwan are producing the best players.

Viper: Why?

Oscar: First of all, the government helps out. Second, they are in constant competition with each other. Every single day they gamble with each other and are constantly putting themselves under pressure. In addition to all of that, there are many tournaments and competitions to look forward and train for. It's a much more serious profession rather than a hobby.

Viper: Who's your favorite pool player?

Oscar: My dad. Besides him, it's a tie between Kim Davenport, Efren and Parica.

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

Oscar: At home, I started playing around 3 years old, but quit for 10 years between ages 8-18.

Viper: What are your biggest accomplishments in the sport of billiards?

Oscar: Definitely making the Mosconi Cup team. That's the highlight of my career thus far. Also, I'd consider my 2nd place finish in Beijing a major accomplishment beating Yang, Cortezza, Hohmann, and Li Haito all in same event.

Viper: Do you currently have any sponsors?

Oscar: Predator and Kamui

Viper: Did you ever play in a pool league?

Oscar: Never.

Viper: Are you good at any other sports?

Oscar: I was a VERY serious basketball player and was a fairly high level player, but after high school I realized I had no legitimate future in it.

Viper: Describe yourself in three words?

Oscar: Quiet, happy, lucky

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

Oscar: I would probably have finished school faster. I took too much time off for pool and traveling. I don't regret my decisions, but perhaps it would have been the better move. As far as pool is concerned, I met some great people and have had amazing experiences. Wouldn't change a thing about my pool career.

Viper: How do you prepare for events?

Oscar: I try to practice alone for a few hours on whatever I feel I am struggling on. If it's a 10 ball event, definitely spend time on the break. But for the most part, I just try to spend time on the table and get confident in shooting straight.



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

Oscar: If you make the balls, you can beat anyone. If you miss them, anyone can beat you - Dad (Ernesto Dominguez)

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

Oscar: By far the thing I enjoy most while playing pool is the competition. I've always been competitive and enjoy testing my skills against the best.

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

Oscar: Stay in school. Finish your degree, and then do whatever you want. Also, I'd recommend traveling to major events. Especially international ones so you can see different styles of play.

Viper: What's your Favorite game?

Oscar: 10 ball

Ok Oscar, here are some Facebook friends' questions...

Luke Mindish from Pittsburgh, PA asks: I know he bets his own money, what's the most he's won at one time gambling and what's the most he's lost. Also what diameter shaft is he playing with now? I heard at one point is was something crazy like 9mm.

Oscar: \$17k is most I've won at one time and lost \$14k. I use a Z-2 shaft, slightly modified.

Amanda Lampert from Frisco, TX asks: Who are his biggest inspirations? How did he juggle school, work, and pool? What are his aspirations for the future in regards to pool? And how does he like the new bonus ball league?

Oscar: My biggest inspirations are definitely my parents. They really showed me what hard work and perseverance can do. As far as juggling the 3 activities, just one day at a time! I try not to overwhelm myself by planning so much. I just do what I can, when I can.

Regarding my future aspirations in pool... I'm determined to make the Mosconi Cup again. That's my goal. Now as far as Bonus Ball is concerned, I'm loving it. The game is really intricate and having great teammates makes it very enjoyable and I honestly feel its improving my rotation games.

Stacy Allsup from Las Vegas, NV asks: How does he think being raised by such a hard working guy has shaped him in his pool career.

Oscar: Having my dad has definitely improved my game by leaps and bounds. He's showed me what dedication and hard work can do. So when it comes to practice, I don't mind working hard, since my dad has instilled that example in me from a very young age.

Lillian Zamora from Westminster, CO asks: Who started him into playing pool and does he have any other interests other than playing pool?

Oscar: My father and besides pool, I really enjoy basketball still. I also love to travel and learn about other cultures/cuisine.

Armando Aguirre from San Benito, TX asks: I know there are drills...practice time on stance, bridge... stroke...but what does he do to improve his mental toughness? I never hear about staying calm and learning how to properly breathe while you are at the table.

Oscar: Good question, I really think immersing yourself into the game by playing the world's best really helps with that. When you get used to people never missing on you, it becomes normal for you to see world class pool. When you lose that fear/shock of playing someone better than you, you learn to relax and just maximize your opportunities at the table. Besides that, I like Sports Psychology books like Mental Edge and Mind Gym. They are good reads in using visual cues to keep your focus on your performance and nothing else.

Mary Hopkin from Richland, WA asks: What are the similarities between his game and his father's? And what are the biggest differences?

Oscar: We have extremely similar games. Basically the only differences in our games are I use the jump cue more often than he does. Other than that, I've molded my game around all of my dad's ideas so it really helps having someone do all the hard work for you ☺

A special "Thank-you" to Oscar for taking time out of his busy schedule, to participate in my Ask the Viper articles.

Till next month you can find me on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wpaviper

Viper ☺

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

You are playing 9-ball and your
opponent just played a safe on you.
(see diagrams at right) Now it is
your shot. What do you do?

Idea #1: "Kick at the 1-ball and try
making it in the side pocket!"

Idea #2: "Kick the 1-ball into the
9-ball!"

Suckers...

Why aren't these the best ideas?

Idea #1: It is very unlikely that
you will be able to kick the 1-ball
in the side pocket. And even if you
do, it is also unlikely that you will
get shape on the 2-ball.

Idea #2: It is very unlikely that
you will be able to hit your 1-ball
AND also be able to make the 9-
ball. Even if you do hit the 1-ball,
it is likely that you will sell out and
leave your opponent an easy 1-9
combo or carom.

Answer:

Take an intentional foul and pocket
the 9-ball. The 9-ball will be spot-
ted and your opponent will have
ball-in-hand. However, it is very
likely that you will get another shot
at the table instead of watching
your opponent have an easy shot to
win the game.

Felt Billiards Hosts Big Table 8-Ball Championships

Story provided by Felt Staff

Main Event

It was a small but mighty field.
Fifteen players entered the Main
Event on Saturday, May 18, 2013
to try to win the coveted qualifier
spot for the US Open 8-Ball. The
field was packed with favorites
Marc Vidal, Mark Haddad, Danny
Smith, Melissa Little and Bill
Skinner to name a few. From the
start, great matches were being
played on every table. By the end
of the first round, Bill Skinner had
bested Bill Meecham 5/4, Melissa
Little went down to Greg Romero
5/1, and Danny Smith ran through
Garrett Rogers of New Mexico
5/0.

As things progressed, Andy Pet-
tinger (ATM) struggled after draw-
ing a bye in the first round, going
down against Bill Skinner 5/3,
winning against Geoffrey Quezada
5/3 and then going down and out in
the next round to Danny Smith 5/1.

Mark Haddad went to the back side
after his first round loss against
Marc Vidal 5/3. Then he ran
through the back of the bracket
taking down Bill Meecham, Melis-
sa Little, Greg Romeo, Danny
Smith and Bill Skinner to wind up
in the finals with Marc Vidal.

After a fierce battle and going hill/
hill in the double dip match both
times, Mark Haddad was crowned
the winner.

Results:

Mark Haddad	\$500 Qualifier Entry
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A's and Down Tournament

With a field of 22 players, the A's
and down tournament kicked off
on Sunday morning. The game was
8-ball and some of the players
were in unfamiliar territory with
the event taking place on the 9-foot
tables. The field was pretty
level with very few B's and down
players and most of those were the
junior players that participated.

In the end it came down to Chris
Honeman having to beat Jose
Loma twice in the finals. After
fighting neck and neck, Jose ended
up besting Chris in the second set
of the finals and taking the title.

