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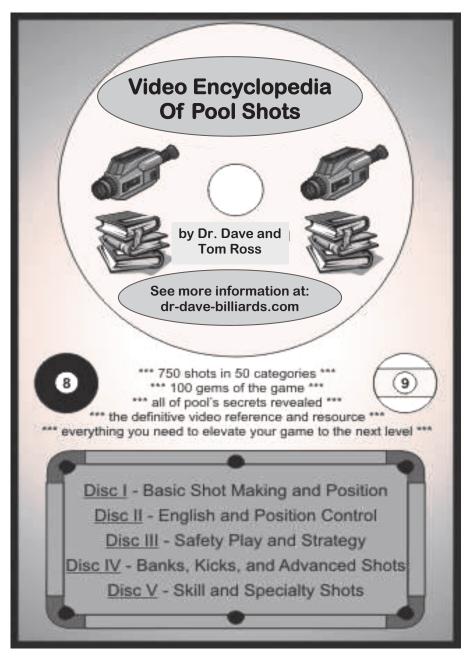
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Note from Editor: Due to an ongoing health issue, Tom will not be contributing new articles for awhile. For now, we will dip into his vast archives while he's on the mend. Please keep Tom in your thoughts and prayers.

October 1999

Let's do some work this month to examine and distinguish a prominent element of performance, the relationship between success and trying. Conventional wisdom dictates that the more we try to do something the sooner we will experience success as in the adage, "If at first you don't succeed..." So, through the experience of working toward success in our endeavors we condition ourselves, in the face of difficulty or adversity, to put forth a mighty effort when called upon to excel. Let's perform an exercise to test the effectiveness of the accepted method for performing successfully.

Set up the balls for a rather simple cut shot as shown in the diagram. Pocket the object ball with a smooth follow stroke and center ball. Play the shot until the cue ball is returning to the near rail at X with

enough speed to hit the rail and rebound no more than twelve inches. Make the necessary adjustments to your speed and stroke until the cue ball is hitting the near rail according to the con-

ditions described above. Once you find the target with the cue ball you should find it easy hit that target repeatedly.

After your cue ball is hitting X consistently play the shot a few times with your best punch shot to make the cue ball track as wide as possible with a center-ball hit and enough speed to hit the rail but rebound no more than twelve inches. Hit this punch shot until the cue ball is tracking at least as far as the diamond marked Y. If the cue ball is tracking beyond Y with no english or draw, you have a powerful punch

X

stroke and a nice, wide position range with the center-ball hit. Play with the exercise for five more minutes trying to hit each diamond from X to Y including the side pocket. Pick out a diamond and play the shot adjusting only the amount of punch in your stroke to hit that diamond. Keep hitting the cue ball dead center and controlling the speed as described above. If you miss your target keep playing the shot making certain to try as hard as possible to get the cue ball on track. After five minutes, regardless of your success, put down your cue and take a short break to consider what you have been doing.

Evaluate your performance and ask yourself how hard you were trying. Chances are that putting forth a great effort did not help you to complete the exercise effectively. Let's go through the exercise again this time eliminating all effort to make the cue ball hit the target. Be-

fore shooting each shot pick out your target diamond and identify it clearly to yourself as the place where the cue ball will hit the rail. While still standing erect visualize the cue ball hitting that target with the desired speed as you feel your relaxed hand shooting the shot. Get down now to play the shot focusing on the object ball as you shoot and putting forth no effort to *make* the cue ball go to its target.

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TUESDAY

Starts September 13th or 20th: 8-ball NW Divisions 1 (only 1 "A" player per team) and Div 2 (no "A" players on the team).

Starts 9/20/2011: Open 8-Ball S/SW

WEDNESDAY

NW and SW: Starts 9/14/2010: 8-Ball Open Aurora: Starts 8/31/11 or 9-7-11: Open 8-Ball

9-Ball: Starts 9/15/2010: 3-person teams Starts 10/7/2010: 8-Ball Open Traveling

THURSDAY

BCA SANCTIONED LEAGUES STARTING IN LATE SEPTEMBER AND EARLY OCTOBER.

Monday - Thursday

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Why a 4 person team? It is much easier to find 4 players and a couple of subs that can commit to a night of the week to Play Pool and the team competition is still just as tough. You get to play against all the players on the other team and your night does not drag on.

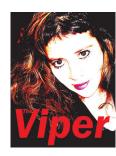
AND, IF WE HAVE ENOUGH PLAYERS... ...STARTING IN EARLY 2012

WE WILL START HAVING TOURNAMENTS FOR THE BCA SANCTIONED PLAYERS IN COLORADO. THESE EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT DIFFERENT HOUSES AROUND DENVER, FT.COLLINS, COLORADO SPRINGS AND POSSIBLY OTHER LOCATIONS IN TIME. SINGLES AND TEAM EVENTS (More info to come).

Rankings will be in place similar to what the regional VNEA Leagues use.



