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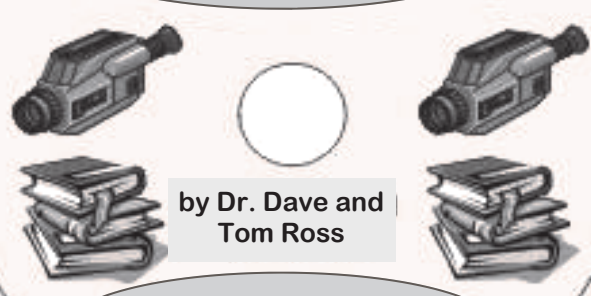
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In your email, please note the page number you found the cue on along with your name.

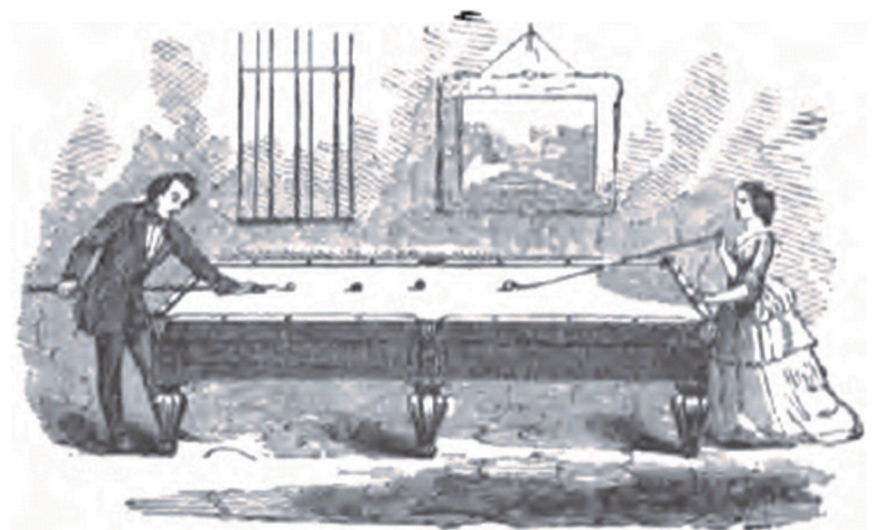
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## Versatility of the Stop Shot



Reprinted from January 1999

Very often, maybe incessantly, I tell students that in order to become great players they must master the stop shot. More than any technique in pool the stop shot removes randomness and turns probability into certainty. On a straight-in shot where the shooter can stop the cue ball dead he knows precisely where the cue ball will come to rest. On a cut shot the player knows when he executes a stop shot that the cue ball will follow the track off of the object ball perpendicular to the ball's path to the pocket. In both cases the stop shot removes guesswork from the position play and offers the player confidence rather than hope.

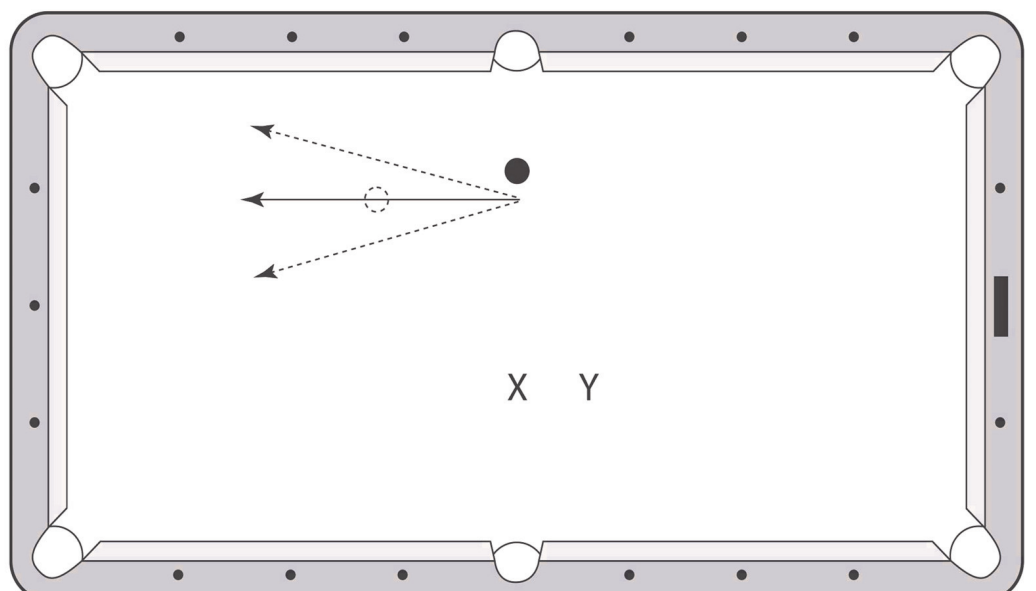
Once mastered the stop shot also serves as a reliable reference point or benchmark. This month we shall examine that aspect of the stop shot while learning a couple of shots in the process. Set up the shot in the diagram and place the cue ball at position X. From there shoot some stop shots hitting the cue ball just below center with medium-firm speed and a

good punch stroke. After you are stopping the cue ball consistently you can begin to adjust your hit on the cue ball for some stun shots.

While preparing to shoot put your tip on the cue ball where you would hit it for a stop shot and then move it up a hair, maybe a sixteenth of an inch, to hit a stun shot with some follow. Shoot the shot with the same speed and punch stroke until the cue ball is moving forward just a few inches after hitting the object ball. When you are hitting stun-follow shots consistently you can try the same thing for stun draw by adjusting your tip down slightly and doing everything else the same way. The stun-draw shot should, despite the firm stroke, move the cue ball back just a few inches off of the object ball.

These two stun shots are essential to a complete pool game and very useful in many situations where normal follow and draw shots are too difficult to control for such minor cue-ball movement. Set up a long shot and try the same two shots with follow and draw strokes and the soft speeds needed to move the cue ball so slightly. Usually the shot is extremely difficult and sometimes impossible to control when played so softly. Imagine playing the shot this softly to control the position on a table that may not be level.

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# Ask The Viper...

**Q & A with WPBA Pro  
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## Question:

*Is it possible to hold the cue **too** loosely and does the grip pressure change at all through the stroke? I know the natural tendency is to tighten up on forward stroke/impact, but should I concentrate on avoiding that?*

## Answer:

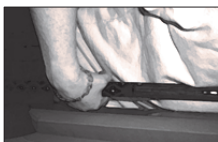
Holding your cue the correct way is an important component of your mechanics. Below are some photos to help you visualize what you should/should not do. When it comes to your grip, the best way that I can describe it is; its as if your holding on to a bird - you don't want to let him go but at the same time you don't want to kill the poor thing.

If you hold on to your cue with a tight grip as if it's a bat then your stroke will be limited to the back and forth motion. If your grip is too soft then your follow through will not be secure enough. Cradle your cue in your hand lightly around all of your fingers. Do not include your palm otherwise your grip will become too tight.

Remember to keep your wrist straight up/down without having a crease as shown in the second photo. Also, most important keep your thumb around your cue not on top of your cue.



Good



Crease in your wrist



Thumb on top of cue

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Best of luck to you,  
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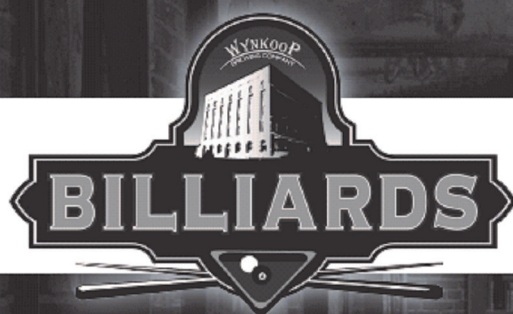
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## What's New at the BCAPL National Championships? by OMG

Monday, May 17, 2010

In my wanderings [at the BCA Nationals], I noted terminals set up near the control desk of the tournament room. This year, CSI rolled out its **CTS (CueSports Tournament System)** for the National 8-Ball Championships. It had already been in use for regional tournaments but this was the first at a national level. From what I've been told, this tournament bracket system has been a long time and a lot of money in the making.