Results:

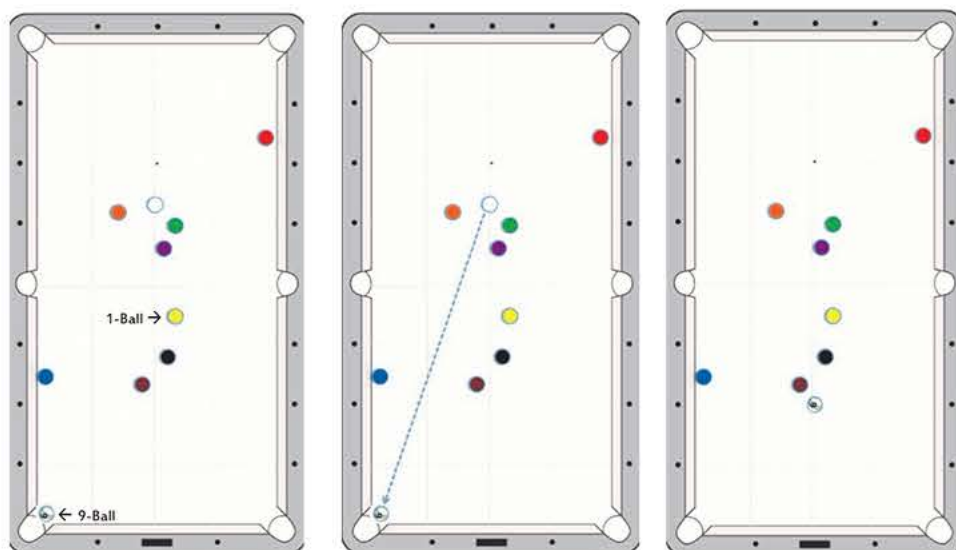
Jose Loma	\$200.00
Chris Honeman	\$130.00
Brian Casey	\$60.00
Terry Duncan	\$46.00
Darrin Bruce	\$25.00
Carol James	\$25.00



Top Finishers:

Jose Loma (1st) and
Chris Honeman (2nd)

Special thanks to all the kids that
came out: Josh, Tyler, Evan and
Taren. You guys played really well
and we are proud of you!!





The Results are in... Who's Going to Vegas from Northern Colorado?

June was a very busy month for Northern Colorado APA Players. It opened the weekend of May 31st-June 2nd with the Northern Colorado 9 Ball Regional tournament. 23 teams qualified to play in this event held at Match Up's in Ft Collins. The teams competed for two spots to advance to the APA National Team Championships to be held August 15th-19th at The Riviera Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

The first set of teams to advance to the qualifying match were Pico de Gallo of Longmont. They went undefeated with their last win over Nobody Wants Ken, Longmont playing against Wait for It! also from Longmont after their win over Something Sexy out

of Greeley. The first win of the match went to Israel Lopez playing for Pico after he defeated Joshua Preuss by only 1 ball for a 12-8 win. Next up was Kenneth Thompson for Wait for it! playing against Dean Carpenter of Pico. Ken was able to take down the win with a 13-7 split of points and putting Wait for it! in the lead. Wait for it! did not look back posting wins in the next 2 matches. First was a strong 19-1 win by Rex Wilson over Lauren Schwenn then a 14-6 win from Tony De Maio over Carlos Martinez. This gave Wait for It! the required 54 points and the match win advancing them to the APA National Team Championships

In the other Vegas match for 9-Ball it was Wait for It..., Greeley, with wins over Wait for it! Longmont and then 9 Times from Ft Collins. The opponent for the qualifying match was Its Just a Hobby, Longmont who came from the one-loss side and advanced to the finals with a win over Chalk is Cheap of Longmont. Its Just a Hobby came out strong winning the first 2 matches

with wins by Christian Ruddick 14-6 over Joshus Olivas and Duncan Stone winning 16-4 over Brandee O'Neal. Daniel Woolsey played next for Its Just a Hobby and kept it close losing by 2 balls in a 12-8 split of points to Jacob Olivas. Trying to make a come back Wait for It..., Greeley played captain Rose Jones and Michael Bagass came to bat for Its Just a Hobby. Mike played strong but could not overcome the spread of a S/L 7 playing against a S/L 2 coming up just 7 balls short of a win. Rose took the match and 13 points for her team. With a 45-35 spread in the points in a race to 51, Its Just a Hobby posted Jon Parker hoping for simply a close match to secure the win. Wait for It sent Scott Jones to the table knowing that only a strong win would get them to Vegas. Scott came out strong never letting up holding Jon to only 21 balls and getting a 18-2

split of points and the overall match win for his team.

The two 9-Ball teams each earned \$3500.00 in a travel allowance to help them get to Las Vegas and will be competing in the APA National Team Championships August 15th-19th, 2013. The APA National Team Championships is the Worlds Largest Pool Tournament held each year.

Two weeks later, June 14th-16th Match Up's was again the host for the Northern Colorado 8-ball Regional tournament. 22 teams earned the right to play here and this time there were three spots available for teams to advance to the APA National Team Championships to be held August 18th-24th at the Riv. Just Lucky from Boulder made it to the final round undefeated with a win over Rat Pack from Longmont. Station III

Too! of Ft Lupton had to work their way thru the losers side after dropping their first match. Just Lucky posted first with Owen Chamberlin, S/L 4 and Station III Too! responded with Dee Dee Cler, also a 4. Owen was able to take the win in a tough hill/hill game. Station III sent Sam Graeb to the table and Just Lucky posted Jerry Gustafson, both S/L 5's. Sam definitely brought

his game as he took the match 4-1. Michael Light came to the table for Just Lucky, his opponent was Station III's Captain Don Cler in a 5 vs. 4 match up. Michael, looking to get his team back on top, was able to put down a rackless match on Don and take the win. Station III posted Faustino "Tino" Duran, S/L 7 to play, hoping to get back to even. Just Lucky sent Don Forsberg to take the 7 on. Don was unable to get any traction in the match and Tino won 6-0. With the overall match tied at 2-2 it was Steve Light's turn to play. As Captain, he was looking to lead his team to Vegas. Station III had Sandi Cler, S/L 2 available. Steve was able to keep his calm and play smart for the match winning like his son in rackless fashion. Steve Light has been an APA Member for 23 years and built this team a little over a year ago looking for a way to spend more time with his son. In 2012 this team made it to the final match for Vegas losing a hill-hill game in a hill-hill match in the 8-ball division, only to be sent home with nothing. They would not be denied this year. This is the first time any of these players have competed in Vegas.

The 2nd Vegas match up was between Craw Daddy's of Longmont getting there undefeated playing against Cueless also from Longmont. Cueless posted first with Karen Foy while Craw Daddy's sent Christine Wright up. Christine was able to take the first 2 games in a race to 2 taking the win for her team. Andy Lucero was up next for Craw Daddy's playing against Cueless captain Shannon Rutherford. Andy was able to take the win 4-1 and give his team a 2-0 lead in the match. Cueless responded with James

Mayes who played against Theresa Rumery and was able to take a 5-0 win getting Cueless their first win. Lou Rutherford, S/L 4 came to the table for Cueless vs. Jeff Johnson, S/L 7. Jeff proved too much for Lou as he won 5-0 getting Craw Daddy's their third win and the chance to play in Vegas. As with Just Lucky many of these players have been here as long as 18 years not having advanced to Vegas before this year.