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Question:

"What are the differences between professionals and amateurs? And what is the process of becoming a professional?

- Daniel D. from Denver, CO

Answer:

The differences between the professionals and the amateurs are that the pros establish a world ranking through either the Women's Professional Billiards Association (WPBA) or the World Pool Association (WPA). The WPA is the governing body for pool and asks organizations such as the WPBA & BCA for their top ranked woman/men players to participate in tournaments such as the World Championships. I have been honored to represent the USA/WPBA and participate in 6 world championships.

How to become a professional? Over the years the formats have evolved, but currently the WPBA has created nine regional tours across the USA. The top players from each tour receive special invites to participate in the yearly Regional Tour Championships and the top finishers from that event get spots onto the WPBA for the following calendar year.

The WPBA awards points for participation on tour and at the end of the year if you have calculated enough points to be ranked into the top 32 then you become a touring professional plus get an invite to play the following year. At the end of the classic tour year if you're ranked below the top-32 then you must re-qualify through the regional tours system.

Another venture is to compete in individual WPBA qualifiers. This is where all amateur players are welcome to participate in a tournament in which the winner receives a paid spot into a WPBA event. For more information I suggest visiting www.wpba.com or www.wpa-pool.com.

The men are basically the same, open to all independent events such as the Men's US Open, Turning Stone, and the Steve Mizerak Championships award points towards the BCA men's world rankings. Then the top men are invited to participate in events such as the World championships and additional international events. Also, the Mosconi Cup US team is comprised of the top finishers from the BCA points list. For more information on this visit www.bca-pool.com

Best of luck to you,

Viper ©

Melissa "The Viper" Little has been a WPBA Touring Professional for over 10-years. She has represented the USA in four WPA World Championships, she is the current US Bar Table Champion for 8-Ball and 9-Ball and has over 20 top-10 WPBA career finishes. Melissa is currently the house-pro at the Wynkoop Brewing Company located in Downtown Denver and is sponsored by The Wynkoop, Jacoby Custom Cues and Cue Times Billiard News. She teaches monthly clinics, gives private lessons, and has created a juniors program that promotes billiards education to local youth. For more information about Melissa please visit:

www.melissalittle.com

"Cueing Folks with Strokes" Fundraiser Raises Money for Denver Pool Instructor and Stroke Victim Tom Ross

Denver – The "Cueing Folks with Strokes" fundraiser was held Saturday, July 9th, 2011 at the Wynkoop Brewing Company at 1634 18th Street, Denver, CO.

Money from the event helps pay daily living expenses for Tom Ross, a Denver pool instructor and former Billiards Digest Magazine writer who suffered a stroke last November.

Ross, 50, does not have health insurance and now requires expensive health treatment. At this time his ability to read, write and talk is extremely limited.



Steve Thomas - Tournament Winner

Steve Thomas of Denver won the pool tournament, his prize was a beautiful Murray brand "Californian" pool table donated by Tom Ross himself.

The event -- organized by Wynkoop Brewing pool pro Melissa "The Viper"Little-- raised approximately \$4800. 85% of the proceeds went to Ross, the remaining 15% was donated to Boulder Community Hospital's In-Patient Rehabilitation Center.

Staff from Boulder Community Hospital's rehab center were on hand at the event to educate attendees to the dangers of strokes.

"I want people to recognize the early warning signs of strokes," Little says. "Strokes have taken the lives of some of the heroes of our local pool community, and one has now turned Tom's life upside down. Quick action can save your life and limit the effects of a stroke."

Little has launched a Web site -www.cueingfolkswithstrokes.com -that includes info on the early symptoms of strokes.

At the site pool players were able to purchase instructional DVDs produced by Ross and his pool partner "Dr. Dave." Money from the sales of these DVDs goes to Ross.

The event also featured a silent auction and "Challenge the Pro" matches with Little, Danny Medina and Mark Haddad.

Prior to the start of the event, players gathered to recognize those pool players who have suffered strokes, including Colorado's own Steve Knight. Knight lost his life to a stroke last year.

Wynkoop Brewing Company donated staff, pool hall space and lunches for the event. Other contributors include Ozone Billiards, www.azbilliards.com, Michael Toscano, Dave and Diane Gross, John Hopkins, Dr. Cue Promotions/ Tom & Marty Rossman and www.onthebreaknews.com.

A full list of contributors to the event can be found at www.cueingfolkswithstrokes.com.



Only Those Who Dare to Fail Greatly Can Ever Achieve Greatly

~ Robert F. Kennedy ~

By OMG

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

I've been out of town the past three weekends and I am now glad to have a breather. Two of those past three weekends saw me play in tournaments. One of those past three weekends saw me win. Every weekend featured countless (unsolicited) bits of advice and opinions (both well-meaning and assholic). I found it all very fascinating.