It's freaking *awesome*.

Here is a breakdown of the system as told to me by CSI.

### For players:

- It gives you more time and eliminates frustration, especially if you're in a tight running tourney. You don't have to actually walk over to the paper tournament boards posted by the control desk to check when and where you will be playing next (*although I still do this out of nervous habit for every match*) which generally keeps you leashed to the immediate vicinity of the Riviera.
- The kiosks in the area also allow for orderly viewing of a tournament chart (*instead of a massive crush of people all straining to read tiny, tiny print - y'all know what I mean*).

### For spectators/fans:

- Once you enter player's name, it automatically searches entire brackets (even if there are multi-

ples used for one event) and pops into the correct spot, with the match time and table number.

- You can also see a snap shot of match results of a player: who they matched up, won and lost to, and even where their opponents finished.

### For event promoters/directors:

- When searching for players' known ability: every event, finish, and opponents won and lost to are archived for easy search by players' name.
- It practically eliminates human error because the system runs the tournaments for you.
- Players start with a barcoded score sheet.

Once the match is over with the win-loss score noted, the scoresheet is returned to the tournament desk. The barcode is scanned and loser's score is recorded next to his/her name. The program automatically generates the next match in the bracket for both winner and loser and then prints next set of barcoded score sheets.

Everything is updated in real-time (as fast as updating can allow) and accessible via the intrawebs. Many cell phones nowadays have internet access. This means that you can now look up, on your phone (or computer), when and what table you will be playing on next. Even more fantabulous is the following:

We also have text message and email notification service for match time and schedule in final testing stage of development. Players will provide their cell phone number (messaging fees as



charged by your service provide may apply) or email address. It is tied into CTS and was tested at the U.S. Bar Table Champions this year.

The message will inform you of your upcoming match time and table number:

"Congratulations, Peter Pan. You defeated Captain Hook and your next match is 2:30 pm on table #34."

It's a tournament player/results junkie/stalker's dream. Oh, and a pool blogger's dream, too — since now I can directly link you, gentle reader, to the tournaments of which I write. As long as the tournaments use CTS, of course.

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For more stories about this year's happenings at the BCA Nationals, you can visit OMG's blog at:  
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## Local Player and Cue Times Contributor Samm Diep wins AWBT Tucson event

*Story provided by AZ Billiards Staff*

Pockets, in Tucson, was the host of the Arizona Womens Billiards Tour's third stop of 2010! It is one of the best places to play in Arizona. The owners, Lenny and Donna, run a top-notch establishment. The staff provides fabulous and friendly service. We look forward to playing here again in the future. Thank you Pockets for your support!

Women came from all over the United States to play in this \$300 added 9-ball event! We had players come from Wisconsin, Colorado, Nevada and Phoenix.

The AWBT want to thank Bill MacKinnon for providing live streaming Saturday and Sunday. You can view matches on [www.ustream.tv/pool-arizona](http://www.ustream.tv/pool-arizona)

The final eight players matched up as follows... Winners bracket: Samm Diep vs. Kathleen Lawless, Susan Williams vs. Rebecca Wagner. Kathleen and Susan prevailed in their matches and would meet up in the hot-seat match. In the one-loss bracket...Jeri Engh vs. Ashea Erdahl and Sunny Griffin vs. Sara Miller. Ashea and Sunny won their matches, so congratulations to Jeri and Sara for finishing 7th/8th. More matches in the one-loss bracket saw Ashea vs. Rebecca

and Samm vs. Sunny. Rebecca and Samm were the victors, so congratulations to Ashea and Sunny for finishing 5th/6th.

To mix things up a bit, we extended Saturday's play and brought back 4 players on Sunday. Susan Williams vs. Kathleen Lawless in the hot-seat match and Rebecca Wagner vs. Samm Diep in the one-loss bracket. Sunday's live-streaming started with Rebecca vs. Samm in the first of two semi-final matches. Samm won in a close hill-hill match.

Congratulations to Rebecca finishing in 4th place. Next up was the hot-seat match, Susan Williams vs. Kathleen Lawless. Susan was in control most of the match and won 7-3. Our second semi-final was a re-match between Samm and Kathleen.

Samm won this one in another hill-hill match. Congratulations to Kathleen Lawless finishing in 3rd place.

The finals were a single race to 9. It started with Samm winning the lag, breaking and making 2 balls but scratched, with Susan having ball-in-hand, runs out to win the first game. Susan fails to make a ball on the break and Samm makes a combination on the 9-ball, tied 1-1. Samm breaks, but does not make a ball. After a few

exchanges, Susan wins that game. Samm wins the next, and they are tied 2-2. Samm breaks, makes a ball and runs to the 9-ball, misses and leaves a tough shot for Susan. Susan banks it into the side pocket. Score: 3-2 Susan. Susan breaks, makes a ball and after some defensive play from both players,

Susan makes a great carom on the 9-ball. Score is 4-2, Susan. Samm breaks, and more safety play from both players, but Samm wins this one. Score 4-3 Susan. Susan wins the next game. The score is now 5-3 Susan. Samm gets on a roll and wins the next 5 games, gets to the hill first and takes the lead 8-5. After a few exchanges and some safety play, Samm comes out on top and wins the match! Congratulations to both Samm and Susan finishing 1st and 2nd respectively. Great match ladies!





## Feature Business of the Month

# APA of Northern Colorado

By David Hakala

The Northern Colorado APA League franchise is rich with amateur players and growing rapidly. Approximately 185 teams play in and around Boulder, Longmont, Estes Park, Fort Lupton, Greeley, Fort Collins, Firestone, Frederick, Lafayette, and Louisville. This lively, expanding pool scene owes its vigor to the hard work and savvy leadership of Kevin and Erin Leivonen.

The Leivonens hail from New Jersey, where they married 15 years ago. They have three children together plus Kevin's older daughter, Jenny. The kids all play pool although four year-old daughter Riley, the youngest, is just at the "pushing balls around the table" stage, says Erin.

Kevin first played APA in 1991. It was hard to find league venues in New Jersey, he says. Bars had only one or two tables, if any, because New Jersey's laws made it difficult to serve liquor where pool was played. There was no official APA league so in 2003 Kevin started one. He grew it to over 80 teams during the next 5 years. Then Kevin and Erin reached a crisis point in their lives.

Their family was growing. The pool league was growing. Kevin's job in the medical ultrasound profession was full time and then some. Something had to go. The Leivonens had the courage to let the job go, putting their children and their pool passion ahead of false "security." They also had a hankering to move West, and fate conspired to help them in a timely "coincidence."

Through the APA national organization, Kevin learned that the Northern Colorado franchise was available. Colorado was on the Leivonens' short list of places to live, and the opportunity to take over a thriving league territory iced the cake. Kevin moved here in December, 2008, while Erin and the kids remained in New Jersey until their house was sold six months later. Kevin and Erin have been hard at work ever

since, promoting pool and league play in many innovative ways.

Advertising (in the Cue Times, of course!) has proven effective, says Kevin. Many people are not even aware that APA leagues exist until they run across an ad. Erin always carries fliers to stores, supermarkets, beauty salons, etc., and is not at all bashful about talking up the game of pool and the league.

The couple consistently recruits new venues, and not just bars. Community/senior recreation centers are semi-secret pool venues, for instance. The meeting halls of service organizations often have tables. Going beyond the bar scene, the Leivonens reach new categories of potential players and recruit venues where non-drinkers feel at home.