Just Lucky

Playing for the 3rd Vegas spot we find 8 Balls of Fire from Greeley entering the final match undefeated after a win over Hole Chasers from Estes Park. Coming from the dark side was Anything Can Happen of Longmont after their win over Lost Cause of Boulder. Anything Can Happen posted first and played Ken Pearson, SL 5. Ken looked to keep his game going having just in the last match earned

his first win of the tournament after a slow start. 8 Balls of Fire responded with Bob Medina. In a see-saw match that saw Bob struggling to come from behind the whole match, Bob was able to get his second win then a quick 3rd with an 8 on the Break. He took the momentum and won his fourth to get on the hill. Ken managed to regroup while being on the hill for the past 3 games and get a win here to take the match putting his team up 1-0. Rose Jones came to the table for 8 Balls of Fire and Anything Can Happen played Mike Gibson. It was a 2-4 race. Mike was

able to get 3 wins and get on the hill right away but Rose came back with a win of her own to make it a hill-hill match. Mike pulled out the final game to put

his team up 2-0. In usual fashion Anything Can Happen posted their captain Bucky Carroll, a strong 7 in the League, to close out the match. 8 Balls of Fire responded with Garret Renville a S/L 6. Garret, looking to keep his team's hopes alive, came out with guns a blazing taking the first 3 games including a Break & Run to get on the hill. Bucky was able to get into his game and win the next 2 games but in the next game he let Garret to the table and he was able to run it out and get the win to put his team on the board. 8 Balls of Fire captain was up next and played against Sara Sater, a 5-2 race. Kristi

was able to control the table well and won 5-0 getting everything to even in the match 2-2. The deciding match was a 3-2 race with Ben Pearson going up against Angie Medina. Angie played strong and was in every game but just could not close any out and Ben walked away with the win 3-0 for his match and 3-2 for the team.

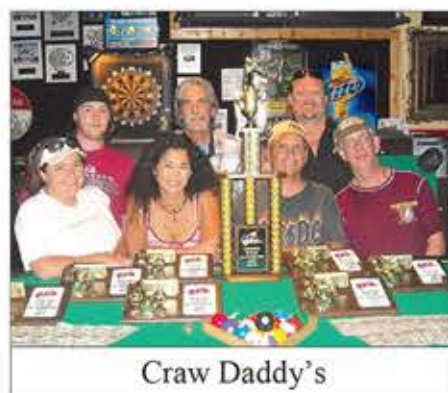
All 8-ball teams advancing to Vegas will be awarded a total of \$4000.00 in travel allowance to help them get to Vegas along with plaques for each member of the team. Their home host bars will also be presented with a Championship trophy. Best of luck to all of our teams advancing to Vegas in August.



Wait For It (Longmont)



Wait For It (Greeley)



Craw Daddy's



Anything Can Happen



Scotch Doubles Qualifiers from APA North

Two 9-Ball Scotch Doubles Vegas Qualifiers were held during the month of June for Northern Colorado APA players. The first was June 8, 2013 held at 28th Street Tavern in Boulder. With seven teams present, it may have looked like an easy run for some but each team looked to be strong and capable of going all the way. The match to get to the hot seat was between the team of Joyce Hughes/Isabel Guterrez playing against Lyndee Paris/Fred Nicoli. Fred and Lyndee never did seem to get a good run put together and the win went to Joyce and Izzy moving them to the hot seat to wait for the final match. Lyndee and Fred moved to the dark side and were able to defeat the team of Matt Sylvester/Cindy Kettle bringing them to the finals and a rematch against Joyce and Izzy. Starting out strong Lyndee and Fred never really let Joyce and Izzy shoot winning the match fairly easily. Being a full double elimination board this was only the first lost for Joyce and Izzy so they had one more opportunity to take the Vegas slot. Joyce and Izzy managed to spend some more time at the table

in this final match but the team of Lyndee and Fred was just too much and they came up 6 balls short of the win. Lyndee and Fred after losing to Joyce and Izzy earlier in the tournament would not allow them to win again and with the second win will be advancing to the APA National 9-Ball Scotch Doubles in August.

On June 22nd, another 9-Ball Scotch Doubles Vegas Qualifier was held, this time at Match Up's in Ft Collins. Again a modest turn out left most with high hopes and each team showing the potential to go all the way. The team of Rebecca Miller and Scott Unger managed to advance to the hot seat without any losses. The other team to make it to the finals was the team of Jody Miller and Diane Hellbusch. Jody and Diane were sent to the dark side with a first round loss to Rebecca and Scott. Setting up a sort of a family feud, Jody was looking for a little revenge against his wife Rebecca after the early loss. Rebecca would have none of it winning the first match up and taking the Vegas spot.

Both teams will advance to the APA 9 Ball Doubles Championship, August 21-23, 2013 held at the Riviera Hotel and Casino, to play against 256 teams from across the country, Canada, and Japan. Best of luck to all of the Northern Colorado players in Vegas.



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Large Increase Highlights 2013 Pure X ACS Nationals in Las Vegas

Enjoying a large increase in participation this year (with some divisions up 50-100%), the **2013 Pure X Cues ACS National Championships** capped off a banner year of growth for the nine-year old American CueSports Alliance (ACS). The New Tropicana Las Vegas proved to again be an attractive venue for the event, as scores of entertainment venues are conveniently located in this section of The Strip! And most attendees stayed at The Trop. Players enjoyed online coverage in all divisions throughout the event via onsite monitors and their smart phones. A record \$36,500 in added prize monies drew players from throughout North America to twenty-three divisions of competition. Despite the large turnout, players such as Mike Singleton, Beth Fondell, Dustin Gunia, Jessica Frideres and the team *Wrecking Crew* (LA) still earned top honors in multi-events. All flow charts are still viewable by accessing www.compuport.us; then "Tournaments"; then "ACS Nationals."

With the jump in attendees, ideal dates in mid-May and the attractive location, many participants projected that these Championships on its 10th anniversary "will be even bigger next year!"

Singles action began at the first of the week with handicapped 9-ball. **Mike Singleton of Sulphur, LA**, improved on his past mediocre performances in the Nationals to outlast 69-year old Lyn Wechsler (Rochester, NY) for the **Men's 9-Ball Singles** honors. On the distaff side, past 8-Ball champion **Beth Fondell (Owatonna, MN)** remained undefeated throughout, including her one final's set against Phoenix, Arizona's Bernie Store to earn her **Women's 9-Ball Singles** crown! Results from the many divisions of 8-ball singles included: **Dustin Gunia (Omaha, NE)** displaying dominating form to defend his **Men's Advanced Singles 8-Ball** crown over Lyn Wechsler (Rochester, NY); **Beth Fondell (Owatonna, MN)** obtaining a rare double by outlasting defending champion Jessica Frideres (Fort Dodge, IA) on the last ball of the deciding set to claim the **Women's Advanced 8-Ball Singles** title – 7-6; **Ben Sutherland (Peoria, AZ)**

lost to Julian Russell (Fort McMurray, ON/CAN) in the first set of the finals, only to recover to gain the deciding set for the **Men's Open 8-Ball Singles** championship; **Toni Barnes (Shawboro, NC)** scored a title with a one-set finals defeat over Sophia Morquecho (Glendale, AZ) for the **Women's Open 8-Ball Singles** laurels; once-defeated **Dennis Coolen (Bridgewater, NS/CAN)** outdistancing Joe Herne (Hogansburg, NY) in two sets for the **Men's Standard 8-Ball Singles** division success; and **Melanie Jacobs (Hogansburg, NY)** besting Frances Jensen (Calgary, AB/CAN) in one set for the **Women's Standard 8-Ball Singles** glory.



Carl Coffee of Pueblo (left) claims top honors in Men's Senior Division

In the senior-aged 8-ball singles divisions, **Carl Coffee (Pueblo, CO)** took down Claude Gragg III (Arlington, TX) in the first set of the finals for the **Men's Senior (55+) 8-Ball Singles** crown – leaving Gragg to take the runner-up position for the

second straight year; **Debbie Snook (Boone, CO)** stopped three-time defending champ, Shawn Modelo (Antioch, CA), in the winner's bracket finals and then took the **Women's Senior (50+) 8-Ball Singles** title by upending Linda Asleson (Billings, MT) in two sets in the tourney finals; and **Richard Foley (Ketchikan, AK)** delegated undefeated Charles Smith (Whitesboro, TX) to the runner-up position for a second straight year in taking the **Super Senior (65+) Singles 8-Ball Singles** title in two sets!