This past weekend, I played some fantastic pool and I played some crappy pool. You've probably figured it out by now, but fantastic + crappy = craptastic. But, that's the way it goes, sometimes. In particular, I was made aware by more than a few people that I made some surprisingly bad decisions.

Where am I going with all this? Actually, I don't know. I'll just ramble on and let the Earl Grey + Bailey's do the driving. Oooh, hold on, the taco truck is here. I'll be right back...

... All right, I've got ceviche, tacos, and my Earl Grey + Bailey's. It is only fitting, then, that today's post be about risk.

A significant portion of my pool game is based on risk. I'm primarily a shotmaker. (I play mostly

Scotch Doubles

Tournament

\$5 per person

1 pm start

Combined ranking

cannot exceed 13 (APA)

or one A player

rotation-based games. Yeah. Settle down, smartasses.) A good deal of my style of play and approach to the game is a result of being 99.9% self-taught.

Since I had the good fortune to learn on my own, my game is entirely my own. By that, I mean my game is not influenced by anyone else's style or perception. When you go to an instructor, it is inevitable that they will teach you what works for them and their style will be instrumental in shaping your own. That's not a bad thing (unless you have a bad teacher — but "bad" is open to anyone's interpretation). Instruction is good because it gives you a boost (especially in the beginning) and you improve at a more rapid pace. However, instruction can also settle you into someone else's well-worn path. This is not a bad thing, either, and we'll return to that in a bit.

So.

12:30 pm sign up

1pm start

\$10/team

8-Ball Tournament

~ Friday Afternoons ~

2:00pm Start Time

\$5.00 Entry

The best part about learning on my own was that there was no one there to tell me what was, or wasn't a good idea. Nothing was impossible until I decided it was impossible — and even then, I figured it was only impossible until I practiced enough or acquired the correct skill set to make it possible. (This explains why I didn't know what a defensive shot was for at least three years and didn't bother trying one for another two.) I tried to make everything. The result? I didn't make everything — but I did make a lot of difficult shots most people would pass up. I also sold the farm many times due to trying the (almost) impossible.

Needless to say, I got a lot of "you know, you should have done this..." and "if you had done this, you would have..." and "if you'd let me teach you, I'll make you into a champion..." and my personal favorite, "oh my god, what in the world were you thinking?!" Heh. I understand most of these people (I'm not so naive to think all of them) had good intentions, but it made no difference.

When something hurts me enough, I'll change. Every major change in my game has been a result of finally losing enough money or losing enough times to the same douchebag or realizing my knuckles can't win forever against stucco walls. My game moves forward after the change and people wonder, "But I told you to do that before — why didn't you do it then?" It takes too long to explain that, mentally, my game was not ready to change. But, when I've hurt enough, I'll change it, and — best of all — I won't forget it.

... How nice. someone just gave me a Coke. Let's add that to the hallucinogenic mixture in front of me I call "lunch" and fast forward to the present...

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Scotch Doubles

July 10, 2011 - Jack and Jill Scotch Doubles at the Pool and Pub Love Shack

Deb Love (owner) and Dave White player extraordinaire topped the field of 12 teams by defeating Lorri Kelly and Ralph 4-3 in a tight match that featured some very good safety play and shot making abilities.

Bill Love (owner) and Leah took a respective 3rd place while a highly touted team of Cheryl Jones and Walter Box took 4th.

Thanks to all that participated!!

See you in September Richard Montoya

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

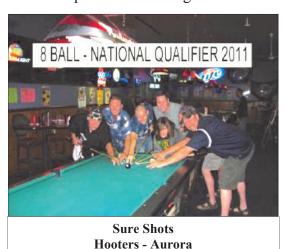
8 The Hard Way, On Notice (not pictured), Just Win Baby (not pictured) and Sure Shots will be leaving their areas in the coming weeks to battle for the \$25,000.00 1st place prize money at the 2011 APA 8-Ball National Team Championship, conducted by the American Poolplayers Association (APA).

The 8-Ball teams mentioned above will be joining more than 700 other qualified from North America in traveling to the Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Aug 21st – 27th, 2011 to compete for the open division National Title and a portion of more than \$600,000 in guaranteed prize money.

Group Therapy and No Alibi Needed will also be heading to Las Vegas to battle for \$15,000.00 1st place prize money at the 2011 APA 9-Ball National Team Championship.

The 9-Ball teams will be joining more than 300 other qualified teams from throughout North America at the Riviera Hotel & Casino, Aug $18^{th} - 21^{st}$ 2011, to compete for the national title and a portion of more than \$150,000 in guaranteed prize money.

All qualified teams mentioned above will receive an expense fund payout to help them with their expenses to Las Vegas.



