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Some of the area's top players gathered at Felt Billiards to battle for top honors and cash prizes. The final four were (L to R): Frank Espinosa (3rd), Tony Piazza (2nd), Ruben Silva (1st), and Jim Calderon (4th)

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## Instruction With Tom

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



March 2001

Last month we discussed what is called the tangent line and practiced hitting it consistently. Now that you have the stop shot mastered and can hit one at any time, any distance and any speed we can work on a technique for making small adjustments to the track that the stop shot yields.

What makes the stop shot the foundation for position play is the certainty of its result, whether you employ it to stop the cue ball on a straight-in shot or to hit the perpendicular track on a cut shot. That certainty makes the stop shot a very powerful tool and reliable reference to plan position for the next shot. Part of my routine when studying many shots for position on the next ball is to begin with the question, "will a stop shot work here"? When the answer is no,

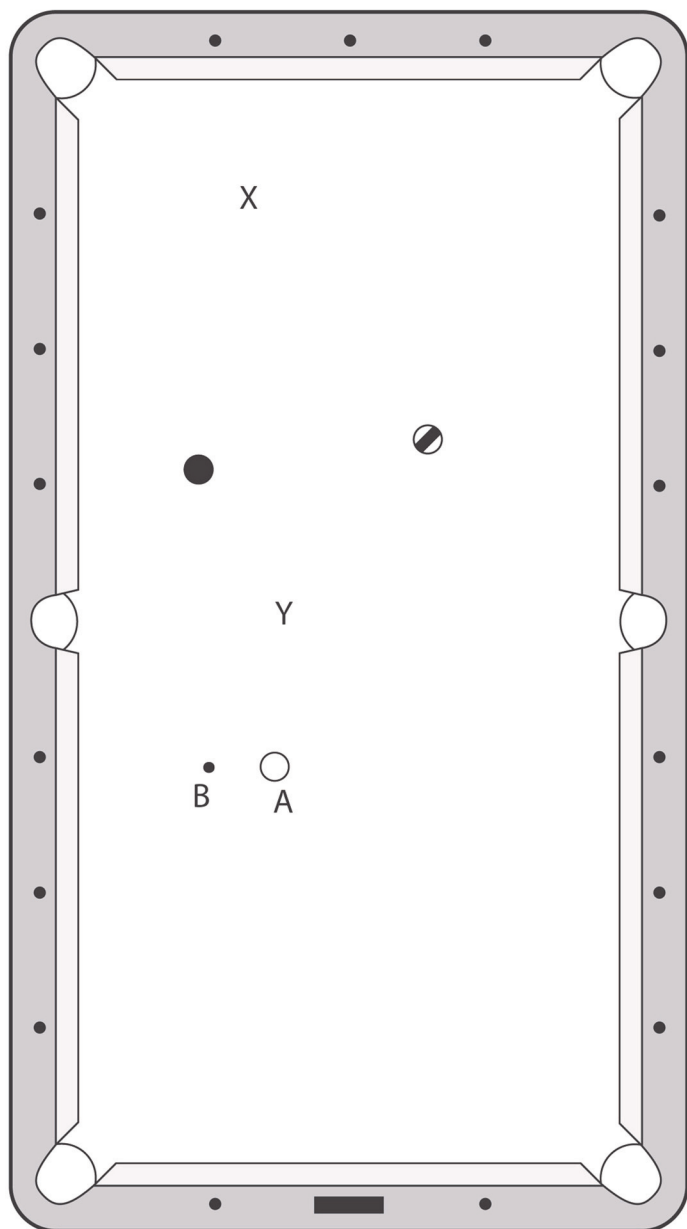
what's often required is something very close to the result that the stop shot would yield. These are the situations where the stop shot works as a strong reference.

Suppose you are faced with a layout where the perpendicular track would take you to the next ball except for the fact that it is blocked by an obstructing ball or perhaps it leads to a scratch. Here you need a track different from the one you have mastered but close to it. You can approach a situation like this with confidence because what is required is so closely related to what you have mastered.

Set up the shot in the diagram and begin with the cue ball at point A. From there hit some stop shots with firm speed just below center on the cue ball. When you feel that you can

stop the cue ball every time at this distance you can begin to make some small adjustments to the shot. Set up to shoot the stop shot again then move your tip slightly higher on the cue ball for some forward movement; as little as an eighth of an inch may be enough to make the cue ball move forward after hitting the object ball. Play the shot in this way until you are consistently moving the cue ball forward no more than four inches despite the firm speed. Repeat the shot now with a similar downward adjustment on the cue ball until you are moving the cue ball backwards from the object ball, again no more than a few inches. Some players call this stun follow and stun draw. Try the shots a couple of times with soft follow and soft draw and compare those attempts to the stun shots to see which are easier to control for such slight cue-ball movement. Probably you will find that the stun shots are easier to control and more reliable.

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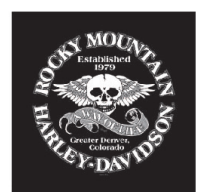
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Date: May 1, 2012

### Colorado's Own Samm Vidal Joins Billiard Education Foundation

The **Billiard Education Foundation (BEF)** is pleased to announce the appointment of Samm Diep-Vidal to the position of Executive Director.

Vidal joins the organization on May 1, 2012 to work alongside current Executive Director, Laura Smith. On August 1, Vidal will assume full executive director duties; Smith will continue on as a trustee of the organization.

Samm Diep-Vidal has made a name for herself in the sport as a player, billiard instructor, writer and promoter. She is most recognized for her online interviews and instructional videos and most recently has been busy as House Pro and Marketing Director for Felt Billiards (Englewood, CO). Said Samm of the appointment, "My goal is to educate players and fans on the benefits of the BEF while creating more event and scholarship opportunities for the juniors involved. The future of our sport depends on each and every one of them."