With the ACS schedule in the latter portion of the week allowing non-conflicting accommodation of entry into both 9-ball and 8-ball team competitions, there was still plenty of competition to keep every player involved – especially those out of the money who automatically qualified for free second-chance team divisions! In the **Men's Advanced 8-Ball Team** division, de-

fending champion *Dick's Pick* [Ronnie Allen, Jimmy Moore, Greg Kuhl, George Huffman, Chris Akey and James Carmona] (Las Vegas, NV) reloaded but with the same results to take down *Jitnot* (NS/CAN) in the title match in two sets – after *Jitnot* had originally claimed the hot seat. The **Women's Advanced 8-Ball Team** division showcased *Victoria's Secret* [Susie Miller, Linda Asleson, Jonella Staus and Teresa Keller] (MT) outpointing Colorado's *T's Bar* in the round-robin format. In the **Men's Open 8-Ball Team** competition, once-defeated *Wrecking Crew* [Mike Singleton, Blaine Stanford, Jamie Spivey, Rodney Browne III and Luke Coffey] took two sets from *No Flash* (AZ) in the title match. The **Women's Open 8-Ball Team** division's San Antonio's *Fuhgettaboutit* [Barbara Wisdom, Kenyon Juo Young, Sophie Lopez, Kawania Watson and Maria Lopez] survived a deciding set over *After Eight* (FL) for the title.

Harbor Hills (WI) [Al Carmody, Mark Schmidt, Tim Gamerding, Tom Decker and John Schlapman] needed only one set in the **Men's Standard 8-Ball Team** division final's clash to make *Comrades* (GA) the bride's maid.

In the **Women's Standard 8-Ball Team** division, *British Columbia's Venus Envy* [Theresa Warren, Susan Johnston, Susan Kottke and Roxanna Alton] took off the deciding set of the finals to repel New York's *Mohawk Chicks* for the crown.

The 3-person 9-ball team divisions featured some of the top 8-ball team placers as well. Undefeated *Gotta Have It* [NE/IA] [Jerrod Frideres,

Jessica Frideres and Dustin Gunia] turned back Las Vegas's *Dick's Pick* in the first set of the finals for the **Men's Advanced 9-Ball Team** title. Open 8-Ball Team runner-ups – *After Eight* (FL) [Flori LeHart, Michelle Jarrell, Janet Smith and Jamie Toennies], succeeded in ousting *Miller Time* (FL) for the **Women's Open 9-Ball Team** laurels. In the **Men's Open 9-Ball Team** category, *Wrecking Crew* (LA) [Jamie Spivey, Mike Singleton and Luke Coffey] doubled up on its Open 8-Ball Team win to capture this title as well with a two-set finals sweep over *9 Ball Shockers* (AZ).

ACS would like to thank our title sponsor – Pure X Cues, as well as Gary Benson and his tournament direction staff at High Country Promotions, as well as the exhibiting vendors and the host site – the Tropicana Las Vegas! The ACS Nationals is already looking to returning to the **Tropicana May 10-17, 2014!** The ACS is a national non-profit, member-governed association which will sanction any local pool league (whether player-run or owner-operated) via a \$10 annual sanction fee. Contact the ACS at 1-888-662-1705 for complete information on sanctioning your league!



Debbie Snook of Boone (left) takes 1st in Women's Senior Division

Top Finishers from Colorado:

Men's 9-Ball Singles (\$1,500 added)

9-12 th	Marc Vidal Claramunt (Englewood, CO)	\$200
17-24 th	Ted Mauro (Pueblo, CO)	\$100
	Orlando Vigil (Pueblo, CO)	

Men's Advanced 8-Ball Singles (\$3,000 added)

5-6 th	Marc Vidal Claramunt (Englewood, CO)	\$250
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Men's Open 8-Ball Singles (\$1,500 added)

13-16 th	David Miles (Delta, CO)	\$250
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Men's Open 8-Ball Singles – 2nd Chance Division

9-16 th	Orlando Vigil (Pueblo, CO)	\$50
	Ted Mauro (Pueblo, CO)	

Men's Standard 8-Ball Singles (\$1,000 added)

9-12 th	Christopher Armenta (Pueblo, CO)	\$200
17-24 th	Dillon Dalton (Grand Junction, CO)	\$100

Men's Senior 8-Ball Singles (\$1,000 added)

1 st	Carl Coffee (Pueblo, CO)	\$1,300 + Trophy
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Women's Senior 8-Ball Singles (\$1,000 added)

1 st	Debbie Snook (Boone, CO)	\$1,000 + Trophy
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Super Senior 8-Ball Singles (\$1,000 added)

9-12 th	Eugene Bourgeois II (Grand Junction, CO)	\$100
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Super Senior 8-Ball Singles – 2nd Chance Division

2 nd	Bill Bartley (Loma, CO)	\$150
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Women's Advanced 8-Ball Teams (\$3,000 added)

2 nd	T's Bar (CO)	\$1,050 + Trophies
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Men's Open 8-Ball Teams (\$2,000 added)

3 rd	Leo's Place (CO)	\$1,500 + Trophies
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Men's Standard 8-Ball Teams (\$2,000 added)

4 th	Don't Hold It Against Us (CO)	\$450
9-12 th	Handful of Wannabes (CO)	\$150

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4 th	Joe Richards (Milliken, CO)	\$50
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Men's 9-Ball Regular Singles

17th	James Fortin - CO (Entertainment Experts)	\$250
33rd	Shane Helde - WY (BH Nov)	\$150
49th	Greg Romero - CO (Entertainment Experts)	\$125
65th	Aaron Westcott - CO (BMW) Adam Sisneros - CO (GPP) Butch Marlin - WY (Top Dog) John Sandifer - CO (Entertainment Experts) Jonathan Lopez - CO (Entertainment Experts) Paul Borega - CO (Entertainment Experts)	\$100

Men's 9-Ball Intermediate Singles

17th	Nelson Montierth - CO (BMW)	\$50
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Women's 9-Ball Regular Singles

5th	Terry Duncan - CO (Entertainment Experts)	\$225
9th	Summer Gage - CO (BMW)	\$100
17th	Teri Hart - CO (GPP)	\$50

Women's 9-Ball Intermediate Singles

4th	Carol James - CO (Entertainment Experts)	\$200
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Women's 8-Ball Masters Team

2nd	Rack Attack - CO (Entertainment Experts)	\$2,200
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Men's 8-Ball Masters Singles

3rd	Marc Vidal Claramunt - CO (Entertainment Experts)	\$1,400
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Men's 9-Ball Masters Singles

5th	Mike Hellmer - CO (BMW)	\$400
7th	Marc Vidal Claramunt - CO (Entertainment Experts)	\$300

Scotch Doubles Intermediate

7th	Holly Figuerora & Charlie Williamson - CO	\$75
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Scotch Doubles Regular

7th	Mary Vasquez & Bennie Perry - CO (BMW)	\$200
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Women's 8-Ball Intermediate Singles

9th	Carol James - CO (Entertainment Experts)	\$300
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Women's 8-Ball Regular Singles

9th	Mary Vasquez - CO (BMW)	\$340
33rd	Rose Ramos - CO (Entertainment Experts)	\$100

Women's 8-Ball Regular Singles Redemption Division

3rd	Charlene Pinelli - CO (GPP)	\$200
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Men's 8-Ball Regular Singles

33rd	Greg Romero - CO (Entertainment Experts) James Fortin - CO (Entertainment Experts)	\$350
65th	Mick Tiefenthaler - WY (BH Nov) Oscar Cortez - CO (BMW)	\$125
97th	Bill Watson - CO (Paradise) Jonathan Lopez - CO (Entertainment Experts)	\$100
129th	Adam Sisneros - CO (GPP) Bob Kelly - CO (Entertainment Experts) Charlie Williamson - CO (Entertainment Experts) Jeff Goeller - CO (Entertainment Experts) John Santistevan - CO (GPP) Mike Willeford - CO (Entertainment Experts) Rex Corliss - WY (BH Nov) Russell Nellermeoe - WY (BH Nov)	\$50