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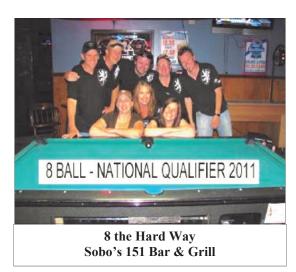
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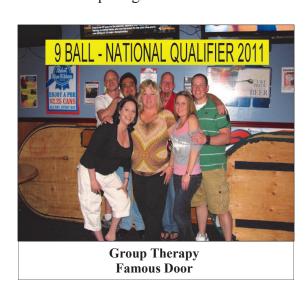
The APA produces three major tournaments each year: The APA National Team Championships, the APA National Singles Championships, and the U.S. Amateur Championship that together pay out nearly \$1.5 million in cash and prizes annually.

If you would like to learn more about the American Poolplayers Association, please visit the official APA website at: www.poolplayers.com

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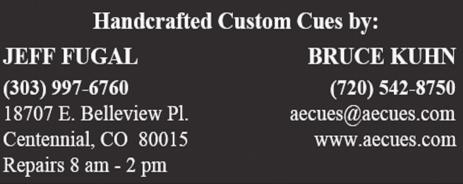
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What Would the Pros Do? Vol.2

by Samm Diep August 2011 ©



Volume 2 of "What Would the Pros Do?" takes us to the 2010 U.S. Open 9-Ball Championships in Chesapeake, Virginia where the score is tied 5-5 between Efren Reyes and Marc Vidal. Af-

ter making a remarkable shot on the 7 ball in the side, Efren leaves himself dead, straight in on the 8 ball with the 9 at the other end of the table.



Commentators quickly identified his dilemma and suggested he might attempt a jump or masse shot. Efren scratched his head and contemplated all the possibilities. In the end, the choice was clear. Let's review his options:

Option A: Cheat the pocket.

Option B: Jump the cue ball.

Option C: Masse the cue ball.

Option D: Draw the cue ball.

Option E: Pocket the 8 ball rail-first.

Efren chose Option E.

The risk of attempting to cheat the pocket in Option A is too high. So many things could go wrong with this choice. It's far too easy to miss the shot when you place priority on playing position. Aside from missing the shot, there's also the extreme danger of jumping either or both balls off the table.

Jumping the cue ball in Option B requires a perfect hit and is also incredibly risky. The possibility of the cue ball and/or the object ball jumping off the table is quite high. This shot also requires an elevated cue and a very firm stroke. Once again, there is a huge chance of missing the shot.

The masse shot in Option C is not a bad choice but it's an extremely difficult shot that requires a lot of practice. This is not a practical shot and even with practice it's not guaranteed that it can be executed properly under pressure in competition. If you are able to pocket the ball with the masse, the cue ball is sent loose and there is very little guarantee for position.

Drawing the cue ball straight back with low left-hand spin will get you close, but not close enough. You will have a hard time getting the cue ball anywhere near the center of the table. Once again, using such extreme spin and speed reduces the chances of pocketing the ball and in this case, with very little reward even if you do.

The best decision in this scenario is Option E.

The only thing Efren has to do was decide what part of the rail to contact and adjust his speed accordingly. This shot is played with inside draw. The inside (right-hand) spin facilitates pocketing the ball and as an added bonus, it also causes the cue ball to bounce away from the 9 ball after it contacts the second rail.

This rail-first shot guarantees position on the 9 ball. In the event that you miss the 8 ball, it also carries the possibility

of a safety because the cue ball is sent down table while the 8 ball usually remains up table. Efren also knew that with the newer cloth on

the TV table, the balls slide more and shots are more forgiving.

Like any new shot, do not attempt to execute this without practice. If you miss the shot, pay close attention to what side of the ball you're missing it. Don't be afraid to cut this ball. It's much better to overcut this shot than to undercut it. Remember that along with pocketing the ball, the other objective is to create distance between the cue ball and the 8 ball. Undercutting the 8 ball could easily result in selling out the shot.

Choosing the correct option won the game for Efren and allowed him to take the lead for the first time in the match. He went on to win 11-7. Both players demonstrated tremendous shotmaking and defensive play in this feature Accu-stats match. Efren shot a .871 and Marc



shot a .793.

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Felipe Flores Benefit Tourney

On Saturday, July 16th, forty one players gathered for a benefit tournament at the Mirage Sports Bar & Grill in Littleton to pay tribute to Felipe Flores and to raise money for his kids' college fund.

The field was broken into three brackets based on skill level. Not surprisingly, the largest bracket was the AAA/AA bracket (23 players) as this was Felipe's bracket and he was well-respected by his peers. As you might imagine, there was some fantastic pool played all day long in this bracket and when the dust settled, Elliot Fields emerged as the winner

taking home \$100 and a Viking Cue.

In the B bracket (13 players), **Kyle Crowe** took top honors and pocketed \$80 for his efforts plus a custom jump cue provided by James Brothers. **Tina Merola** won the C bracket and took home a brand new Cuetec Cue.

Thank you to all of the sponsors for providing the gifts for the raffles and a special thanks goes out to Heather Frayer, owner of the Mirage for making the event possible. Also, thanks to the supporting cast, which included: Russell & Brenda Valdez, Charlie Ray, Alice Hinkle, and Cathy Wallworth.