"I like pool, but I can't play well enough" is the most common objection to joining a league that the Leivonens run into – and they love to hear it. That's because it gives them a chance to explain the APA's handicap system, which gives a novice an even chance to beat an expert. Far from being looked down upon, rookie players are in great demand on every APA team.

It's hard for non-league players to believe that APA team captains positively crave players with lower skill ratings of 2 or 3. But it's true, because they enable more match-up flexibility and a larger team. Under APA rules, the sum of the skill ratings of all team members cannot exceed 23, and a team must field five players per match. So a pair of 2s will fit on a team roster while a pair of highly skilled 6s will not. That's why novices are always welcome – eagerly sought, actually.

"It's all about having fun, not just winning," says Erin,

"although there is the potential reward to going to Vegas" for the national championships and all the prestige and excitement of that achievement... not to mention the prize money!

Kevin is especially keen to offer special events to entertain and educate players and non-players. Recently, he brought legendary trick shot artist Mike Massey to the Bit of Billiards in Longmont for a day of amazing feats and humorous banter about the game, the pros, and life in general (See our interview with Mike on page 12).

"This sort of thing is good for the venues as well as the players," says Kevin, noting that more than 80 people ate and drank and played pool at Massey's exhibition. Quite a few of them did not play pool often, but became interested in the game and league play while watching Massey's magic.

The Northern Colorado APA League is in excellent, hard-working hands. The Leivonens plan to grow the league to about 250-300 teams over the next five years. It's their full time passion and commitment.



Kevin (far left) and Erin (far right) conduct their prize giveaway at the Mike Massey Exhibition held at A Bit of Billiards in Longmont.



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| 1st | Elliot | \$50 |
| 2nd | Steve  | 20   |
| 3rd | Dave   | 10   |

6-26-10 (Monthly Open Singles)

|     |                |       |
|-----|----------------|-------|
| 1st | Elliot Fields  | \$170 |
| 2nd | Robert Lashway | 100   |
| 3rd | Jaafar Saadani | 50    |
| 4th | Ron Kidd       | 20    |

7-2-10

|     |               |      |
|-----|---------------|------|
| 1st | Elliot Fields | \$95 |
| 2nd | Rick Field    | 55   |
| 3rd | Dave Wright   | 25   |
| 4th | Rhonda Wright | 10   |

7-9-10

|     |                |       |
|-----|----------------|-------|
| 1st | Gary Schaffler | \$105 |
| 2nd | Dave Wright    | 60    |
| 3rd | Elliot Fields  | 40    |
| 4th | Roland Lucero  | 10    |

7-16-10

|     |                  |      |
|-----|------------------|------|
| 1st | David Wright     | \$75 |
| 2nd | Dave Hughes      | 40   |
| 3rd | Gary Schaffler   | 20   |
| 4th | Steve Hoffenberg | 10   |

My Advice to You . . . Don't Give Advice

Bonus Story by OMG

Monday, May 21, 2007

An exchange between Me and My Opponent during a match:

"I bet you don't play on a big table at all."

"Well..."

"Do you even play nine-ball at all? Or do you just play league?"

"Actually..."

"Because that game needs stroke, and you look like you roll everything."

"Umm, okay... If you spot me something, we can play nine-ball on the big table..."

There were four balls left on the table in addition to the eight-ball. One of my balls was in the middle of the top rail and hemmed in by the eight-ball while the other was sandwiched between my opponent's two balls. I had ball-in-hand. I bunted my stuck ball to just in front of the side pocket, and left the cue ball where my sandwiched object ball used to be. I was quite proud of this safety, and sat down.

Here is the exchange between Me and My Opponent's Husband:

"Sometimes, the easiest shots are the toughest shots."

"What?"

"I saw you just missed ball-in-hand there. The pressure getting to you?"

"I played a safety."

"It's okay, everyone misses under pressure, even with ball-in-hand."

"Huh?"

"You should have hit it with a lot of top and inside and spun it to the top rail."

"What? There was no pocket for the ball."

"You could also have used a lot of draw and gone the other way."

"There... was... no... pocket... for... the... ball."

"I think you need to straighten out your arm."

"I think there is a BCA rule against coaching your wife's opponent."

"I'm trying to help you."

"I'm trying to save you from divorce."





More Hokey Than Pokey



Shark Bait - Holiday Bowl

# Mile High Pool Leagues Send Nine Teams to Las Vegas for APA National Team Championships



Nine APA teams from the western and northern Denver suburbs are heading to

Las Vegas for the 2010 APA National Team Championships in August after qualifying at the Mile High Pool Leagues City Championships at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall the last weekend in June.

Four 8-ball teams qualified for the Open 8-Ball National Team Championship conducted by the American Poolplayers Association (APA) - Zooperb from Zoosters, More Hokey than Pokey from Zoosters, Shark Bait from Love's Shack and Got Chalk from Greenfields.

Four 9-Ball teams qualified for the Open 9-Ball National Team Championship – We're Hot from Angie's Tavern, 2 Balls 1 Stick from Fox n' Hound, Shark Bait from Holiday Bowl, and Dave's Dolls & Dawgs from Greenfields.

Last, but certainly not least, Brats from Zooster's qualified for the Ladies 8-Ball National Team Championship.

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# Back to Pool!



By Samm Diep  
August 2010 ©

It's that time of the year again! As the leaves turn, the kids return to school and the fall pool league season begins. Do you have any plans for a

better season this year? Enjoy this easy checklist and have a fun pool season!

### 1. Set a Goal

One great thing about league is that someone else is keeping the stats *for* you. Now would be an ideal time to set some tangible, measurable goals. Maybe you'd like to move up by one handicap. Maybe you want a higher win percentage. Whatever your objective is, keep your eye on the target and have a plan of attack.

Kids come home with progress reports that show their development. These stats may indicate their areas for improvement. Granted, the

league stats won't identify the shots you miss most often or how many times you broke dry, but most will show ERO's (Earned Run-Outs) and win-loss percentages. Use these stats to track your progress throughout the league season.

### 2. Keep it Simple

Choose one new shot or exercise to focus on. This should be something that allows you to target a specific weakness in your game. Perhaps you're struggling with safeties or you have a phobia of inside english. If you have trouble identifying your weaknesses, ask a teammate for help. Try to dedicate at least 10 hours to each new drill before moving to the next one. Track your progress as you go along.

### 3. Continuing Education

Pick up a book, watch some videos, surf the internet, or simply read through the rest of this publication. There are so many great resources out there to help you get started. Many of them won't even cost you a dime! If you need to be pointed in the right direction, let me know.

### 4. Review and Repeat

Now remember, even though you're using the league stats, your goals should be performance based and not outcome based. When you do your best and work to improve your weaknesses, the results will follow. If all your opponents break and run out on you in league, the outcome was negative but that was not a reflection of your performance.

Take some time to review your stats from previous seasons and periodically check on your standings in the current season. Have fun with your new goals and enjoy going back to pool!

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# Mike Massey Wows Audience During Recent Visit to Colorado

By David Hakala  
Photos by Chris Honeman

One of pool’s best-loved legends thrilled a crowd of over 80 excited fans on July 11<sup>th</sup> in Longmont, at the Bit of Billiards Sports Bar and Grill. Mike Massey, trick shot artist par excellence, put on a four hour exhibition and played APA 8-ball with ten lucky challengers drawn from the audience. It was an afternoon to remember! After the exhibition, Mike sat down with the Cue Times to reveal a side of himself that fans rarely see.

Five members of the audience, drawn at random from a bowl of raffle tickets, got to play “The Tennessee Tarzan,” as the burly man from Loudun is known.

Mike’s stroke is as smooth as the polish on a diamond and as straight as its facets’ edges. He did not waste any energy; each ball rolled instead of soaring, and when they hit each other they clicked instead of cracking. Treated gently, the balls obligingly did as Mike bade them. Many players could stand to learn that lesson.