Men's 8-Ball Intermediate Singles

7th	Nelson Montierth - CO (BMW)	\$400
9th	James Brothers - CO (GPP)	\$300

Men's 8-Ball Regular Team

2nd	Hard to Kill - CO (Entertainment Experts)	\$7,000
25th	Big Willie's in Stroke - CO (Entertainment Experts) Legion Patriots - WY (BH Nov)	\$750
33rd	Euro Petite - CO (Entertainment Experts)	\$550
49th	Lumbre - CO (BMW)	\$450
65th	Beat the Ghost - CO (GPP) Lil's Prosecutors - CO (GPP)	\$300
97th	Old School - WY (WY Amusement) Playboys Reunited - WY (Cheyenne Vend)	\$150

Men's 8-Ball Masters Team

3rd	The Favorites - CO (Entertainment Experts)	\$3,500
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Women's 8-Ball Regular Team

7th	Colo Spgs Sharpshooters - CO (Entertainment Experts)	\$450
9th	Lil's - Si Se Puede - CO (GPP)	\$325
13th	Casper Cue-T's - WY (WY Amusement)	\$250
17th	Aim High - CO (Entertainment Experts)	\$175
25th	The Cremators - CO (BMW)	\$125

Regular Women's Team Hard Luck in the Money

1st	Aim High - CO (Entertainment Experts)	\$150
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Sportsman 8-Ball Team - DONE

3rd	BCS - CO (Entertainment Experts)	\$600
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Sportsman 8-Ball Singles

17th	Dwain Twiford - WY (Platte County Vend)	\$100
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Sportsman 9-Ball Singles

4th	Ross Smith - CO (Entertainment Experts)	\$200
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8-Ball Open Seniors

2nd	Rich Haines - WY (Chey Vend)	\$1,600
5th	Edward Borrego - CO (Entertainment Experts)	\$600
9th	Paul Drinnon - CO (Entertainment Experts)	\$300

9-Ball Open Seniors

5th	Paul Drinnon - CO (Entertainment Experts)	\$300
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Women's 8-Ball Classic Singles

4th	Eileen Cannon - CO (Entertainment Experts)	\$400
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Women's 9-Ball Classic Singles

3rd	Linda Lilly - CO (BMW)	\$150
4th	Charlene Pinelli - CO (GPP)	\$100

Men's 9-Ball Classic Singles

5th	Bennie Perry - CO (BMW)	\$200
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Excellence through training and testing... Graduate your game to the next level with the Billiard University

A "dream team" of well-known and well-respected instructors and instructional authors (Dr. Dave Alciatore, Jerry Briesath, Mark Finkelstein, Randy Goettlicher, Bob Jewett, Mike Page, Randy Russell, Tom Simpson, and Mark Wilson) have recently launched the Billiard University (BU).

The mission of the BU is to provide assessment tools, a rating system, and learning resources to help pool players strive for and achieve excellence, and to officially acknowledge excellence through the awarding of diplomas (Bachelors, Masters, or Doctorate of Pool).

All of the assessment tools, with detailed instructions and demonstrations, are available on the BU website at: BilliardUniversity.org. Students can also visit a BU instructor or submit exam videos on YouTube to apply for a pool diploma for official recognition of their pool-playing excellence.

The BU exams have been carefully designed and tested to provide a complete and accurate assessment and rating of pool-playing ability. The examination process is broken into two parts, both of which consist of drills and challenges at the table. The first portion (Exam I – Fundamentals) is a fundamentals assessment and placement examination that measures all important basic pool skills (aim, alignment, stroke, ball pocketing, speed control, and cue ball control). The second portion (Exam II – Skills) is a skills proficiency examination that tests specific skills important in a variety of game situations (position play, strategy, defensive play, kicks, banks, jacked-up shots, jumps, and the break).

There are three levels of Exam II (Skills) labeled Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate. The score on Exam I determines which Exam II the student is placed into, based on the demonstrated level of ability. All three Skills Exams test the complete set of pool skills necessary to be a good pool player, albeit at different levels. The drills are consistent, but with increasing difficulty, from one diploma level to the next. This provides a natural and simple progression path as a student advances through the diploma levels, and the increasing difficulty encourages and assesses continued improvement.

The total combined score on Exam I and Exam II provides a single number corresponding to different levels of playing ability. Also, the total score (regardless of Exam II placement) indicates the player rating and diploma achieved directly. Unlike league handicap systems and other match-statistics-based rating systems, the BU scoring and rating system is independent of league competition level, which can vary significantly from one league to the next and from one region to the next. The BU rating offers the significant advantage that it is based solely on individual performance and not on the performance of others. Therefore, the ratings are meaningful across all regions and internationally.

Everything needed to prepare for and take the exams is available for free online, including exam documents with diagrams and instructions, video explanations and demonstrations, scoring sheets, online resources, and electronic forms for submitting results and applying for a diploma.

If you want to try the BU exams and rating system, or if you want to become a BU instructor, visit the BU website at:

www.BilliardUniversity.org

The website includes detailed instructions and online video demonstrations explaining every step of the process. Good luck graduating your game to the next level while earning a pool diploma in the process.

Video Encyclopedia Of Pool Shots



See more information at:
dr-dave-billiards.com

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Disc I - Basic Shot Making and Position

Disc II - English and Position Control

Disc III - Safety Play and Strategy

Disc IV - Banks, Kicks, and Advanced Shots

Disc V - Skill and Specialty Shots

Carpe Momento by OMG

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I looked at this young dude and felt just a little sad and very tired that he would never know how much I loved this game, and even if I were to tell him, he would not believe me, because he had already made up his mind that I did not.

I had my suspicions as to how he came to his conclusion. Likely, it had to do with my intense, non-socializing, non-standard, non-super-friendly-ladylike behavior at the table. I had played almost exclusively in silence with all my focus on the table. The game was all that existed for me once the match

began. It is all that ever exists for me once a match begins.

I understand society is not yet at a point where it is acceptable for a woman to behave as a man does in competition. It is also not yet at a point where people believe me when I take a moment to light a lamp in the depths of my black, black heart and speak honestly. So, I said to hell with it and got back into character.

"Okay. You know what I DO enjoy? Beating the SH#T out of people."

"Oh. On the table? Or...?"

"ALL THE TIME, ANYWHERE."

I turned away. The teachable moment was gone. I was back to my asshole self, this dude was his asshole self, and the world of pool and its tradition of men giving women sh#t for no reason other than it's what all the "cool" kids do continued spinning into oblivion.



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Match Ups, Ft. Collins 9-Ball, 9' tables, \$\$ added, 3pm start
Wreck Room 9-Ball, bar table, \$5 entry, 7:30 sign up

TUESDAY

Felt 9-Ball, 9' tables, \$\$ added, 7:30 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, 7:30 sign up

SATURDAY

BC's Sports Pub 9-Ball, bar table, 8pm start
Felt 9-Ball, bar table, \$\$ added, 4:30 pm
Hank's Billiards 9-Ball, \$\$ added, 2pm start
Love's Shack 8 and 9-Ball Combo, open to all, 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, 7:30 sign up

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

Special Events

July 6th

Wreck Room Open Scotch Doubles 8-Ball, 1pm

July 7th

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

July 13th

Felt Vegas Warm Up Scotch Doubles 8-Ball
\$500 added, 11am sharp
Love's Shack 8-Ball Thunder, APA

July 14th

Love's Shack Stay in Stroke Vegas Warm Up

July 27th

Paradise Billiards, Greeley Stay in Stroke 10's and down, 8-ball & 9-ball, 10 am

July 28th

Felt 8-Ball, 9' tables, 2 pm, \$\$ Added

Upcoming Events

August 2, 3, 4 Wreck Room Team Tournament, APA rules, \$\$ Added
* Put a team together and sign up ASAP

See ads for more information

PRESS RELEASE

Contact: Kimberly Griffiths
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Date: May 30, 2013

Working Together to Revive Boys and Girls Clubs Billiard Program

Str8 Shots, CueSports International (CSI), and the Billiard Education Foundation (BEF) have been working together to revitalize a billiards program within the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. In the 1930's and 40's, professional players such as Jimmy Caras, began doing shows in Boys Clubs of America and sparked an interest for the game with the youth. Ben Nartzik, another BCA Hall of Famer, worked tirelessly with the BCA to develop a billiards program in Boys Clubs across the country in the 1950's. This program continued to grow and eventually Boys Clubs of America participated in nationally recognized events. The growth of this program continued through the 70's. Despite the popularity with the youth, the program began to fall to the wayside throughout the 80's and 90's. These three companies are working together to provide these youth with as many opportunities within the billiard industry.