BEF Board of Trustees president Shari Stauch said, "The board is excited to have Samm join the BEF team. She has built solid relationships within the industry, and recognizes that promoting young players is key to our sport's growth. Samm will bring to BEF several creative, fun and innovative

approaches that will allow the industry to get behind the BEF in a big way!"

Diep-Vidal's immediate responsibilities include a re-launch of the BEF's website as well as identifying new ways that manufacturers, promoters, retailers and room owners can each be part of BEF's success. Flagship programs of the BEF currently include the Junior National 9-Ball Championships; BEF Scholarships; and "Pool in School" programs that promote high school billiard clubs, inter-school competition, and billiard phys-ed classes.

Photos/Interviews available on request.

#### About the Billiard Education Foundation

The Billiard Education Foundation (BEF) was formed in 1993 as a 501 (c)(3) non-profit charitable organization. The BEF funds academic scholarships, produces the Junior National 9-Ball Championships, offers opportunities for billiard athletes to attend the WPA World Junior 9-Ball Championships and promotes "Pool In School" programs. For more information about the BEF please visit [www.BilliardEducation.org](http://www.BilliardEducation.org). To become a sponsor, make a donation or inquiry, please contact Samm Diep-Vidal at [samm@BilliardEducation.org](mailto:samm@BilliardEducation.org) or phone 303.667-8000.

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# I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me

By OMG

Let's briefly touch upon the concept of "vibes" and how I approach them in a billiards environment. Although it's a concept most of us understand, to put it down in concrete words is not that easy.

Wiktionary defines vibe (which is an abbreviation of vibration) as: "The atmosphere or aura of a person or place as communicated to and felt by others."

The problem with vibes, of course, is that what you think you give off, and what those around you perceive, could be entirely different (kind of like perfume and/or cologne). I don't like to talk when I play. Because of this habit, many people get an unfriendly vibe from me when I do not intend to be unfriendly, but rather, neutral. Social conventions in this day and age REQUIRE that we make small talk and chit-chat to SHOW that we are friendly. The very act of NOT being OVERTLY friendly automatically labels one as UNFRIENDLY when really, one might simply be apathetic. There's plenty of time to talk when the dust has settled, y'know? I think people prefer that their opponent care about them one way or the other rather than not give a microscopic s\*#t. They want to feel that they matter. At least a little.

Perception: It screws up a lot of things.

In other cases, I *AM* giving off an unfriendly vibe and, as many will attest, there is NO mistake when I am giving off the true unfriendly vibe. Did I just tell you to STFU? Yeah, I meant that.

Moving on.

Since I am aware of how my vibes of apathy are mostly taken as vibes of unadulterated destruction, I try to see what environment my opponent prefers. I take into account the way my opponent carries him- or herself, how much they talk, what they talk about, whether or not they interact with spectators, and their style of play to conclude how best (in my eyes) I can make this match work for all involved. Whenever possible, I try to accommodate my opponent's comfort level without

completely surrendering my own focus. This previously unheard of warm-and-fuzziness brought to you courtesy of Old Age. If my opponent is talkative, I try my best (even with one-word monotone answers) to find a happy medium wherein they may chatter away as much as they like and I can remain as silent as possible without making them feel too weird. If my opponent is not talkative, I admit I feel relief and some joy that we may both try our best while focusing on the game and not the weather or last night's buffet-alcohol-puke excursion.

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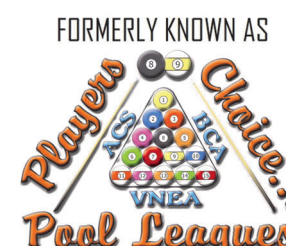


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# Goodbye Players Choice . . . Hello Champion Pool Leagues!

By Chris Honeman  
Cue Times Billiard News Editor

A change is on the horizon, but often change brings opportunity. On July 19<sup>th</sup>, Bob & Deb Winter announced that they were handing the reins of the Players Choice Leagues over to local couple Richie Cunningham and Angela Jackson. It's now going to be called the *Champion Pool Leagues* and you can expect to receive the same great leadership we received with the Winters at the helm. While Richie and Angela anticipate there will be a "learning curve", they want everyone to know the Winters will be very involved in assisting with the transition to make it as smooth as possible. So when you see Bob and Deb, be sure to let them know how much we have all appreciated their efforts to support our billiard community over the years.

As many of you know, Richie Cunningham has been playing in the Denver area for many years and has been at the top of amateur pool regionally and nationally for just as long. Angela Jackson has also had an exceptional career in



Angela and Richie along with Adam - one of the newest additions to Denver's billiard community

the amateur ranks starting with her involvement in the Wisconsin junior leagues where she rapidly progressed to a Masters level player.

Recently, when they were offered the opportunity to take over Bob and Deb's leagues, they eagerly jumped at the chance to make their own mark on the Denver pool scene. As long-time league players, they have a real understanding of what the players want and need from their league operator. It is their intention to make their leagues player-centered and will welcome suggestions and be readily available to address

concerns/issues as they arise. As far as individual roles are concerned, Richie plans to be the "face and mouth" of Champion Pool Leagues. While Angela plans to take care of the behind the scenes activities (stats, Facebook administrator, website, etc), you will be seeing her out and about as well.

One of their goals is to be very accessible to their players. To that end, they will be available Monday-Friday, 9am-11pm and Saturday and Sunday, 10am-11pm at **(303) 647-4282**. You will also be able to contact them by email at: **richie.angela@championpoolplayers.com**

Another goal of theirs, besides expanding the leagues they'll offer, is to create new opportunities for tournament play for ALL skill levels, including a plan to establish an annual State Championship. So get ready Colorado and beyond . . . the prospects for getting to play more pool will be greater than ever in the near future!

See below for the Winters farewell statement...