“The (bar) table is only 100 inches long,” he often tells players. “This isn’t golf.”



Mike helps a volunteer from the audience pull off one of his famous trick shots

Mike dominated most of his games, of course. A couple of players got lucky, or played far beyond themselves... or something. They won and ribbed Mike, who took it with perfectly good-natured aplomb, like he was used to being beaten by shortstops. Actually, he gets plenty of practice at winning and losing with local players.

Mike says he currently puts on “over 90” exhibitions per year, driving from town to town with his wife, Francine; two Shih Tzu and one Maltese dog. That’s on top of 70 APA clinics he’s conducted in the past year!

“Sometimes I’ll do 15 shows in a week, then take a couple of weeks off,” said Mike. He aims to book his appearances only two to three weeks in advance, so that the initial excitement of “Mike Massey’s coming to town!” is still fresh when he arrives. Otherwise, people tend to forget the date or “something comes up.” Francine wants Mike to book six months in advance; some time in the middle is what he’s “shootin’ for.”

This grueling schedule is a lighter load than Mike carried in the past, believe it or not. He has left the Trick Shot Masters tour, dissatisfied with the proliferation of elaborate props; “It ain’t pool any more,” he notes.

But Mike bows deeply to Semih Sayginer, the diminutive, dapper Turkish 3-cushion trick shot artist.

“Semih’s the best (artistic pool player) in this world,” Mike swears. For his all-around “best player ever,” Mike names Efren Reyes. (No argument from here; Efren is a pool god!)

“What would you be doing now if you hadn’t committed yourself to pool,” I



Kevin Leivonen (Northern Colorado APA league operator), Mike Massey, and “The Bit” owner, George Blackham

asked Mike. He didn’t know. “I had an unusual childhood,” Mike puts it mildly. Before he took up pool regularly at age 13, he was gambling at cards and doing other things for which we now have electronic ankle monitor programs. His first encounter with a cue was even earlier, at age 8, with a bumper pool table. That’s when Mike discovered his talent, or destiny.

“It was like I almost knew what I was doin’ ” with a pool cue the first time he picked one up, Mike says.

His family was impressed, especially his father who took Mike into Wicker’s Tavern in Loudon to play bumper pool, despite Tennessee statutes. “Good men do not obey laws too well,” as Ralph W. Emerson wrote.

One night, Mike recalls, his father got a hankering for moonshine and took off in the pickup truck, leaving Mike at bumper pool in Wicker’s. Dad returned spectacularly.

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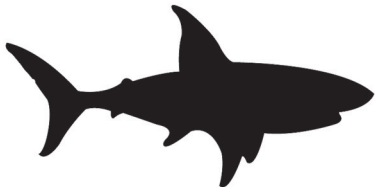


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2<sup>nd</sup>— Tom K                                         \$90

**Bar Table 9 Ball Friday 6-25**                      **9 players**  
1st—Rick F                                         \$85  
2nd—Chris O                                      \$50

**Bar Table 8-Ball Saturday 6-26**                      **16 players**  
1<sup>st</sup>— Rich C                                         \$110  
2<sup>nd</sup>— BJ    \$ 70  
3<sup>rd</sup>— Peter M                                      \$ 40  
4th— Roland L                                    \$ 20

**Big Table 9 Ball Sunday 6-27**                      **8 Players**  
1st—JJ    \$80  
2nd— Phil    \$40

**Bar Table 9 Ball Tuesday 6-29**                      **6 players**  
1st—Rich C                                         \$55  
2nd—Ace    \$35

**Big Table 9 Ball Thursday 7-1**                      **10 players**  
1<sup>st</sup>— Marcos                                       \$180  
2<sup>nd</sup>— Greg K                                      \$100

**Bar Table 9 Ball Friday 7-2**                      **15 players**  
1st—Rich C                                         \$100  
2nd—David                                         \$65  
3rd—Greg     \$40  
Top Lady—Mary                                 \$20

**Bar Table 8-Ball Saturday 7-3**                      **14 players**  
1<sup>st</sup>— Chuck                                         \$110  
2<sup>nd</sup>— Rick F                                         \$ 60  
3<sup>rd</sup>— Andy     \$ 40

**Big Table 9 Ball Thursday 7-8**                      **10 players**  
1<sup>st</sup>— Rich C                                         \$180  
2<sup>nd</sup>— David W                                      \$100

**Bar Table 9 Ball Friday 7-9**                      **14 players**  
1st—Rich C                                         \$100  
2nd—Rick F                                         \$70  
3rd—Nelson M                                     \$40

## SPECIAL EVENT TOURNAMENT

<b>B's &amp; Down Bar Table 8-Ball</b>	<b>Saturday 7-10</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> — Jerry S	16 players \$170
2 <sup>nd</sup> — Thomas C	\$100
3 <sup>rd</sup> — Lynor J	\$ 75
4th— Joseph S	\$ 60
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5th/6th— Marc L	\$ 40
Top Lady—Mary F	\$ 40



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**6/7 Bracket** (Not Pictured) ~ 1st - James, 2nd - Marc, and 3rd - Willie

## Stop Shot

by Tom Ross

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Now move the cue ball to position Y and shoot some stop shots. Shoot the shot until you are tracking the cue ball consistently along the solid line with the same medium-firm speed. You can place a ball at position A on the solid line and shoot more stop shots until the cue ball is hitting that ball consistently. While keeping a ball at position A shoot some stun-follow shots to track the cue ball between the obstructing ball and the side pocket. Using this technique you should find it rather easy to track the cue ball consistently. Shoot some shots now with stun draw to track the cue ball between the obstruction and the center of the table. Using the stop shot as a reference gives you precise control over the cue ball when adjusting its track for position play. When you need a track that lies close to the perpendicular line this technique is far more powerful than merely trying to create the track you need from thin air.

From this reference point you can begin to adjust the cue ball's track in both directions. Making sure to use a punch stroke for each shot you can vary the speed and the spot on the cue ball you choose to hit a range of cue ball tracks. First work with the top half of the cue ball and then the bottom half. Because you are using a punch stroke for every shot you will not be working with the full range of tracks available for this shot. Instead you will discover your punch or stop-stroke range of cue ball tracks. This will give you feel to control the cue ball's path very precisely as you begin to compare the track that you want to the stop-shot track and adjust from there. As you approach mastery with the stop shot you will begin to associate the punch stroke with reliability and consistency while you find yourself controlling the cue ball with precision and confidence.

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# Metro Denver, Southwest & Aurora Residents Prepare for APA National Team Championships in Las Vegas

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All of the above teams mentioned will be joining more than 700 other qualified Open Division teams from North America that will be traveling to the Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas from Aug. 22-28 to compete for the Open Division National Title and a portion of more than \$600,000 in guaranteed prize money.

All the players in the above-mentioned teams are members of the APA pool league and participate in weekly league play at the Mirage Sports Bar & Café in Littleton, CO, the Breakroom in Littleton, CO and SOBOS 151 Bar & Grill in Denver, CO.



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All the players in the above-mentioned teams are members of the 9-Ball league and participate in weekly league play at the Mirage Sports Bar & Café in Littleton, CO, Frontier in Aurora, CO.

On behalf of the staff at the Metro Denver League we would like to say congratulations to all our teams and players and wish you good luck in Las Vegas and we're proud of each and every team.

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## Billiard Education Foundation PRESS RELEASE

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Date: July 2, 2010

### Ozone Billiards Sponsors BEF Junior Nationals Scholarships

The Billiard Education Foundation (BEF) is pleased to announce that Ozone Billiards will sponsor the Junior Nationals Scholarship awards. Ozone Billiards is one of the nation's largest retailers of billiards supplies. They continue to strengthen our sport by pledging to sponsor junior billiard programs. "We are grateful for the commitment and generosity of Ozone Billiards in promoting education and encouraging the development of billiards among youth," said Tom Riccobene, President of the BEF.