Once all the donations, raffle money, and tournament proceeds were counted, a total of \$2,130 will go towards the college fund. Congratulations to everyone who participated for making this event such a success!



AAA/AA Bracket

- 1. Elliot Fields \$100.00 + Cue
- \$ 80.00 2. Miles Taono
- 3. John Sandifer \$ 50.00



B Bracket

- 1. Kyle Crowe \$ 80.00 + Cue
- 2. Eric Wagner \$ 80.00
- 3. Heather Frayer \$50.00



C Bracket

- 1. Tina Merola Cuetec Cue \$ 80.00
- 2. Daniel Domgaard
- 3. Annette Garcia

(Hey! Is that Terry Duncan sneaking into the picture?)

Letters of Thanks from the Flores Family

Dear Pool Donators,

I really appreciate all the money you donated to 2 kids you don't even know. It made me feel happy even though I really miss him. I know my Dad is smiling right now. I hope that one day I can make as many good friends as my Dad did. Thank you sooooooo much!

Felipe's Daughter,

Maria

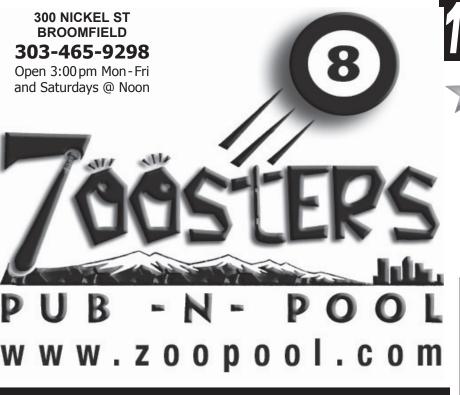
Dear Pool Players,

Thank you for donating money for our college fund. Most of you have never met us. I'm really thankful for what you did. I think you guys are awesome. I will always remember what you did for me. I hope that I grow up to be as great as my Dad. You guys are amazing.

From his son, Felipe Flores, Jr.

I would like to first thank the Mirage for having the tournament at their place. I would also like to thank Loren, Russ, Charlie, Alice and all the others who helped run the tournament. Last but not least Thank You to all of you who donated your time and money to help me start Maria and Felipe, Jr.'s college fund. I was humbled by the show of support from all of you. Felipe loved pool and the pool community. He was able to balance family, pool and work with much success. I will never forget the kindness that has been bestowed upon us from the pool players. Great people make great friends. When we say our prayers at night we now "give thanks for Daddy's Pool Playing friends".

With much love and affection,



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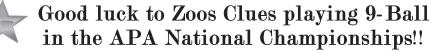
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ALLEY POOL TAB





August 20th at GreenFields ROCKY MOUNTAIN 8-BALL EXPRESS

\$ 50.00

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Instruction With Tom

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You will experience greater success in the exercise and your pool game as you spend more time playing in the context of not trying. How quickly you move into this realm will depend on how much effort you normally apply to making the cue ball roll into position. See if you can view the cue ball's movement on the desired path as something that will happen instead of something that you need to force. The greatest effort you need to apply to position play is in choosing and identifying the desired path for the cue ball; after making that choice you can allow your imagination to take over and let it happen.

When you feel comfortable with the center-ball shot you can move on to perform the exercise with draw, follow and english to work through the spectrum of available tracks for this shot. Go for each of your original targets with a follow stroke and the appropriate touch of outside (left) english to move the cue ball along the rail. Find the limits of the position range

from low, outside to high, inside english making note of how the cue ball moves after a certain hit, particularly those hits that move the cue ball to the limits of the range. Shoot for various targets in your range employing the visualization technique discussed above. You will find that the key element to hitting shots accurately is how clearly you identify your target rather than how much effort you apply to forcing the cue ball.

Take a minute to recall one of your great pool performances and a great performance from another of your endeavors or hobbies. As you relive these moments do you feel yourself exerting a large effort or do the greatness and virtuosity seem to flow from you on their own? Now recall a performance about which you or someone else might have said that you tried really hard or gave it a good try. Is this a memory of success? Think about memories associated with trying and see how many are efforts that fell short of a goal. breakthrough with this month's exercise will occur when you see that you have the power to generate greatness rather than having to wait passively for it to call on you.



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The 2011 BEF Junior Nationals 9-Ball Champions Are Crowned Danny Olson of Broomfield Takes Top Honors in the 18 & Under Boys Division

Over 100 students traveled from 26 states, all eyeing the title that will stay with the winner for a lifetime. Many participants were familiar with the venue since this was the second year in a row the Junior Nationals were held at Northern Illinois University's Huskies Den.