**It's Official**, as of August 1st 2012, **Rich Cunningham and Angela Jackson** will be taking over our league operation (Players Choice Pool Leagues), which includes BCAPL, ACS and of course the VNEA leagues for our VNEA Charter Holder, Amusement Vending & JE&S Video (also known as Entertainment Experts or "**E2**" for short). We hope that you will support them as you have with us, and then some!

Many years ago we kind of "fell into" running the VNEA leagues when all of a sudden there was no one to run them so we stepped in and have grown the leagues, but only with the help of you the players, with the great support of all the great VNEA people around us and the assistance of our charter holder (E2). We have been fortunate to have met so many wonderful people over the years while running the leagues and the Cue Times and we are proud to know you. We are also very proud to have so many National BCA and VNEA "Champions" come from our league system. We know we did not do anything to help you become a Champion ... you just are one and you happen to have played in our leagues. Thank you for that!

We find it very appropriate that Angela and Rich will be using the name "**Champion**" as their league name ... Awesome! I am sure that there will be many more National (as well as Regional) Champions coming from their league system as many of the best players around will be playing in it along with all you upcoming stars who like to play against them and learn. They also have some very exciting things planned for players of all skill levels so be sure to call them at **303-647-4282** early to sign up.

It takes a lot of time and energy to make this kind of league operation run, and with our regular jobs and other family matters taking so much of our time, we found that we could no longer give what is needed to the players. It took a while, but we feel good that we are turning the leagues over to the right people in Richie and Angela, and they will do their best to run them to the best of their ability. We did not "sell" the league, we merely "turned it over" ... to who we believe are the right people for the job! Richie and Angela...we wish you the best in your new adventure.

We thank all of you for being part of our league family and we hope you will support Rich Cunningham and Angela Jackson in all of their league adventures and tournaments that will be coming your way.

Farewell to the PCL and a tremendous welcome to the **NEW "CHAMPION" Pool League system**. We look forward to seeing you out there playing league or catching you in a match in Cheyenne or Vegas.

Thanks: *Deb and Bob Winter*



# The Return of... WWPDP? (What Would the Pros Do?) Vol. 4



by Samm Diep  
July 2012 ©

In the recent 2011 Mosconi Cup in Las Vegas, Nevada, the Americans suffered a loss to the Europeans in part due to skillful

maneuvers like this one...

In the fourth match of the series, US scotch doubles team of Shane Van Boening and Mike Dechaine faced the European team of Darren Appleton and Ralf Souquet in a race to six games of 9-ball. Out of the gate, Van Boening/Dechaine jumped to a quick 4-0 lead but would ultimately not win another game.

After edging their way back into the match, Appleton/Souquet pulled into the lead and onto the hill 5-4 when Souquet came with this clutch shot to secure their victory. When Appleton came up just shy of where he intended to be on a draw shot for position, Souquet was faced with an interesting layout to get from the 4 ball to the 6 ball.

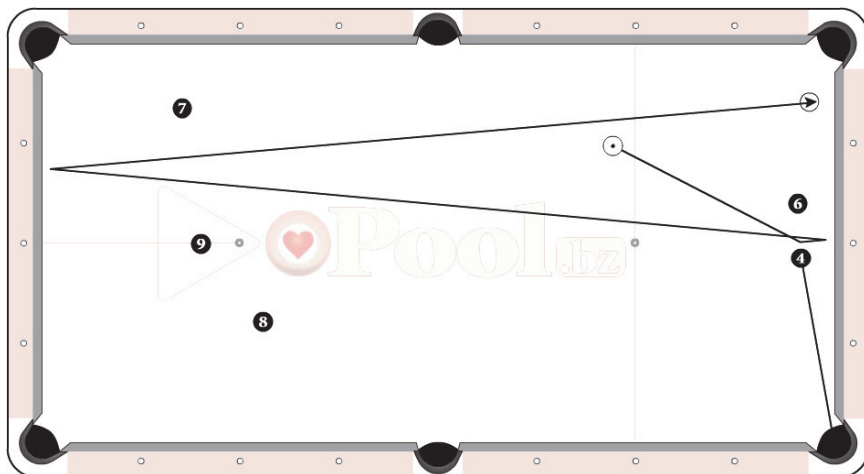
Let's review his options:

A. He could've tried to play a safety, banking the 4 ball and tucking the cue ball behind the 6. This is tricky to execute with perfection. Souquet, also known as "The Surgeon" doesn't shoot many low percentage shots without being able to predict the outcome. If he didn't believe he could marry that cue ball to the back side of the 6 ball, he wasn't willing to take the risk. It also wouldn't be certain where the 4 ball would end up or if it or something else might incidentally get pocketed. Therefore, he decided it wasn't worth the risk.

B. He could've pocketed the 4 ball with extreme left-draw to clip the 6 ball. This is what most amateur players would attempt to do, not realizing there is too much angle to make this possible. In an effort to move that 6 ball, many players miss the 4 ball. It's also extremely easy to miss this shot on the professional Diamond tables if it's not shot well.

C. Though Souquet was left with a fairly steep cut shot on the 4 ball, it didn't take him long to identify that position was built in. If he just pockets the 4 ball with a center ball punch stroke, the natural path of the cue ball would travel between the 7 and 9 back to the other side of the 6 ball. The only thing he needed to consider here would be his speed.

On this shot, it's critical to aim to overcut the 4 ball. It's possible to slightly undercut this ball where it grazes the short rail and still goes in but this would dramatically change the path of the cue ball and send it toward the 7 ball, flirting with disaster. When executing a shot like this, it's important to have a clear plan and when it's time to pull the trigger, visualize the exact outcome you want to achieve.



This match victory would put team Europe ahead 3-1 and help give them the momentum needed to claim the championship. The 2012 PartyPoker.com Mosconi Cup will be held December 10-13 in York Hall, London. Check out [matchroompool.com](http://matchroompool.com) for all the coverage and highlights.