"Ozone Billiards is committed to growth of the billiards industry by investing in our youth. We are proud to be part of the Billiards Education Foundation and we are honored to be able to assist these young men and women achieve a higher education. Our scholarship

commitment to the BEF will not be a one year commitment. We plan on supporting these scholarships for many years," stated Shawn Gargano, President of Ozone Billiards.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Junior National 9-Ball Championships will be held at Northern Illinois University (NIU), July 7-11, 2010. The **Ozone Billiards BEF Junior Nationals Scholarship** awards will benefit the top 8 finishers within the 4 division event. Over 100 junior billiard athletes, ages 7-19, will be competing for scholarships, prizes and an opportunity to participate in the World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA) World Junior 9-Ball Championships. For more information, please visit: [www.BilliardEducation.org](http://www.BilliardEducation.org) or call 303.926.1039.

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## News from APA North

### Match Ups Hosts the Spring Top Gun Tourney

Congratulations go out to the top finishers in the Northern Colorado Spring 2010 Top Gun Tournament. Held at Match Up's in Ft Collins on July 17th, the event had 41 players participate. All players received a Top Gun patch, T-shirt & the chance to win. The \$10.00 entry fee was paid back 100% plus \$200.00 extra added by the Northern Colorado APA office. Prizes were paid back to 8th place along with cash to the



**Top Finishers:** 2nd - Ken Pearson,  
1st - Nelson Montierth and 3rd - Norm Smith

Top Lady of the day. In addition the top 24 finishers were qualified for the Top Gun All Stars to be held at the Mirage July 31st.

1st place was won by Nelson Montierth who needed to beat Ken Pearson two times after Ken knocked off some big names to get to the hot seat. It appeared that Ken lost some steam waiting for Nelson to work his way thru the back side to come around for the re-match. Nelson won twelve games in a row to take the title.

3rd place was won by Norm Smith and Rebecca Thunstrom bested all other ladies to take home the Top Lady trophy.



Rebecca Thunstrom takes home Top Lady honors



## News from APA North



**Top Lady Gun Champion**  
Cindy Kettle

On July 17th, the Mirage Sports Bar hosted the Top Lady Gun tournament. Thirty seven players from all along the northern and central Front Range participated, but there could only be one Top Gun. Our congratulations go out to Northern Colorado APA player Cindy Kettle for winning the Spring Session Top Lady Gun Tournament. Good shootin' Cindy!



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### CHALLENGE at the BIT

August 14th

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### 9-Ball Shootout, Aug 28th

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## New session starts September 7th Spots open in all divisions

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receive a \$100.00 team credit

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will receive an APA tee shirt



# Hlavachek Lacerates Field at Denver 10-Ball Open

by Samm Diep

On July 24 & 25, Tables Steaks South (soon to be known as Billiards Ink) in Englewood, Colorado hosted the Denver 10-Ball Open and Cue Show. This inaugural \$1,500 added event boasted 47 of the best players from across the state, including a couple from New Mexico and Ontario, Canada. Chris Byrne Custom Cues and many other local cue makers and vendors also took the opportunity to display their handcrafted work.

Of the elite, Boulder resident Jay Hlavachek was crowned the Denver 10-Ball Open Champion. He has competed in several professional events in the past but this hometown victory was so sweet for many reasons. When Hlavachek arrived Saturday morning he was less than impressed with his warm up performance. The full-time real estate agent has been focusing more on his career than his pool game.



Denver 10-Ball Champion  
Jay Hlavachek

But once the tournament kicked off, the slimmer new healthier Hlavachek came alive and tore through the field to go undefeated into the finals. In the first match on Sunday, Hlavachek would send Bill Skinner to the B-side with a 7-4 victory. While there, the senior player eliminated Tony Piazza, Reuben Silva, and Kiko Ibarra for a chance at a rematch with Hlavachek.

Skinner came on strong claiming the first set 7-2. Now, in a shorter race to 5, it seemed he still had the momentum, taking the first game. The two kept it close, exchanging racks until 3-3 when Hlavachek pulled away to close out the set 5-3. "I'm excited. It feels good to win. This is something to improve on," said the modest Hlavachek.

Online brackets can be found at AzBilliards.com. Live streaming was provided by The BigTruck Show at PoolActionTV.com.

|                    |                                                   |         |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>    | Jay Hlavachek                                     | \$1,330 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | Bill Skinner                                      | \$640   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>    | Kiko Ibarra                                       | \$330   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>    | Reuben Silva                                      | \$240   |
| 5/6 <sup>th</sup>  | Rick Field<br>Tony Piazza                         | \$150   |
| 7/8 <sup>th</sup>  | Nelson M<br>Chuey Rivera                          | \$110   |
| 9-12 <sup>th</sup> | Mike D<br>Bill Meacham<br>Sam Cordova<br>ATM Andy | \$70    |

## About Billiards Ink

Table Steaks South will soon be known as Billiards Ink. Bobby Brown, Jr., along with his girlfriend and business partner Antoinette Wharton, are the proud new owners and believe in creating a service-oriented atmosphere for all customers. The ten 9-footers and nine 7-footers have all been newly recovered. There is also a snooker table and a billiard table. Other improvements include a larger menu selection, lower food prices, a cheerful, friendly staff, daily fresh baked cookies and brownies, and a future tattoo parlor (hence, Billiards "Ink").

Some may think it's crazy to invest in a pool hall during the off season and in these tough economic times, but Brown and Wharton are both optimistic about the upcoming challenges. They're here for the long haul and plan to continue promoting pool by hosting more high profile money-added events, pool clinics, and a variety of leagues. "When you bite off more than you can chew, you just keep chewing," said Brown.

## Upcoming Events

Billiards Ink Bar Table 8-Ball Championship  
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| Pay Schedule***     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>     | \$ 7500 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>     | 3750    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>     | 2500    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>     | 1250    |
| 5/6 <sup>th</sup>   | 875     |
| 7/8 <sup>th</sup>   | 625     |
| 9/12 <sup>th</sup>  | 450     |
| 13/16 <sup>th</sup> | 350     |
| 17/24 <sup>th</sup> | 275     |
| 25/32 <sup>nd</sup> | 200     |

\*\*\*Based on 128 player field

## Special Events

August 6th  
Pockets Bar & Grill      Grand Opening

August 7th  
Bit o' Billiards      \$20 Buy-in Tournament  
Famous Door      APA 9-Ball Tournament

August 14th  
Bit o' Billiards      8-Ball Challenge

August 21st  
BC's Sports Pub      Open Scotch Doubles  
Bit o' Billiards      \$20 Buy-in Tournament  
Charlie's Billiards      Scotch Doubles, \$\$ added  
Famous Door      APA Jack & Jill Qualifier  
GreenFields      8-Ball Express

August 28th  
BC's Sports Pub      Open Singles 8-Ball  
Bit o' Billiards      9-Ball Shootout  
Charlie's Billiards      Customer Appreciation Day  
Dirty Duck Bar      8-Ball, Bar Table, 1 pm, (303) 758-3667  
Famous Door      APA Jack & Jill Qualifier

Upcoming Events  
September 9-12th Carefree, AZ      SW 10-Ball Classic  
September 18th Charlie's      8-Ball, Bar Table, B's-down  
September 18th Zoosters      8-Ball Express  
September 25th Charlie's      8-Ball, Bar Table, \$\$ added

See ads for more information.