Registration was Wednesday evening, July 6th, and once registered, players could enjoy an evening of entertainment by the World famous Jeanette "The Black Widow" Lee. Ms. Lee took on challengers and spent most of the evening signing Black Widow cue balls and posters that she generously donated to every player in the event. To top off the evening, an adult/child tournament run by volunteers Tammy and Mel Leonard far exceeded the team participation from last year, and jumped from 32 teams to 63 teams!

The player meeting was at 9am on Thursday and Alicia Osborne of NIU did a beautiful job singing the National Anthem. Immediately following, tournament play began and those who did not have matches could enjoy more of the Black Widows demonstration and challenge matches throughout the afternoon.

Tournament play suspended at 6pm for the banquet. Over 240 guests enjoyed an evening of good food and entertainment. BEF Executive Director Laura Smith opened by recognizing special guests in the audience that included Ivan Lee of Simonis Cloth, Christian Riddle of NIU, Tom "Dr. Cue" &

Marty Rossman and BEF board member Roy Pastor. A full course meal was followed by speaker "The Black Widow" sharing her personal struggles with scoliosis throughout her life and career, to teach the kids the importance of perseverance in gaining what you want in life. Next up was the wonderful performance of

a local youth theater group, "The Dreamers". They sang and danced their way through a shortened version of the Cat in the Hats "Horton Hears a Who". Following this, the "Academic All American" awards were presented to an impressive 39 Junior National participants who were honored for achieving at least a 3.5 grade point average in the previous school year. Random prizes were given throughout the evening and the banquet came to an end with the viewing of a video presentation. Several top WPBA pros sent encouraging messages to the participants and photos from the previous year played to music. Thanks go out to Kyle Smith for putting this video together.

As soon as the banquet finished, everyone went downstairs to the Huskies Den to watch Dr. Cue

> dazzle the onlookers in a trick shot show that repeat viewers are never tired of watch-"The Black ing. Widow" finished up her visit by signing more autographs before saying goodbye.

Junior National tournament play continued on Friday as well as Dr. Cue's Trick Shot event where players could try their hand at winning the title of "Junior National Artistic Pool Champion."

In the 18-and-under boys' division, the top finishers were no strangers to junior billiards. Danny Olson, of Broomfield, CO, determined to better his 4th place finish in 2010 and finishing a respectable 7th place in the 2010 WPA World Junior 9-Ball Championships, proved to be a tough contender this year. Olson steadily proceeded through the winner's bracket with

Brendan Crockett, Shawn Begay, Austen Russell wins over Jeremy Johnson 9-2, J.C. Torres 9-1, Kevin Sun 9-7, Zachary Leonard 9-3, and Tyler Styer 9-3 before losing to Brendan Crocket 6-9. Crockett, 2009 champion of the 14-and-under boys' division, smoothly sailed through the winner's bracket without a loss. Crockett defeated Refugio Vara 9-0, Edwin Gomez 9-4, Chris Byers 9-3, Chad Behnke 9-4 and Danny Olson 9-6 to claim the seat as the only undefeated contestant in the 39 player division. Olson faced Tyler Styer on the one-loss side in a match that almost sealed any chance of him winning his last opportunity, because of age eligibility, for a Junior National title. But a well executed safety by Olson when the

score was 8-8 found Styer's three-rail kick only

inches short of hitting his target, giving Olson ball-

in-hand on the 5-ball. Olson ran out for the win

and a chance for a rematch with Crockett in the

one set finals. Olson kept his winning momentum,

capturing the match 11 games to 6 and his first

title as the Junior National 9-Ball Champion.

L to R: Kendra Russell, Brooke Zimmermann, Billy Thorpe, April

In the 18-and-under girls' division, Briana Miller zipped through the tournament losing only a handfull of games. The fierce and determined 15 year old bulldozed her way through matches over Kendra Britt 7-0, Caitlyn Shuping 7-0, Kendra Russell 7-2 and Brooke Zimmermann 7-3 before taking charge in the final match against Zimmermann, 9-0 and seizing her fifth title as Junior National Champion in the girls' division.

Billy Thorpe won his second consecutive title in the 14-and-under boys' division by breezing through several matches including wins over Marcus Abney 7-2, Nathan Bourque 7-1, Sergio Rivas 7-3, Austen Russell 7-1, Joey Torrez 7-2 and Shawn Begay 7-0 before claiming the honors of being the only undefeated player in the 49 player field. Also moving forward through the winner's bracket was Shawn Begay of Gallup, New Mexico. Begay inched his way with victories over Nick Evans 7-6, Justin St. Andrews 7-5, JonMichael Monegato 7-4, Tyler Brandom 7-6 and Ricky Evans 7-3 before facing the reigning champion, Billy Thorpe, for the winner's bracket seat. Thorpe sent Begay to the one-loss side to battle with Austen Russell. Begay prevailed with a 7-6 win over Russell and earned a chance to dethrone Thorpe. Thorpe secured his title as reigning champion with a 9-5 win over Begay.