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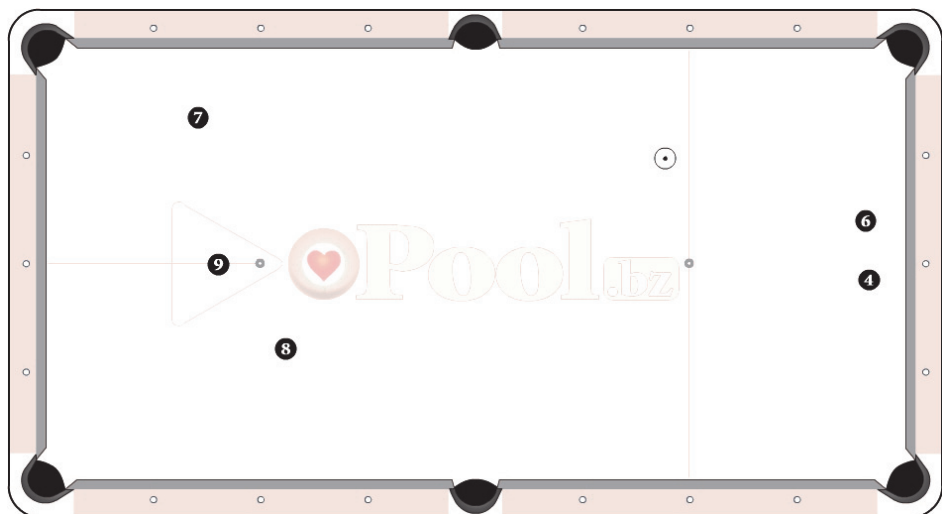
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# The Tournaments Continue at Felt...

By Felt staff

On July 21<sup>st</sup>, top Colorado Springs player, Ruben Silva, bested a strong field of competitors to claim the July event of the 2012 Felt Tournament Series. This month's discipline was 8-ball on the new 9-foot Diamond Pro-am tables. Silva paid for his expenses by going undefeated through the field even having taken most of the summer off. "I haven't put my cues together since Vegas," said Silva. Mark Haddad and Melissa Little both took unexpected early exits. An unusual suspect in the winners' corner is Felt favorite, Frank Espinosa, who frequents the room but seldom participates in the tournaments. Maybe this will change his mind.



## 8-Ball Open Event

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ruben Silva	\$350
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tony Piazza	\$250
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Frank Espinosa	\$150
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Calderon	\$75
5 <sup>th</sup>	James Fortin	\$30
6 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew Pettenger	\$30

As usual, the popular A's & Down event was held on Sunday. Truck driver and former marine, Alan Hendricks of Layton, Utah took the cake. Known to some as "Cowboy," Hendricks passes through Denver occasionally on some of his trips. Hendricks defeated another new face, Kevin Voss in the finals. The top four also welcomes Al Kawanabe who finished fourth after a loss to Nick Dittmar.

## 8-Ball A's & Down

1 <sup>st</sup>	Alan Hendricks	\$150
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kevin Voss	\$110
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nick Dittmar	\$70
4 <sup>th</sup>	Al Kawanabe	\$20 Gift card
Top Lady	Terry Duncan	\$20 Gift card

On August 25-26, Felt will host the Colorado 9-Ball Championship. This event will be a qualifier for the prestigious U.S. Open 9-Ball Championships in Chesapeake, Virginia October 21-27. Following this qualifier will be the Colorado State Straight Pool Championship on September 15-16. Players in this event will be grouped in flights by skill level until the final bracket. This two state championships lead to the series grand finale on November 17-18. Players who participated in five or more events will be vying for the \$2,000 added prize fund.

Details on upcoming events, along with a complete series schedule, player standings, and additional information can be found at [feltbar.com/2012\\_series](http://feltbar.com/2012_series). Special thanks go to our loyal sponsors: Rocky Mountain USA Pool League (RockyMountainPool.com), Access Printing in Englewood (AccessPrint.biz), the Cue Times Billiards News and the Magic Ball Rack courtesy of CueSports International (playbca.com/magicballrack.aspx). Additional sponsorship opportunities are available for the tournament series. Contact Felt for more information.

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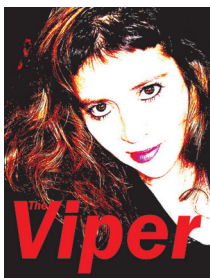
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## An Interview with Colorado's Legendary Player Danny Medina

Danny Medina was born on September 10, 1951 in Taos, NM. He started playing pool at the age of 14 in a little town called Brighton, Colorado. His extensive career brought him over 73 titles across the USA and his most memorable ones are the following:

**1984** - NPCA Championships in Chicago, IL - Beat Florida's professional David Howard in the finals.

**1986** - Disneyland Open Championships in Anaheim, CA - Beat David Howard in the finals by running eight-racks of 9-ball in a row to capture the title.

**1986** - Corner Pockets of America in Las Vegas, NV - Beat David Howard for a third time in a row to win the championships.

**1997** - BCA World 8-ball Open Championships at the Riviera Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, NV - Beat Efren Reyes in the finals 7-5.