## Tournament Trail

**SUNDAY**  
Charlie's Billiards      9-Ball, 9' tables  
Famous Door      8-Ball, bar table  
Love's Shack      7-Ball, bar table  
Sand Creek Lounge      8-Ball, bar table

**TUESDAY**  
Charlie's Billiards      9-Ball, bar table  
Sand Creek Lounge      8-Ball, bar table

**WEDNESDAY**  
Wynkoop      10-Ball, 9' tables  
Charlie's Billiards      8-Ball, bar table

**THURSDAY**  
Charlie's Billiards      9-Ball, 9' tables

**FRIDAY**  
BC's Sports Pub      8-Ball, bar table  
Charlie's Billiards      9-Ball, bar table  
Love's Shack      8-Ball, 2pm start time  
Pockets Bar & Grill      8-Ball, bar table

**SATURDAY**  
BC's Sports Pub      8-Ball, bar table  
Charlie's Billiards      8-Ball, bar table  
Love's Shack      Scotch Doubles, 9-Ball  
Pockets Bar & Grill      9-Ball, bar table

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

LAFAYETTE/LOUISVILLE

DOUGHTY'S TAVERN - 303-916-5390  
JOHNNY'S SPORTS BAR - 400 W South Boulder Rd, 303-665-2065

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, Weekly Pool Tournaments, Darts  
CG'S PUB - 8807 W Colfax, 303-238-6627  
CORDIAL LOUNGE - 1521 Pierce St, 303-233-9621  
CUCKOO'S NEST - 7893 W Jewell Ave, 303-988-9893  
ECK'S SALOON - 9890 W Girton Dr, 303-989-2991  
FIDDLESTICKS - 10815 W Jewell #Q, 303-969-0855  
FRONTIER TAVERN - 1195 S Sheridan Blvd, 303-936-9896  
FRONT RANGE INN - 7779 Morrison Rd, 303-985-1151

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  
JACKSON'S ALL AMERICAN SPORTS GRILL - 675 Kipling St, 303-238-3000  
KEY WEST LOUNGE - 10151 W 26th Av, 303-202-6900  
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  
ROTTEN RUDY'S ROADHOUSE - 2035 S Sheridan, 303-980-5614,  
SHARK'S SALOON & GRILL - 11475 W Colfax, 303-239-8859  
SIDE POCKETS POOL HALL - 1580 Yarrow St, 303-987-4822  
TAVERN ON 26TH AVE - 10040 W 26th Ave, 303-238-2549, Pool Leagues, Weekly Pool Tournaments

LITTLETON

4 G's RESTAURANT & LOUNGE - 5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, 303-730-4650  
ALIBI'S GRILL - 7983 S Broadway, 303-730-0123  
BREAK ROOM - 5151 S Federal Blvd, 303-797-1155, Pool Leagues, Weekly Pool Tournaments, Texas Hold'em  
COLUMBINE LOUNGE - 7660 S Pierce St, 303-979-1431  
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  
MONAGHAN'S - 3889 S King, 303-781-6514  
POCKETS BAR & GRILL - 5935 S. Zang St, 720-981-7665, Pool Leagues, Darts, Kitchen, Tournaments  
QUICK DRAWS - 3142 W Hampden, 303-788-0811  
TOAD TAVERN - 5302 S Federal Blvd, 303-795-6877

NORTHGLENN / THORNTON

BANK SHOT - 650 W 84th Ave, 303-650-6188  
CASTAWAYS - 451 W 84th Ave, 303-430-9834, Pool Leagues, Pinball, Video Games, Darts, Dancing, Poker, Bingo, Food  
CHARLIE'S BILLIARDS - 10657 Melody Dr, 720-379-4679  
CHASERS POOL HALL - 11964 Washington St, 303-452-9550  
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  
GROGANS PUB - 2091 E Coronado Pkwy, 303-288-9863  
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  
SCORZ - 8651 N Washington St, 303-287-9031  
SHOOTERS LOUNGE - 8800 Grant St, 303-430-8019  
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  
TOP HAT BAR & GRILL - 10280 Washington St, 303-457-1902  
TRAILSIDE - 10360 Colorado Blvd, 303-920-9852  
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 Mainstreet, 303-841-7179

WESTMINSTER

92ND AVENUE TAVERN - 7701 W 92nd Ave, 303-422-6353  
CAPTAIN JACKS - 8468 Federal Blvd, 303-428-0600, Pool Leagues, Weekly Pool Tournaments  
CHARLIE'S WEB - 8364 Sheridan Blvd, 303-412-8120  
CLIFF'S BAR & GRILL - 6801 Lowell Blvd, 303-426-4167  
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  
JACKSON'S ALL AMERICAN - 10710 Westminster Blvd, 303-635-2222  
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  
ZODIAC SPORTS BAR - 6080 W 92nd Ave, 303-429-9173

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  
JAMMIN JOE'S - 4700 Kipling St, 303-428-4597  
LONGSHOTS BAR & GRILL – 4400 Ward Rd, 303-403-0227, Pool Leagues, Texas Hold'em, www.longshotsbar.com  
PAUZ INN - 4111 Kipling St, 303-424-6307  
PINK CADILLAC - Quality Inn, 1-70 at Ward Rd, 303-431-5270  
ROCKETTE - 10006 W 44th Ave, 303-422-9163  
STAN'S CARAVAN - 11221 W 44th Ave, 303-467-3557  
SAMS BAR & GRILL - 1-70 Frontage Rd N of Kipling, 303-456-0257



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  
THE R BAR - 304 E Hopkins Ave, 970-925-2402

**BOULDER**  
FANATIC’S SPORTS CAFE - 770 28th St, 303-440-6878  
PEARL STREET PUB - 1108 Pearl St, 303-939-9900  
FOUNDRY, THE - 1109 Walnut St, 303-447-1803  
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  
BLUE MOON - 66 S Main St, 303-637-0315  
BRIGHTON BAR - 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**  
1ST DRAFT CHOICE - 1110 E Fillmore, 719-473-0746  
50 YARD LINE – 1840 N Academy Blvd, 719-550-0025  
ADAM’S APPLE - 3302 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, 719-528-6525  
B BAR - 1785 B St, 719-576-2238  
ANTIQUE BILLIARDS & MUSEUM - 3628 Citadel Dr, 719-597-9809  
BANK SHOT, THE - 3840 N Nevada, 719-520-5088  
BOGART’S LOUNGE - 5943 Delmonico Dr, 719-598-8080  
BOMBER’S - 460 N Murray Blvd, 719-574-8282  
CLEAT’S LOUNGE - 6624 Delmonico Dr, 719-548-8267  
COUNTRY USA - 2493 S Academy Blvd, 719-574-2148  
DEAD ANT TAVERN - 4348 Montebello, 719-598-9867  
DRAGON’S LAIR - 430 S Circle Dr, 719-473-3900  
DUBLIN HOUSE - 1850 Dominion Way, 719-528-1705  
ERIN INN - 6482 N Academy, 719-599-9864  
FRANKIE’S BAR & GRILL - 945 N Powers Blvd, 719-574-4881  
GALAXY LOUNGE - 6437 Omaha Blvd, 719-596-9771  
GARDENS SPORTS CAFE - 2945 Galley Rd, 719-597-2900  
GEE CUES SPORTS BAR - 3906 San Miguel, 719-638-6855  
GEORGES PLACE - 3613 Betty Dr., 719-574-0754  
HARMONY BOWL - 3845 N Academy Blvd, 719-591-1000  
HILL TOP LOUNGE - 4829 Barnes Rd, 719-574-4288  
JOE’S BAR - 4763 Flintridge Dr, 719-599-8382  
KINGS PALACE - 2815 E Platte, 719-473-7410  
LAIR LOUNGE - 1025 S 21st, 719-473-8793  
LAURA BELLE’S - 734 N 19th St, 719-630-7600  
MONTEREY LOUNGE - 1750 Shasta Dr, 719-633-2207  
MURRAY STREET DARTS - 609 N Murray Blvd, 719-573-0467  
OLDE TOWNE TAVERN - 2028 Sheldon Ave, 719-444-8515  
PHANTOM CANYON BREWING CO - 2 E Pikes Peak Ave, 719-635-2800  
PURE ENERGY - 2106 E Platte, 719-471-9317  
RILEA’S PUB - 5672 Union Blvd, 719-598-6622  
STICKS BILLIARDS - 4474 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, 719-260-7176  
TIME OUT LOUNGE - 3721 Brennan Rd, 719-390-7257  
WILLIE’S SOUTH - 1865 N Circle Dr, 719-389-0607  
YUKON TAVERN - 525 S Circle Dr, 719-475-0050