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OMG - Those Who Dare

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Experience has taught me what I, with my current abilities, can do and I use that information to give myself to best chances to win. However, as some of you may have seen, there are plenty of moments when I shoot a "why not" sort of shot. When I make those shots, people say I'm talented. When I miss those shots, they say I'm a moron. I'm cool with that because it's all part of my plan for improvement. As long as I keep improving (no matter how miniscule the rate), I'm fine with whatever speculations people make about my game.

Losing, as much as I hate it, is useful. I learn things from losses no instructor could ever teach me, and I remember it. I try risky shots because I don't fear them. I've come to terms with the possible consequences and when I shoot that shot, I won't regret it afterwards. Losing is the risk I take to test the boundaries of my abilities and there is no other way to do so. People tell me, "You should shoot that shot in practice, not in a match," to which I reply, "If you never shoot that shot under pressure in a match, why practice it at all?"

My game has improved in recent times. This is because of risk. I'm not afraid to lose and that is why I'm not afraid to shoot. There is no reward without risk. Sometimes, making a change drops me from a high peak into a low valley, but if I believe it's for improvement in the long run, I'll stick with it.

In college, I once decided to track improvement in my game. I did the fifteen-ball drill (it's like a much easier variation of straight pool) fifty times a day (start with ball-in-hand anywhere and shoot from where the cue ball ends up at the end of each rack). The great thing about this drill was that it was ALL about shotmaking. You miss, you lose. Start over. I remember one instance where I ran 102 before missing. The very next attempt, I ran 2. Now that is a fall from a high peak to a low valley. When I graphed the results after six weeks (geek alert), the most prominent thing I saw was that 102 to 2 drop. Depressing. However, when I zoomed out on the graph, you could see that one steep drop was no more than a dimple in the larger scheme of things — and the larger scheme of things was a beautiful, gradual

I am all about that incline. Of course, by the law of diminishing returns, it becomes exponentially harder to improve over time in a game like pool. Now, I have to expend more effort to improve only a little and there's an additional, very interesting, monkey wrench in the equation — reputation.

It's all well and good when I swung away at fliers when I was a total beginner. Hell, I was expected to do stupid things because I didn't know better. However, now I'm expected to know better so when I do take a flier, I get a lot of s— for it. There are moments when I feel that societal pressure to play what most people would say is "the right shot", to play the safety instead of firing away when I feel like it. Sometimes, it's not even societal pressure, but my own laziness.

When you have no desire to test yourself, that's when you plateau. Without expending any further effort, you're good enough to beat most people (or at least the ones you care to beat). In some cases, you surpass your instructor and since they have nothing further to teach you, if you don't actively push yourself, you'll level off at where your instructor has plateaued. But, hey, you're "good enough" for you and hell, it's a comfortable place to be.

If you are willing to risk falling, that is when you will figure out how high you can go.

I'll take the ups and downs route if only because it charts out like a heartbeat. Plateaus, while they may be comfortable, chart out like a flatline.

I have no idea if any of the above makes sense and, frankly, Earl Grey + Bailey's are telling me not to give a s— if it doesn't. So, cheers to being fearless. Swing away, Merrill!

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Newsfrom Northern Colorado's **Top Guns Gather** at The Bit

The Northern Colorado APA GUN tournament was held at A Bit of Billiards on July 23rd with a turnout of 57 players who earned the chance to play in this invitation only event by achieving 70% win



Top Lady - Kristi Renville

record during the Spring 2011 sea-

son registered with all S/L's repre-

(L - R) Ted Koerselman (1st) & Jeff Adkisson (2nd)

sented. Kristi Renville took home the Top Lady trophy after Debbie defeating Smith and Charlee Bordeaux in a tie breaker, since all 3 ladies advanced to the 9th place finish overall. In 3rd place was Isreal Lopez.

Koerselman worked his way through the back side to face Jeff Adkisson, the very person that send him there. Jeff, a S/L 5, fought hard but was unable to hold Ted, a S/L 7, off dropping both match's to Ted giving him the 1st place finish.

Congratulations to Ted, Jeff, Isreal, and Kristi along with everyone who came to play in this event.

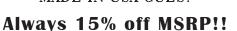


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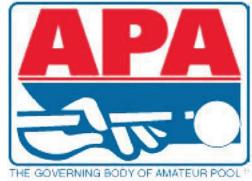
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BEF Jr. Nationals

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In the 14-and-under girls' division, it was former runner-up Taylor Reynolds who eagerly made it through the winner's bracket defeating April Larson 7-3 and 7-1 wins over both Katilyn Hall and Julianna Poutry before the finals match. Poutry made her way on the winner's bracket with wins over Katelin Ballou 7-1 and Karsyn Terry 7-6 before losing to Taylor Reynolds 1-7. Poutry faced Larson on the one-loss side, finishing in 3rd place. April Larson, a newcomer from Bloomington, Minnesota, steered her way through the one-loss side for another chance to play Reynolds. Larson, a well poised eleven year old, calmly, but quickly dashed ahead in the race to 9 games in the finals. Reynolds sprinted to tie the score at 7 games each and continued to thrust forward to win the next 2 games, winning the race and her first Junior Nationals title.