**2002** - Jamboree 1-Pocket Open at Hard Times in Sacramento, CA - Beat Cliff Joiner in the finals to win the title.

**2004** - Reno Open 9-Ball Championships in Reno, NV - Beat Cory Duel in the finals 8-5 twice to win the title.

### The Interview

**VIPER: What is your biggest accomplishment in the sport of billiards?**

*DANNY: In 1997, I became the #1 ranked player on the Camel Pro Billiards Tour.*

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

*DANNY: In 1970, I started playing in a local pool league here in Denver that had started with 25 teams. By the time I retired in 1971 they had over 40 teams competing. I retired from the amateur levels to pursue my professional career.*

**VIPER: Where do you draw your inspiration?**

*DANNY: I won the Colorado State Marble Championships in 1964 at the age 12 and for winning that event I also won a trip to Washing-*

*ton DC to meet the President, Lyndon B. Johnson. While there in DC I also got the opportunity to place flowers on JFK's grave.*

*During the marble championships they had 97 players and the top 2 got to go on the DC trip. Here at home, I won a nice trophy, a \$1500 new wardrobe, a 10-speed bike, and a watch that I still have with 21 jewels.*

*When I was 14 years old, I worked at a local grocery store making \$120 per week. And one day I walked into a pool hall named Brighton Billiards and lost my entire paycheck playing a game called "Golf" on a 5 x 10 Snooker table. Marbles and pool are so similar that I knew that one day, I could master both games. But for pool it took me a little longer than I then I expected.*

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

*DANNY: I played tennis in high school, worked at a golf range when I was a kid, and competed in archery at the Denver coliseum. I also was very good at basketball, wrestling, and baseball.*

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

*Honest, loyal, and Christian - A man of faith.*

**VIPER: If you had to live your life over again, what's the one thing you would change about your self or your career?**

*DANNY: Nothing*

**VIPER: Who influenced you the most in pool?**

*DANNY: Buddy Hall, hands down was my favorite... It's like he could pick up the cue ball and place it anywhere he wanted for the next shot.*

*Jean Balukas would be my second pick. In 1988, I was playing in an event hosted at the Continental hotel in Lexington, KY. The night before the tournament I ran into Keith McCready who was playing a feature match against Jean Balukas the following day.*

*He started bragging on how he was gonna beat her real bad. So, the next day, I watched their match and right out of the gate Jean broke and ran the first 5 racks on him. She ended up winning the match 11-2.*

*After that I tried to watch as many of her matches as I could. I was tantalized by how strong she was... She broke the balls like a man. Its obvious that she was very athletic and I heard she liked to run and play tennis. To this day, I have never witnessed a woman play like her.*

**VIPER: Who were your favorite professionals?**

*BCA Hall of famers Jean Belukas, Buddy Hall, and Jay Helfert who is currently a TV commen-*

*tator and Writer/Author of "Pool Wars". Jay loved pool so much that at times he'd put up his own money just to watch us win it ☺*

**VIPER: How did you prepare for events?**

*DANNY: 30 days or so I would start exercising—I walked my treadmill, I swam a lot, and of course practiced long hours by playing the ghost. I could never beat that dang ghost, but once I came close losing 11-7.*

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

*DANNY: Legendary Willie Mosconi once told me: Don't do drugs and be honest to yourself about your game.*

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

*DANNY: When I played in the finals of the 2004 Reno Open I broke and ran 9-racks in a row and didn't even know it! After the match it wasn't until Billy Incardona and Buddy Hall approached me to tell me what I had accomplished. They said the proof was on the film during the TV round.*

*Another event, I pocketed the 9-ball on the break 5-times in a row, in two consecutive matches; the first set was against Billy Johnson and the other was against Mary Kenningston. I won both matches 11-5 ☺*

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

*DANNY: Practice and exercise.... and practice more and exercise more.*

**Ok Danny, now I have a couple of pool related questions from my Facebook friends...**

**Brian Clapp from San Jose, CA asks: What is the most money you've ever won in a night & who was the toughest match you ever played against?**

*DANNY: Are you from the IRS Brian? I made so much money, so many times that I couldn't even try and count it.*

*The toughest player I've ever played against was Efren Reyes. I played him 10-ball money match in Houston and won the first 3 games for \$500 a game and before I knew it, he caught a gear and some how ended up 7 games ahead—that was all the money I had so I had to quit \$3500 loser.*

*The next event, I flew to Reno and we matched up again but this time we played 9-ball for \$200 a game and I ended up 9- games ahead and he quit. Efren was the toughest and most intense opponents I've ever played against in my career.*

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## Tournament Results

### FRI (6/29)

bar table 8-ball - 17 players  
1st - Derek S. \$85  
2nd - Fred L. \$45  
3rd - Phil G. \$25  
4th - Saud A. \$15

### SAT (6/30)

bar table 9-ball - 19 players  
1st - Adam K. \$75  
2nd - Jose C. \$50  
3rd - Seth J. \$35  
4th - Steve W. \$20  
5th - Nick M. \$10

### SUN (7/1)

one-pocket - 15 players  
1st - Marc V. \$135  
2nd - Mark H. \$100  
3rd - Bill S. \$60  
4th - Rick F. \$35

### MON (7/2)

FREE TOURNEY - 8 players  
1st - Craig W.  
2nd - Darrin B.

### TUE (7/3)

big table 9-ball - 12 players  
1st - Marc V. \$110  
2nd - Derrick S. \$80  
3rd - Greg R. \$45

### FRI (7/6)

bar table 8-ball - 21 players  
1st - Jose C. \$84  
2nd - Charles H. \$52  
3rd - Brandie R. \$32  
4th - Juan P. \$21  
Top Lady - Sharon H. \$21

### SAT (7/7)

bar table 9-ball - 17 players  
1st - Jose C. \$77  
2nd - Bill D. \$42  
3rd - Chisolm W. \$34  
Top Lady - Maria F. \$17

### MON (7/9)

FREE TOURNEY - 7 players  
1st - Derick K.  
2nd - Mike P.

### TUE (7/10)

big table 9-ball - 10 players  
1st - Marc V. \$95  
2nd - Jaime R. \$57  
3rd - Andrew P. \$38

### FRI (7/13)

bar table 8-ball - 18 players  
1st - Rick F. \$70  
2nd - Craig S. \$50  
3rd - Chris W. \$30  
4th - Midori S. \$15  
5th - Danyelle F. \$15

### SAT (7/14)

bar table 9-ball - 24 players  
1st - Adam K. \$96  
2nd - Don C. \$60  
3rd - Fred L. \$36  
4th - Craig S. \$24  
5th - Don P. \$12  
6th - Midori S. \$12

### SUN (7/15)

10-ball - 11 players  
1st - Marc V. \$110  
2nd - Andrew P. \$80  
3rd - Rick F. \$53

### MON (7/16)

FREE TOURNEY - 12 players  
1st - Nick D.  
2nd - Trent D.