**SPRINGS AREA**  
PINE GABLES TAVERN - 10530 Ute Pass Ave, Green Mountain Falls, 719-684-2555  
THUNDERHEAD SALOON - 1100 Rampart Range Rd, Woodland Park, 719-687-9984  
TOWNHOUSE LOUNGE - 907 Manitou Ave, Manitou Springs, 719-685-1085  
TRES HOMBRES - 116 1/2 W Midland Ave, Woodland Park, 719-687-0625  
UTE INN - 204 W Midland, Woodland Park, 719-687-1465

**CRAIG**  
MATHER’S BAR - 420 Yampa Ave, 970-824-9946  
POPULAR BAR - 24 W Victory Way, 970-824-9938

**CRESTED BUTTE**  
TALK OF THE TOWN - 230 Elk Ave, 970-349-6809

**DELTA**  
CRITTERS SPORTS BAR & GRILL - 220 Main, 970-874-7060

**DURANGO**  
COLORADO PONGAS - 121 W 8th St, 970-382-8554  
DIAMOND BELLE SALOON - 699 Main Ave, 970-247-4431

**ESTES PARK**  
ESTES PARK REC CENTER - 555 S Saint Vrain, 970-586-8625  
LONIGAN’S - 110 W Elkhorn St, 970-586-4346

**EVERGREEN**  
CACTUS JACK’S TAVERN - Evergreen Pkwy, 303-674-1564

**FLORENCE**  
RUBY’S RED GARTER SALOON - 201 W Main, 719-784-0448

**FORT COLLINS**  
COOPERSMITH BREWERY & BILLIARDS - 5 Old Town Square, 970-498-0483  
HATRIXX - 6013 S College Ave, 970-229-1599  
MATCH UP’S - 625 S Mason, 970-482-2337, Pool Leagues  
PITCHERS! SPORTS RESTAURANT - 1100 W Drake Rd., 970-493-5374

**FORT LUPTON / DACONO**  
STATION III - 327 Denver Ave, 303-659-8924  
PATRICIA’S - 217 First St, 303-857-9955

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

**GRAND LAKE**  
GRUMPY’S - 913 Grand Ave, 970-627-3149

**GREELEY**  
BARLEYCORN’S - 2385 W 27th St, 970-339-5901  
BREAK PUB,THE - 3025 W 10th St, 970-356-6100

**GUNNISON**  
TIMBER’S PUB/SPORTS BAR - 136 W Tomichi Ave, 970-641-1491

**IDAHO SPRINGS**  
BARD CREEK INN - 409 E Parker Ave, 970-569-9827  
HANSON’S LODGE - 1601 Colorado Blvd, 970-567-9391  
INDIAN SPRINGS RESORT - 302 Count Rd 140, 970-567-9475  
TOMMYKNOCKERS BREWERY PUB - 1401 Miner St, 970-567-1022  
WEST WINDS - 1631 Miner St, 567-2029

**JOHNSTOWN**  
LEO’S PLACE, - 191/2 S Parish, 970-587-4866

**LARKSPUR**  
SPUR OF MOMENT, - 8885 S Spruce Mountain Rd, 303-681-2990

**LEADVILLE**  
GROGGY BOTTOM PUB - 115 W 6th, 719-486-0715  
SCARLET INN - 104 E 4th St, 719-486-9901  
SILVER DOLLAR SALOON - 315 Harrison Ave, 719-486-9914

**LONGMONT**  
A BIT OF BILLIARDS - 700 Ken Pratt Blvd #105, 303-776-3952  
BOLDT IN GRILL - 10763 Turner Blvd @ I-25, 303-774-9310  
GROUP THERAPY - 1644 N Main St, 303-776-9541  
DELI CIOSO - 1217 S Main St, 303-651-3327  
OPERA HOUSE BILLIARDS - 300 Main St, 303-651-7773

**LOVELAND**  
CLUB CORONA - 126 E 29th, 970-612-0185  
GRAY’S - 143 S. E. 14th St., 970-663-6133  
NIGHT SHOTZ - 3329 Garfield Ave, 970-669-3727  
YUKON - 5400 N Garfield, Hwy 287, 970-593-1661

**PAGOSA SPRINGS**  
IAN’S BAR - 158 Light Plant Rd, 970-264-6100

**PUEBLO**  
BIG DADDY O’s - 4111 Club Manor Dr, 719-546-3636  
CLASSIC Q’S - 1715 S Prairie, 719-566-8375  
TIMEOUT SPORTS BAR, 2001 N. Hudson, 719- 214-6189

**SILVER CLIFF**  
THE CLUB - 620 Main St, 719-783-9300

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS**  
GOLDEN CUE BILLIARDS - 1401 Lincoln Ave, 970-879-3620  
MURPHY’S EXCHANGE - 703 Lincoln Ave, 970-879-2022  
VFW POST #4264 - 924 Lincoln Ave, 970-879-9959

**TELLURIDE**  
O’BANNON’S IRISH PUB - 200 W Colorado Ave, 970-728-6139

**VAIL**  
ALTITUDE BILLIARD CLUB - Evergreen Lodge, 970-476-7810  
SUNDANCE SALOON - Sunbird Lodge, Lionshead, 970-476-3453

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

**CHEYENNE**  
MINGLES - 1618 Stillwater Ave, 307-632-9966  
PLUSH CUE BILLIARDS - 1715 Pioneer Ave, 307-632-9615

**CASPER**  
BEACON CLUB - 4100 W Yellowstone Hwy, 307-577-1503  
HORSESHOE BAR - 7515 W Yellowstone Hwy, 307-472-5770  
MAXIE’S BAR & GRILL - 2740 E 3rd, 307-234-5386  
MOONLIGHT LIQUORS - 2305 E 12th, 307-234-7787  
RACK-EM-UP BILLIARDS - 128 S Center, 1-877-891-8999  
SANDBAR LOUNGE - 100 N Ash, 307-266-2745  
VFW POST #10969 - 4570 W Yellowstone Hwy, 307-266-3221

**LARAMIE**  
8-BALL ALLEY - 509 So 2nd, 307-745-7712  
COWBOY SALOON - 108 S 2nd St  
MINGLES BILLIARDS - 3206 E Grand Ave, 307-721-2005

**DOUGLAS**  
COLLEGE INN - 103 N 2nd, 307-358-9976  
NORTHGATE LIQUORS - 711 N 4th, 307-358-6806  
PLAINS TRADING POST - 628 E Richards, 307-358-4489

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

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

**MOORCROFT**  
DEWEY’S PLACE - 307-756-3713

**RIVERTON**  
BOOT, THE - 702 E Main, 307-856-7595  
CEDAR BAR - 413 E Fremont Ave, 307-856-6721  
LANDING LOUNGE - 229 E Main, 307-856-1439  
KRZ OUTBACK - 1202 S Highway 789, 307-857-2003  
RALFF’S - 121 N Broadway, 307-856-2837  
RIVERCITY BAR - 910 S Federal Blvd, 307-856-4652  
SALLY’S PLACE - 4911 Valley View Rd, 307-856-7495  
TIME OUT, THE - 514 N Federal Blvd, 307-856-7859