In addition to trophies and prizes, the winners of the four divisions were awarded \$1,000 in academic scholarships and earned an opportunity to represent the U.S. in the upcoming World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA) World Junior 9-Ball Championships, which will be held in Kielce, Poland, August 31st – September 4th. Second-place finishers in all four divisions received \$500 in academic scholarships, trophies and prizes. Additionally, second and third-place finishers in the 18-and-under boys' division also received an entry into the 2011 WPA World Junior 9-Ball Championships.

Much appreciation goes out to all who diligently worked to help produce a first class event, including: tournament director Earl Munson for keeping the event running smoothly and for his volunteer work throughout the year; volunteer referees: Rick Doner, Justin Ballou and Jamie Strait: Melvin and Tammy Leonard for their assistance with the minitournaments, parent/child partner tournament and assistance throughout the week; to Christian Riddle, Huskies Den manager and all his staff; and BEF personnel Dawn Hopkins and Laura Smith.

APA Metro Denver Top Gun Tournament Results

The Metro Denver held their Spring Session Top Gun Tournament (54 players) on July 9th, 2011 and their Top Lady Gun (35 players) on July 23rd at the Mirage Cafe & Sports Bar. Players throughout Metro Denver, Southwest, Southeast and Aurora showed up to participate.

We would like to thank all the players that participated in these event.



Top Lady Gun Top Finishers (L to R): 4th place- Rhonda Moore (S/L 4) 2nd place - Kim Frawley (S/L 4) 3rd - Jacque Tracey (S/L 3) 1st Place – Lisa Hipley (S/L 3)



Top Gun Top Finishers (L to R): 1st Place – Mark Morgan (S/L 7) 3rd Place – Aimee Peterson (S/L 6) 4th Place – Brad Peterson (S/L 5) 2nd Place – Kim Frawley (S/L 4)

There were a lot of new faces to the tournament and some veterans as well. With all the new 1st time players they definitely gave the veteran players a run for their money.

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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, Monday night APA Tournament

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

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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 TIME OUT - 1132 S Sheridan Blvd, 303-936-6699 WHITEHORSE LOUNGE - 5130 W Alameda, 303-935-2656

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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

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

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DAVIE'S LOCKER - 8855 Lowell Blvd, 303-429-0096

ROADHOUSE SPORTS BAR - 8980 Federal Blvd, 303-487-1933 SHOTZ - 2695 W 92nd Ave, 303-427-9910

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

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

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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,

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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
GREENFIELDS SPORTS BAR - 3355 S Yarrow St, 303-989-9820, In-House & Traveling Pool Leagues,

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HOFFBRAU BAR & GRILL - 3355 S Wadsworth Blvd, 303-980-6200

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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

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BREAK ROOM - 5151 S Federal Blvd, 303-797-1155, Pool Leagues, Weekly Pool Tournaments, Texas

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

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@CHEERS - 11964 N Washington St, 303-955-5660 CASTAWAYS - 451 W 84th Ave, 303-430-9834, Pool Leagues, Pinball, Video Games, Darts, Dancing,

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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 S - 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

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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

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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

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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,

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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

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

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

THIRSTY'S - 2028 Sheldon Ave, 719-444-8515 RASCALS - 1785 B St, 719-576-2238 RILEA'S PUB - 5672 Union Blvd, 719-598-6622 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

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

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

<u>CRAIG</u> <u>MATHER'S BAR</u> - 420 Yampa Ave, 970-824-9946

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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

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BARLEYCORN'S - 2385 W 27th St, 970-339-5901

GUNNISON

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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

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LEO'S PLACE, - 191/2 S Parish, 970-587-4866

LEADVILLE

SILVER DOLLAR SALOON - 315 Harrison Ave, 719-486-9914

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LARAMIE

COWBOY SALOON - 108 S 2nd St MINGLES BILLIARDS - 3206 E Grand Ave, 307-721-2005

DOUGLAS

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

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

GLENROCK

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

MOORCROFT

DEWEY'S PLACE - 307-756-3713

RIVERTON

BOOT, THE - 702 E Main, 307-856-7595 **CEDAR BAR** - 413 E Fremont Ave, 307-856-6721 **RALFF'S** - 121 N Broadway, 307-856-2837

RIVERCITY BAR - 910 S Federal Blvd, 307-856-4652

RAPID CITY, SD

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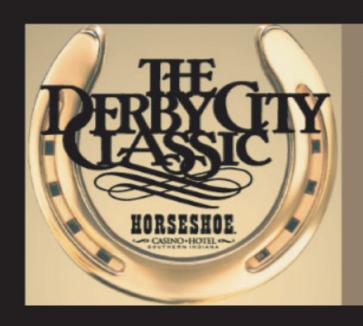
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