### TUE (7/17)

big table 9-ball  
1st - Mark H. \$135  
2nd - Melissa L. \$80  
3rd - Andrew P. \$50  
4th - Marc V. \$33

### FRI (7/20)

bar table 8-ball  
1st - Eric J. \$65  
2nd - James F. \$45  
3rd - Kevin B. \$25  
4th - Earl \$10  
Top Lady - Deb \$15

### SAT (7/21)

bar table 9-ball  
1st - Derek S. \$70  
2nd - Kris R. \$40  
3rd - James F. \$20

### SUN (7/22)

10-ball  
1st - Melissa \$105  
2nd - Mark \$70  
3rd - Mike \$40  
4th - Jeremy \$20  
Top Ladies - Terry & Carol \$20

### TUE (7/24)

big table 9-ball  
1st - Mark H. \$115  
2nd - Rick F. \$70  
3rd - Danny M. \$40  
4th - Kiko I. \$31

### FRI (7/27)

bar table 8-ball  
1st - Ryan V. \$80  
2nd - Jeff B. \$50  
3rd - Ryan B. \$35  
4th - Rick F. \$15



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**SUNDAY EVENT: Aug 26 10AM Sharp** • A's & Down ONLY • Race to 3/2  
\$20 entry (\$15 + \$5 GF) • \$200 added based on full 24 player field  
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## Results from the Stay in Stroke Billiards Wednesday Night 8-ball League

After 14 weeks of play, here is how the teams finished:

<b>Top Team:</b>	<b>Old Dawgs</b>	<b>\$1,100.00</b>
	Bob Kelly, Adam Cisneros, James Fortin, Roland Lucero, Dave Mondragon, Caleb Lovato	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Big Willies #1</b>	<b>\$850.00</b>
	Max Chrisp, J.D. Barajas, Leonard Romero, Leonard Archuleta, Max Chrisp IV	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Love's Shack #1</b>	<b>\$650.00</b>
	Gary Maez, Nicholas Montoya, Paul Cordova, Allen Montoya, Jayson Santiago, Richard Montoya	
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Hank's Billiards</b>	<b>\$540.00</b>
	Fred Martinez, Dennis Romero, Mike Lopez, Brian Bogart, Larry, Sposato, Tony Gonzales	
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Love's Shack #2</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
	Eddie Garcia, Annette Garcia, Fred Montour, Mike Montoya, Al Montour, Shirley Quintero, Danny Garcia	
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Big Willies #2</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>
	Julian Chrisp, Dennis Chrisp, Rudy Alcornth, Fernando Ayala, Max Chrisp Lil, Drew Lovato, Bud Vecharelli	
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Buckin Harleys</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>
	Larry Fernandez, Joe Fernandez, Jen Kentfield, Steve Lindsay, Lindsay Snyder, Olivia Dumitru, James Gallegos	
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Chamucos</b>	<b>\$350.00</b>
	Jim Patrick, Lisa Griego, Billy Cummins, Jose Garcia, Steve Houshland, Yasmin Sarak	

**Top Shooters:** 1st Bob Kelly \$75, 2nd Richard Montoya \$50

**Top Run Out Player with 13 table runs:** Greg Way \$25

**Top 8-ball on the Break with 2:** J.D. Barajas \$25

**Top Lady Shooter:** Annette Garcia \$25



## The Wednesday Night League Ends With a Bang as Greg Way Captures the Title at the End of Session Singles Tournament

Leonard Romero (Big Willies #1) who was a teammate of Greg's during the regular season lost his first match but managed to make it to the final 6 of the 26 players that showed up. Leonard managed to come all the way back, only to miss the 8-ball in hill-hill match of the final set and that is when Greg got his chance to capture the title with a run out of all 8 balls in a tension-filled performance by both players.

There were three new faces in the cash that I'm sure we'll see more of in the future - Nicholas Montoya, teammate Jayson Santiago (Loves Shack #1), and Julian Chrisp from Big Willies #2. Nicholas did it by putting and end to the always colorful Leonard Archuleta with a 4-1, then knocking off a well experienced player Joe Fernandez from (Buckin Harleys) 4-2, then beating one of the best A players in town from Hank's Billiards Mike Lopez before being tamed by Greg Way 4-7 and then Leonard Romero 5-7, finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jayson did it by beating highly regarded Larry Sposato of Hank's Billiards 4-3. Then in shocking fashion, he beat Adam Sisneros (Old Dawg's) 4-0 before losing to Greg Way 3-6 and then to Leonard Romero finishing in 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>. Julian Chrisp lost his 2<sup>nd</sup> match to Steve

Lindsay (Buckin Harleys) 2-4 then proceeded to take them down one at a time. First Rudy Alcornth, Larry Fernandez, Steve Lindsay, and J.D. Barajas. Then Mike Lopez before losing to Leonard Romero. Mike Lopez finished 6<sup>th</sup>, but always gets to the cash in most of all the events he has played in!

Tournament Payouts:

1 <sup>st</sup> Greg Way	\$100.00	\$320.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Leonard Romero	\$80.00	\$240.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nicholas Montoya	\$60.00	\$160.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Julian Chrisp	\$35.00	\$80.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Jayson Santiago	\$20.00	\$40.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Mike Lopez	\$20.00	\$40.00



Thank you to Hank's Billiards, all the players and our sponsors Randy Ethridge, Dale James, Dave Wuestney, and Annette Garcia.