**RAPID CITY, SD**  
BREAKROOM BILLIARDS - 355 11th St, 605-716-7676

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ACE GAMES INC - 12200 W 52nd Ave, 303-432-9876  
ALL BILLIARDS SERVICE - 1830 N Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs, 719-597-7974  
ALPINE BILLIARDS SALES & SERVICE - 380 S Potomac St, Aurora, 303-617-0220  
BEST QUALITY BILLIARDS - 9885 W Colfax Ave, Lakewood, 303-233-2557, www.bestqualitybilliards.com  
BIG BREAK BILLIARDS - 6920 S. Jordan Rd. #E Centennial 720-270-1444  
BLACK HILLS NOVELTY-209 Stocktrail Ave, Gillette, 307-686-2111  
BMW BILLIARDS (Vending) - 970-229-1400  
BROADWAYS BILLIARD CUES & SUPPLIES - 303-781-5755  
3978 S. Broadway, Englewood  
BRUNSWICK HOME & BILLIARD - 5971 Broadway, Denver, 303-292-1726  
CABIN FEVER SPORTS – 107 W 6th St, Pueblo, 719-584-3660  
CAL SPAS - 1035 Zuni, Denver, 303-623-0100  
CAREFREE SPAS & POOLS - 7450 W 52nd Ave Unit V, Arvada, 303-422-0100  
COLORADO BILLIARDS & SPAS - 1555 S Havana, Aurora, 303-337-1818  
COLORADO BILLIARDS & SPAS - 9140 E Westview Rd, Lonetree, 303-721-8181  
FIERCE EAGLE CUE CO - 4014 Tennyson St, Denver, 303-455-1412  
FODOR BILLIARDS - 8215 S Holly St, Littleton, 303-770-7771  
FODOR BILLIARDS - 3310 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Colorado Springs, 719-598-4611  
FRONT RANGE BILLIARD SUPPLY - 303-717-0040  
GAME EXCHANGE OF COLORADO - 2650 W 6th Ave, Denver, 303-893-4300  
HOME STARS DESIGN STUDIO - 2855 W Oxford Ave Unit I, Englewood, 303-979-1200  
HOT SPRINGS SPAS OF COLORADO - 4275 Broadway, Denver, 303-296-7727  
INTERNATIONAL HOT TUB CO - 1640 S Abilene St, Aurora, 303-755-4772  
LG CUES / Chris Briggs - 2785 S Patton Ct, Denver, 303-922-4003  
POOL SHARKS INC - 1020 28th Ave #107B, Greeley, 970-304-6837  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOME & LEISURE - 163 Goldmine Dr, Pagosa Springs, 970-264-1717  
SPA PALACE - 8601 W Cross Dr, Littleton, 303-972-4932  
SPLASH AND RACK - 13750 E Quincy Ave, Aurora, 303-680-2000  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POOL TABLE – 301 Main, Windsor, 970-686-1111  
TD ROWE AMUSEMENTS (Vending) - 303-455-4500  
TRIANGLE BILLIARD SUPPLY - 5950 S Platte Canyon Road Unit A1B, Denver, 303-935-3734  
WOODY’S BILLIARDS INSTALL & REPAIR - 720-628-6053

\*\*\* *Leagues/Tours* \*\*\*

APA OF NORTHERN COLORADO - Kevin Leivonen, 303-862-0466, Email: northerncolorado@apaleagues.com

APA - NORTH & WEST DENVER AREA - Peggy LeBlanc, 303-205-9781, paleblanc@comcast.net

APA - SOUTH & EAST METRO DENVER - Chuck Rooney, 720-427-4629, apapool1@comcast.net, http://metrodenver.apaleagues.com

APA - WESTERN SLOPE - Jan Maez, 970-523-8661, wcoapapool@bresnan.net

APA - Yampa Valley Pool League (Routt & Moffat Counties) - Michelle Reed, (970) 826-2783, yvapa@msn.com

BMW BILLIARDS - Judy Mehle, 970-229-1400, VNEA Pool Leagues in Northern Colorado

DENVER POOLPLAYERS ASSOCIATION, David Howell, 303-668-6090

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

LOVE TO PLAY POKER -303-829-5742, Texas Hold’em Poker, www.lovetoplaypokertour.com

PLAYERS CHOICE POOL LEAGUES - Deb & Bob Winter, 303-477-2333, www.vneapool.com or www.pc-pool.com, BCA, VNEA, ACS Pool Leagues

TAP POOL LEAGUES - Scott Prater, 303-944-2994, www.tapleague.com, TAP Pool Leagues



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Starting: Friday, Aug. 13th - Handicapped 8-Ball and  
Saturday, Aug. 14th - Handicapped 9-Ball

Sign-up at 7:00 pm and starting at 7:30 pm,  
\$10.00 entry, split quarters and BCA rules



## Mike Massey

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“There was this huge BOOM out front and when I went outside there was Dad, upside down in the truck. He’d tried to slide into a parking space at 65 miles an hour.”

Surprisingly, Dad made it out of this alive. But his feat left a lasting impression on young Mike.

Mike grew up a classic hustler, riding from town to town in search of matches and stakehorses. He had a few “regular jobs” including a stint in the military; five years as a firefighter; and some construction work. But his long-term career was pool, and at first he went down the Dark Side.



Mike signs autographs for the fans

Alcohol, drugs, and other things nearly killed Mike, he admits. One night, he didn’t dump a match when he was told to, and he found himself locked in the back office of nightclub with a Smith & Wesson, a Luger, and a knife waving all around him.

Fortunately, patrons of the club banged on the door until Mike’s “patrons” let him go – without his winnings, of course - with a warning to never come back to that town.

“As if they had to say that,” adds Mike with rueful grin. “Other times, it was the cops who told me to get out of town and never come back.”

Mike had a spiritual epiphany just in time. “If it wasn’t for the Lord I’d a been dead a long time ago,” he says. Pool became a vehicle for spreading the Gospel. And then it got weird...

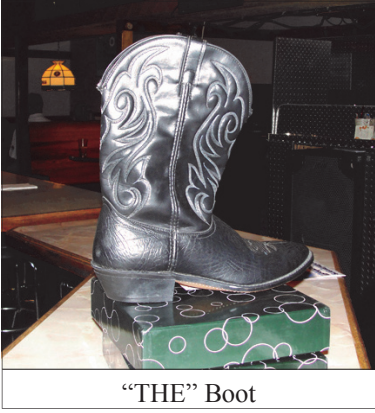
Decades after Dad’s truck flip, Mike appeared on Pat Robertson’s “The 700 Club” televangelist program. He told the tale of Dad and the moonshine, and right in the middle of it Jimmy Wicker, who still owned the tavern where Mike learned bumper pool and saw his father nearly die, tuned in to the show and cried,

“That’s little Mikey!”

“Now, what are the odds against that?” asks Mike. It’s as Albert Einstein said, “There are only two ways to look at things: either nothing is a miracle or everything is a miracle.” Mike believes in miracles, and so do many of his fans.

Indeed, several Longmont fans requested Christian mottos with the autographs Mike signed for them. Mike works with Steve Lillis of Gospel Trick Shots ministry to spread the Word through exhibitions ([www.GospelTrickShots.org](http://www.GospelTrickShots.org)). But wait, it gets better!

Mike writes and sings Gospel music. During our interview he sang for me, in a voice reminiscent of Kenny Rogers, about a pool hustler who goes to “a place where there are no losers.” Mike will be adding his tunes to his pool instruction and trick shot videos on YouTube “pretty soon now.”



Finally, Mike will be at the BCA Trade Show in August introducing his latest contribution to the game of pool: the Mike Massey version of “The Ultimate Pool Challenge,” a card game that combines elements of poker with pool drills that will improve your game. You can download five free cards and the rules at [www.UltimatePoolChallenge.com](http://www.UltimatePoolChallenge.com).

There’s a lot more to Mike Massey than a “big stick,” as there is to all great players.