The Billiard Education Foundation has agreed to provide the Boys and Girls Clubs of America with the curriculum they need to develop their after school billiards program. BEF spent many years developing the curriculum with the help of

billiards at their own pace. "This curriculum has been a long-time work in progress, before I was in the picture, and I can't wait to introduce it to these clubs," said Samm Diep-Vidal, Executive Director for the BEF.

Cue Sports International (CSI) is developing a league system app for iPhone and Android. This technology will allow Club Directors to easily keep track of the youth's weekly statistics so they can enjoy all the benefits of league play. This league system will be provided at minimal cost as it is understood by all of those involved in this endeavor that the Boys and Girls Clubs struggle daily to meet the needs of their members. The system will be rolled out to the club directors for the fall school session. Mark Griffin of CSI states, "The future of our great game is in the youth and we feel very fortunate that we can be involved in developing their pool skills and maybe even some life skills."

Str8 Shots is working hard to help the clubs restore the tables to the best possible condition they can get them in. They are also sending whatever billiard equipment they can to the individual

clubs. Up until now Str8-shots.com has done this on their own at no charge to the clubs. Many people have asked to help so the company has set up a system through their online store to provide people with the opportunity to donate. The needs of the clubs are listed by state so people can choose which club they would like to help. Every purchase made through the online store at str8-shots.com for the Boys and Girls Clubs will be matched by the company. "We are dedicated to giving back to the billiard and dart communities. Working to develop and promote youth billiard programs across the country has always been an important goal for us both professionally and personally," said the Griffiths', Str8 Shots owners. Any company or individuals wishing to get involved with providing equipment or assistance in the Boys & Girls Club Program, please contact Kimberly Griffiths at kimberly@str8-shots.com or call (877) 921-9511 ext. 121.

Special recognition needs to be given to all the professional pool players who have worked with the owners of Str8 Shots or the Boys and Girls Clubs directly. Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman has spent more than three decades working with Boys and Girls Clubs across the country. He has done countless shows for the youth and has graciously offered to work with the owners of Str8 Shots to continue doing the shows for the kids when he is available. He most recently visited three clubs in Pueblo, Colorado and the youth were absolutely thrilled with the visits. Many professional players have donated time to various Boys and Girls Clubs across the country. Dawn Hopkins, Melissa Little, Max Erbele, and many other professional pool players have worked with the youth in these clubs and the hope is that they will continue.



Places to Play

*** Denver Metro Area ***

ARVADA

12 VOLT TAVERN - 7514 Grandview Ave, 303-432-7463
BALLOON INN - 6440 Wadsworth Blvd, 720-533-4822
BRICK HOUSE - 9262 W 58th, 303-421-2986
JAKE'S ROADHOUSE - 5980 Lamar St, 303-424-7266
OLD TOWN TAVERN & GRILL - 7355 Ralston Rd, 303-467-1472
RALSTON LOUNGE - 6420 Ward Rd, 303-423-2828
RED JACKS SALOON - 5707 Olde Wadsworth Blvd, 303-593-1661, Tournaments, leagues
RED LION TAVERN - 9502 W. 58th Ave., (303) 423-2046, APA leagues, FREE pool on Wednesdays
SPORTS BARN, THE - 10480 Ralston Rd, 720-898-8788
STARDUST LOUNGE - 5205 Marshall, 303-424-9987, In-House & Traveling Pool Leagues
WOODY'S PIZZA & POOL - 7995 Sheridan, 303-650-5500

AURORA

AMERICA'S BAR & GRILLE - 2340 S Chambers Rd, 303-337-3721
BD WOLF'S SPORTS BAR - 15162 E Hampden Ave, 303-699-2222
BQ'S - 16961 E Quincy, 303-693-1915
CHALLENGERS-12161 E Iliff Ave, 303-750-5558
DOC'S PUB - 10890 E. Dartmouth, 303-671-5324
DYLAN'S BAR & GRILL-2627 S Parker Rd., 303-755-2874
FAMOUS DOOR - 15220 E Hampden Ave, 720-870-3236, 16 Pool Tables, Leagues, Tourneys, Darts (Steel)
FAT BOYS BAR & GRILL - 10660 E Alameda Ave, 303-344-1905
FRIENDS BAR & LOUNGE - 1470 Jamaica St, 303-366-2566
FRONTIER CLUB - 18881 E. Colfax, 303-367-8637
KASBAH NIGHT CLUB - 15373 E.6th Ave, 303-367-0591
LEGENDS OF AURORA - 13690 E Iliff Ave, 303-671-0560
MAJESTIC - 3140 S Parker Rd, 303-695-4478
MAYA SPORTS BAR & GRILL - 455 Havana St, 303-360-7271
MCCARTHY'S - 15350 Smoky Hill, 303-693-4500
MONTVIEW BAR & GRILLE - 11680 Montview Blvd, 303-366-3132
PITCHERS - 1670 S Chambers Rd, 303-751-7115
PLAINSMAN, THE - 652 Peoria St, 303-366-6478
Q BILLIARDS - 2712 S Havana St, 303-745-7322
RACK'EM CUE CLUB - 1919 S Havana St, 303-755-7675, In-House & Traveling Pool Leagues, Tourneys
SAM'S BAR - 6801 Leetsdale, 303-322-6401
SAND CREEK LOUNGE - 16893 E Iliff Ave, 303-337-4984
SCOOTERS - 13698 E Alameda Ave, 303-366-0019
SHEABEEN PUB - 2300 S Chambers Rd, 303-696-6131
SPORTS STATION - 850 Dayton, 303-343-2950
STARDUST CLUB & RESTAURANT, 1770 S. Buckley Rd, 303-632-8761, Pool Leagues
TABLE STEAKS EAST-3253 S Parker Rd, 303-743-8888

BROOMFIELD

BUENOS TIEMPOS - 1000 Depot Hill Rd, 303-466-6386, Pool Leagues, Great Mexican Food
NIGHT OWL LOUNGE - 2000 Midway, 303-460-8928
ZOOSTERS - 300 Nickel St, 303-465-9298, www.zoopool.com, In-House & Traveling Pool Leagues

COMMERCE CITY

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

DENVER

BRECKENRIDGE BREWERY - 2220 Blake St, 303-297-3644
CHAMPION BREWING CO - 1442 Larimer, 303-534-5444
FILLING STATION - 3507 Brighton Blvd, 303-296-3586
JUST ONE MORE-1910 S Depew, 303-989-8300
MECCA TAVERN - 815 Federal Blvd, 303-595-0221
MICKY MANOR - 2544 Federal Blvd, 303-458-0043
PARAMOUNT CAFE - 16th & Glenarm, 303-893-2000
PARK TAVERN & RESTAURANT - 921 E 11th Ave, 303-832-7667
PUB ON PEARL - 1101 S Pearl, 303-777-6768
READY ROOM, THE - 1141 Syracuse, 303-377-2642
ROCK BOTTOM BREWERY - 1001 16th, 303-534-7616
ROMES SALOON - 785 W Mississippi, 303-744-6643
SKYLARK LOUNGE - 140 S Broadway, 303-722-7844
SOBO 151 - 151 S Broadway
WYNKOOP BREWING CO - 1634 18th St, 303-297-2700, www.wynkoop.com, Weekly Pool Tournaments