## Instruction With Tom

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Now move the cue ball to point B and play some stop shots to keep the cue ball on the perpendicular track. After you are hitting that track consistently you can place another object ball on the track as an obstruction. With the obstructing ball in place employ the technique described for stun follow and play some shots to track the cue ball below the obstructing ball for a shot on a ball at point X. Now, play some stun-draw shots to track the cue ball above the obstruction for a shot on a ball at point Y. Try this shot a few times

as a regular draw shot and note how easy it to scratch in the opposite side pocket while the stun draw insures against that possibility.

The shots you are working on today are extremely powerful tools because they offer a very reliable method for taking control over some of the numerous possibilities and challenges that will show up in a pool match. As you master the stop shot you will master the techniques for adjusting it to hit other precise tracks. From such practice you will gain a new level of confidence as you begin to recognize how often what is required is the same as what you know.

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



Annihil Eighters - The Mirage Sports Bar

Four teams from the 8-Ball division, **Annihil Eighters** of Littleton, **Be Vewy Vewy Qwiet** of Aurora, **The Capital Hillbillies** of Denver and **5 Drunks & 3 Punks** of Aurora (not pictured), qualified for the 2012 APA 8-Ball National Team Championships at The Mirage Sports Bar & Café in Littleton, Colorado on June 17th, 2012. They will be joining more than 700 other teams from throughout North America who will be traveling to Las Vegas to play at the Riviera Hotel & Casino, Aug. 19-25, to compete for a national title and a portion of the \$1 Million guaranteed cash and prizes.



The Capital Hillbillies - Barracuda's

In the 9-Ball division, **Syntax Error** of Littleton and **Be Vewy Vewy Qwiet** of Aurora qualified for the 2012 APA 9-Ball National Team Championships. They will be joining more than 400 other teams from throughout North America

who will be traveling to Las Vegas to play at the Riviera Hotel & Casino, Aug. 16-20, to compete for a national title and a portion of the \$1 Million guaranteed cash and prizes.

Additionally, we qualified two Scotch Doubles teams to play at the National Championships. In 8-Ball, Richie Cunningham and Lisa Hipley will represent the Metro Denver Pool Leagues out in Las Vegas and in 9-Ball, it will be Leonel Del Rio Cobos and Matthew Cole.

For more information or to get signed up with the APA in this area, please contact Chuck Rooney at 720-427-4629 or by email at [apapool@comcast.net](mailto:apapool@comcast.net). You can also visit the area local website at [metrodenver.apaleagues.com](http://metrodenver.apaleagues.com).



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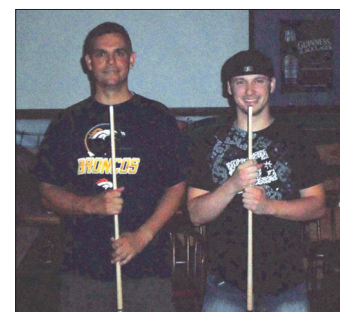
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# In a Legendary Epic Thriller, Darren Appleton Wins the World 9-Ball Championship

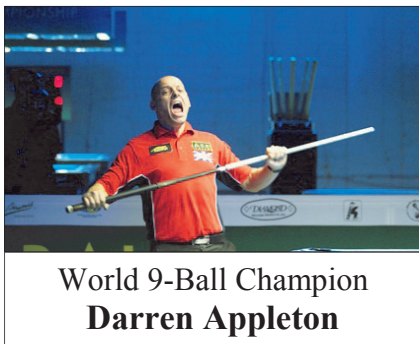
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(Doha, Qatar)--In one of the most thrilling and surreal finals ever witnessed in pool history, England's Darren Appleton won the 2012 World 9-ball Championship, barely beating China's Lee He Wen, 13-12 in front of hundreds of stunned fans inside Doha's Al Sadd Sports Club.

It was a match that had everything that the sport of pool could possibly offer; fantastic, clutch shot making, an unbelievably impossible comeback, edge of your seat drama that was downright unbearable, and a finish that blew the roof off the house.

For Appleton, the win is his first World 9-ball Championship and is the culmination of a dream he has held since turning to pool from English 8-ball in the mid-2000's. With his World 10-ball crown in 2009, his double US Opens in 2010 and 2011, and now the World 9-ball Championship, Appleton can certainly lay claim to be one of the greats of all time.

For Lee, he came within a whisker of nearly pulling off a comeback for the ages, and at the same time, earned for himself the admiration of legions of pool fans around the world who were in awe at the 31 year old's tenacity and



World 9-Ball Champion  
**Darren Appleton**

never-say-die spirit.

What's more striking for Lee is that midway through the match he was nothing more than an after-thought to a sure coronation for Appleton. Lee, who had beaten Ralf Souquet in the semis, was absolutely and thoroughly written off by

every single person who was watching in person or following the match online streamed over the Al Kass Sports channel.

That's because after handily taking down Japan's Naoyuki Ohi in the semi-final, Appleton raced out of the starting gates in the race to 13, alternate break final and was streaking towards a total rout on the way to the title.

After splitting the first four racks, Appleton caught the type of gear every single pro player dreams about when they wonder how they would hope to play in a championship final. He had several break and run outs, he punished every mistake Lee made, and as he piled up the racks and his lead grew ever wider, he literally oozed confidence.

Clearly in that rarefied zone that's only reserved for the great champions, Appleton soon

found himself out in front 9-2. Lee got one rack back to make it 9-3, but that didn't deter the Englishman as a break and run and a clear off a scratch by the Chinese pushed the score to 11-3.

At this point, the score line and the body language of both players told the whole story; the match was surely over and it was just a formality of going through the last few motions before Appleton would be lifting the trophy. It was such a sure thing that Appleton's fans on Facebook took to congratulating "Darren Appleton, the new World 9-ball Champion."