DENVER NORTH

BEER DEPOT - 4231 W 38th Ave, 303-477-0903
GRIZZLY ROSE - 5450 N Valley Hwy, 303-295-1330
LIL'S PLACE - 7575 N Broadway, 303-430-7176, Pool Leagues, Full Kitchen
LOS POTREROS - 5880 N Broadway, 303-292-4548
LOVE'S SHACK - 7290 N Pecos, 303-426-6420, Pool Leagues, Texas Hold'em, Weekly Pool Tournaments
MUSIC BAR - 4586 Tennyson, 303-458-5360
WELCOME INN - 3759 Chestnut Pl, 303-296-7229, Pool Leagues

DENVER SE

CITY PUB - 3575 S Yosemite, 303-694-0454
DEVON'S PUB - 4992 E Hampden, 303-756-5507
DIRTY DUCK BAR-4780 E Evans, 303-758-3667
DR. PROCTORS - 4201 E Mississippi Ave, 303-756-1665
DUKE'S BACK STREET SPORTS TAVERN-1150 S Galena, 720-213-0393
EXTRA INNINGS - 3333 S Tamarac Dr, 303-337-4075
FOUR MILE HOUSE - 4590 Leetsdale Dr, 303-797-1120
JASON'S BILLIARDS II - 2200 S Monaco, 720-377-1560, No Alcohol, Weekly Pool Tournaments
JL'S CHEERS - 3415 S Monaco Pkwy, 303-692-9183
MCDONOUGH'S IRISH PUB-10395 E Iliff Ave, 303-369-9819
MY BAR-10139 E Colfax, 303-367-0426
NAUGHTY PRINCE - 7950 E Mississippi Ave, 303-368-4959
PIPER INN - 2251 S Parker Rd, 303-755-0771
SAM'S BAR & LOUNGE - 6801 Leetsdale Dr, 303-322-6401
W.T.SHORTY'S SPORTS GRILL-990 S Oneida St, 303-388-2883

DENVER SW

ATHMAR LOUNGE - 1795 W Mississippi Ave, 303-935-5238
FAT FENDERS B&G - 2490 W Hampden Ave, 303-781-9408

IKE'S BAR & GRILL - 1050 W Evans Ave, 303-934-9000
LONGSHOT LOUNGE - 3665 S Federal Blvd, 789-9653
O STREET TAVERN - 3425 S Oleander Ct, 303-758-0332
ROCKET LOUNGE - 2950 W Evans Ave, 303-934-9729
WHITEHORSE LOUNGE - 5130 W Alameda, 303-935-2656

ENGLEWOOD

ARAP'S OLD GUN SHOP - 3866 S Broadway, 303-761-7823
AUSSIE PUB - 4386 S Broadway, 303-781-1192
BROADWAYS SPORTS TAVERN - 3978 S Broadway, 303-781-5755
ENGLENOOK - 3470 S Broadway, 303-788-1770
FELT - 101 W Floyd Ave, 720-266-6190
MAGNET INN - 2893 S Broadway, 303-781-5262

ERIE/FREDERICK

MINER'S TAVERN - 524 Briggs St, 303-828-9997
SUSIE CUES CORNER POCKET - 513 Oak Street, 303-833-5518

FEDERAL HEIGHTS

DAVIE'S LOCKER - 8855 Lowell Blvd, 303-429-0096
ROADHOUSE SPORTS BAR - 8980 Federal Blvd, 303-487-1933
THE WRECK ROOM SALOON - 2695 W 92nd Ave, 303-412-0257, Pool Tournaments & Leagues, Poker

GOLDEN

300 CLUB / GOLDEN BOWL - 525 24th St, 303-279-9083
BUFFALO ROSE SALOON - 12th & Washington, 303-279-5190

HENDERSON

TAILFEATHERS - 11010 120th Ave, 303-286-1475

LAKEWOOD

AMERICAN LEGION POST #178 - 1655 Simms St, 303-233-9758
BC'S SPORTS PUB - 6501 W Mississippi Ave, 303-936-8513, In-House & Traveling Pool Leagues,
CORDIAL LOUNGE - 1521 Pierce St, 303-233-9621
CUCKOO'S NEST - 7893 W Jewell Ave, 303-988-9893
ECK'S SALOON - 9890 W Giron Dr, 303-989-2991
FIDDLESTICKS - 10815 W Jewell #Q, 303-969-0855
FRONTIER TAVERN - 1195 S Sheridan Blvd, 303-936-9896
GREENFIELDS SPORTS BAR - 3355 S Yarrow St, 303-989-9820, In-House & Traveling Pool Leagues, Weekly Pool Tournaments, Live Music, www.greenfieldsbar.com
GUIDO'S NICKEL - 9500 W Colfax Ave, 303-238-0711
HOFFBRAU BAR & GRILL - 3355 S Wadsworth Blvd, 303-980-6200
HOLIDAY BILLIARDS - 10350 W Colfax, 303-238-0407, Pool Leagues, Texas Hold'em
LAKEWOOD GRILL & BAR - 8100 W Colfax Ave, 303-237-8051, Pool Leagues
MS T's CIGAR BAR - 8529 W. Colfax, 303-233-3304
NITE OWL BAR & GRILL - 1050 S Wadsworth, 303-922-0797
PENALTY BOX BAR & GRILL - 1862 S Wadsworth, 303-980-4020, Pool Leagues
ROADHOUSE - 2035 S Sheridan, 303-980-5614,
SHARK'S SALOON & GRILL - 11475 W Colfax, 303-239-8859
T BONE'S - 8807 W Colfax, 303-238-6627
TAVERN ON 26TH AVE - 10040 W 26th Ave, 303-238-2549, Pool Leagues, Weekly Pool Tournaments

LITTLETON

ALIBI'S GRILL - 7983 S Broadway, 303-730-0123
BREAK ROOM - 5151 S Federal Blvd, 303-797-1155, Leagues, Wkly Pool Tournaments, Texas Hold'em
DUBB'S PUB - 5301 S Broadway, 303-798-6711
FOX AND HOUND - 5170 E Arapahoe Rd, 720-493-0111
FOX AND HOUND - 8996 W Bowles, 720-922-0400
FUGGLIES SPORTS BAR - 11614 W Belleview, 303-933-7761, In-House & Traveling Pool Leagues
MIRAGE SPORTS BAR - 8340 W Coal Mine, 303-979-9220, Pool Leagues, Darts, Texas Hold'em
POCKETS BAR & GRILL, 5935 S. Zang St, 720-981-7665, Pool leagues and tournaments
TOAD TAVERN - 5302 S Federal Blvd, 303-795-6877

NORTHGLENN / THORNTON

@CHEERS - 11964 N Washington St, 303-955-5660
CASTAWAYS - 451 W 84th Ave, 303-430-9834, Pool Leagues, Pinball, Darts, Poker, Bingo, Food
EXTRA POINT SPORTS BAR- 4050 E 100th Ave, 303-452-9353
FOX AND HOUND - 4750 W 120th Ave, 303-464-7366, Pool Leagues
GAME, THE - 8101 Washington St, 303-287-4507, Pool Leagues
GINGERS LOUNGE - 7310 Washington, 303-288-9824, Pool Leagues
HICC UPS II - 10250 Ura Ln, 303-466-1829
LAKE AVENUE INN - 2181 Lake Ave, 303-452-9079
MR. K's - 8830 N Washington St, 303-288-7118
PRIME TIME - 10280 Washington St, 303-457-1902
SILVER BULLET SALOON - 3734 E 120th Ave, 303-457-4470
TAFOLINO'S - 524 Malley Dr, 303-452-6172
THIRSTY'S SPORTS PUB - 1294 E 104th Ave, 303-451-9918
TRAILSIDE - 10360 Colorado Blvd, 303-920-9852
TWO DOORS DOWN - 8880 N Washington St, 303-287-9167
VILLAGE PUB - 9150 Huron St, 303-427-7745, Pool Tournaments

PARKER

BUFFALO BOYDS - 12543 N Highway 83, 303-841-6782
FUNUGYS - 17785 E Cottonwood Dr, 303-699-5999
TAILGATE TAVERN - 19552 E Main Street, 303-841-7179

WESTMINSTER

92ND AVENUE TAVERN - 7701 W 92nd Ave, 303-422-6353
BLITZ SPORTS BAR - 8468 Federal Blvd, 303-426-0260, Pool Leagues
CHARLIE'S WEB - 8364 Sheridan Blvd, 303-412-8120
DAVIE'S LOCKER - 8855 Lowell Blvd, 303-429-0096
HOFFBRAU BAR & GRILL - 7699 W 88th Ave, 303-422-7755
HICC UPS - 7980 Sheridan Blvd, 303-429-9523
OUTPOST - 6921 Lowell Blvd, 303-429-5737
PARK CENTRE LOUNGE & GRILL - 12011 N Pecos, 303-450-9913
REAR INN LOUNGE - 4991 W 80th Ave, 303-426-4500
SWEETWATER - 9975 Wadsworth Pkwy, 303-420-1004
TOMMY'S - 6801 Lowell Blvd, 303-426-4167

WHEAT RIDGE

44TH AVENUE GRILL - 7605 W 44th Ave, 303-421-4544, Pool Leagues, Full Kitchen
CLUB CORNER - 6551 W 44th Ave, 303-424-5424
HANK'S BILLIARDS - 5250 W 38TH Ave, 303-424-1822
HOPPERS - 1-70 Frontage Rd N of Kipling, 303-456-0257
JAMMIN JOE'S - 4700 Kipling St, 303-428-4597
LONGSHOTS BAR & GRILL - 4400 Ward Rd, 303-403-0227, Pool Leagues, Texas Hold'em,
ROCKETTE - 10006 W 44th Ave, 303-422-9163
STAN'S CARAVAN - 11221 W 44th Ave, 303-467-3557

Places to Play

*** *Around Colorado* ***

ALAMOSA

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

ASPEN

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

BOULDER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BRIGHTON

BILLIARDS C & E - 122 N Main St

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

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

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

COLORADO SPRINGS

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

ANTIQUE BILLIARDS MUSEUM - 3628 Citadel Dr, 719-597-9809

CJ'S SPORTS BAR - 3535 N. Carefree Cir, (719) 572-1860

CLEAT'S LOUNGE - 6624 Delmonico Dr, 719-548-8267

DIAMOND BILLIARD LOUNGE - 3780 E. Boulder St, (719) 596-9516

DUFFY'S TAVERN - 4861 N. Academy Blvd., (719) 599-7739

FINISH LINE - 1812 E. Monument St., (719) 634-9870

FRANKIE'S BAR & GRILL - 945 N Powers Blvd, 719-574-4881

GEE CUES SPORTS BAR - 3906 San Miguel, 719-638-6855

GOLDEN CUE - 2790 Hancock Expressway, (719) 390-7633

HARMONY BOWL - 3845 N Academy Blvd, 719-591-1000

HOT OWL LONGE - 6437 Omaha Blvd, 719-596-9771

JOE'S BAR - 4763 Flintridge Dr, 719-599-8382

MURRAY STREET DARTS - 609 N Murray Blvd, 719-573-0467

ON THE BOULEVARD - 2855 N. Murray Blvd, (719) 471-4424

PAUL'S BAR - 310 S. 8th St #B, (719) 520-9737

PHANTOM CANYON BREWING CO-2 E Pikes Peak Ave, 719-635-2800

RASCALS - 1785 B St, 719-576-2238

RILEY'S PUB - 5672 Union Blvd, 719-598-6622

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

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

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

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

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

COLORADO SPRINGS AREA

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

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

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

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

CRAIG

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

DURANGO

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

ESTES PARK

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

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James Beckemeyer Handed Out Double Dips Like Ice Cream on a Hot Summer Day

Results provided by Rich Montoya
Photos courtesy of Joshua Ramey

James came from the loser's bracket after being sent there by Greg Kingsbury and had to double dip Robert (Big Dog) Gonzales 6-4, 6-3 to capture his second Stay in Stroke title. The only other players to do that are Jose Cruz with 3 and James Fortin with 3 consecutive. Congratulations are in order.



1st Place - James Beckemeyer

The other winners of their respective brackets were Debbi (Worcester) Glover who ended up in 3rd place overall. With an impressive performance, she won the 10's & 9's bracket by defeating Vince High who almost seemed unstoppable.

In the 8's & 7's bracket, it was Krista Diaz beating out Susan Davis for a chance to advance. She finished 5/6th while Susan finished 7/8th. Nice shooting ladies!

The way that I structure a tournament allows players to win money and then advance, gain confidence and improve their own games.

Again, thank you. Please support billiards in Colorado... Teach someone, buy a cue, advertise in the Cue Times, and last but not least - If you are not in stroke, get in atroke, and "STAY IN STROKE"!



Other top finishers included Dave Hubbard (5/6th) and Robert Gonzales (2nd)

Johnny "One-Time" Vasquez Captures First Stay in Stroke Title

Results provided by Rich Montoya

Johnny Vasquez won his first Stay in Stroke event in a field that featured some of the top dogs from up in Greeley and areas north. He went hill/hill with Matt Evans from Cheyenne and then he beat Pom Rai in a hill /hill match. Next up, he beat Brian Griego for the hot seat and a berth into the finals bracket. Once into the finals bracket, he defeated Ross Smith, 6-4. Ross also had a strong showing and ultimately finished 3rd overall.

Ross won his skill level bracket by defeating Robert Gonzales for the hot seat. Robert ended up in 8th place in this event. He was defeated by Richard Montoya, who came back after losing to Oscar Cortez, then upended Pom Rai, Brian Griego, and Bob Winter before losing to Ross and finishing in 6th place.



First Place - Johnny Vasquez

Debi Glover captured her second 10's & 9's title in as many weeks by defeating Mike Sorden of Berthoud. Mike happens to be a sponsor of S.I.S. Billiards and we appreciate his support! He ended up in 5th place and Deb ended up in 2nd place as Johnny proved to be to much in an exciting battle in the finals.

Krista Diaz (8) finished in 7th place as she had to battle the first player out of the 9 & 10's bracket and it happened to be Mary Vasquez. The reason for this is there were no other 7's or 8's to compete against. Mary ended up in 4th place.

Thanks to Bob Medina, owner of Paradise Billiards in Evans CO, and the great staff they have there.

My next event at Paradise will be a 10's and down Bracketed and Handicap tourney on July 27th.



Runner Up - Debbi Glover

Here is how they finished:

1st Johnny (One-Time) Vasquez (14)	\$240.00/\$370.00
2nd Debbi Glover (10)	\$200.00/\$310.00
3rd Ross Smith (11))	\$125.00/\$190.00
4th Mary Vasquez (10)	\$100/\$125.00
5th Mike Sorden (10)	\$50.00/\$75.00
6th Rich Montoya (13)	\$50.00/\$75.00
7th Krista Diaz (8)	\$30.00/\$45.00
8th Robert Gonzales (12)	\$30.00/\$45.00



Congratulations to the Love's Shack APA Masters Team going to Las Vegas in August. Players are Greg Kingsbury, Richard Montoya and Derek Skonecki (not pictured is Dave Hughes).

Good Luck!!

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July 13th

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Please Note: Until further notice, all Thunder tournaments will be held at Love's Shack