When Lee grabbed the next rack to make the score 11-4, nobody even thought anything of it. When Appleton failed to convert off a foul by Lee in the next rack, and even scratched to help get Lee to 11-6, it still didn't mean anything to anyone. Indeed Appleton, for all intents and purposes, put the match away in the next rack when he cleared the colors after Lee left a safety open, and moved to within one of the world title.

But then, with Appleton leading 12-6, that moment came, that mysterious turning point where the balls, seemingly impregnated with a mind of their own, had had enough of catering to the Englishman's every whim, and abandoned him like the plague.

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Provided by guest contributor  
Jackie Karol

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"Kick at the stripe!"

"Send the cue ball 5 rails!"

"Jump the cue ball!"

"Massé!"

*Suckers.*

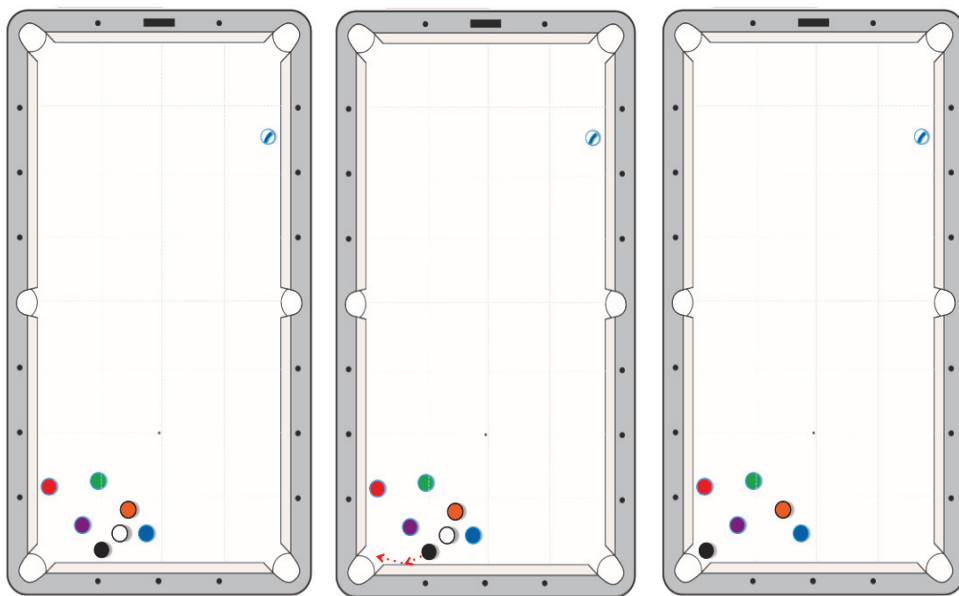
In this case, it is unlikely that you will even hit your object ball, let

alone make it and leave yourself in a position to make the 8. Whether you make a legal shot or not, you are left in the unenviable position of taking your seat and watching your opponent run out.

If you prefer to take a more aggressive and proactive approach, consider taking an intentional foul by hitting the 8-ball in order to block the corner pocket. Instead of returning to the table to run out, your opponent now has a much more difficult layout and some problem balls to contend with.

Rather than watching your opponent run out, you will most likely have at least one more turn at the table.

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# Allison Fisher and Gerda Hofstatter Clash in a Classic Battle for the 2012 WPBA U.S. Open Title

Story provided by AZ Billiards

The WPBA U.S. Open 9-Ball Championships were held at the River Spirit Casino in Tulsa, OK from June 7th - 10th. As expected, the field was comprised of the some of the top women players in the World including defending champion Allison Fisher, Jeanette Lee, Vivian Villareal, Ewa Laurance and Colorado WPBA players Melissa Little, Laura Smith and Nicole Keeney.



Allison Fisher

We'll pick up the action in the quarterfinals...

In the first matchup of the day, Great Britain native and defending champion, #1 ranked Allison Fisher quickly bested Swedish native Helena Thornfeldt 7-1.

In quarter final #2, Atlanta's Monica Webb, the #2 seed in this event, took on junior national champion Brittany Bryant of Canada with a 7-3 victory.

The third quarterfinal match featured a thrilling hill-hill battle between the "Black Widow" Jeanette Lee and Norway's Line Kjorsvik. A see-saw battle between the two veteran players put the score at 4-4 before Kjorsvik pulled ahead 6-4. But Jeanette won the next rack to pull within a game, then broke and ran the next to tie the match 6-6, and went on to close out the final game for a 7-6 victory!

The last match of the day was between Austrian native (now residing in Charlotte and six months pregnant!) Gerda Hofstatter, a veteran tour champion, and two-time junior national champion Mary Rakin of California, making her first-ever appearance in a televised match. Rakin drew first blood with a two-game lead but Gerda quickly answered with three of her own and the match was soon tied 5-5. An early miss by Mary put Gerda back in the driver's seat; she ran out to lead 6-5, then won 7-5 with a seven-nine combo. In the first semi-final matchup between the #1 and #2 seeds, the ESPN cameras rolled as Monica Webb and Allison Fisher, two veteran champions, took the stage.

Monica took the first point in the race to seven, but Allison quickly answered with two games of her own. Monica won the next three to lead 4-2. In the seventh game, Allison missed a surprising five ball in the corner that put Webb back at the table to extend her lead 5-2.

Allison picked up the next game to trail 5-3, and

then another to trail 5-4 when Monica ended up short on a nine ball and missed a cross-side bank. She then broke and ran out to tie the match 5-5, and again to get to the hill, 6-5!

With no shot after the break, Fisher was forced to push out. A safety battle ensued but Fisher got first look at a long, sharp cut on the one. She nailed that, and proceeded to execute a tricky rack to take the win 7-5! Webb finished tied for third place.

The second semi-final matchup took place between two long-time WPBA players and champions, Austrian native Gerda "G-Force" Hofstatter and one of the sport's best known players, the "Black Widow" Jeanette Lee!

Gerda struck first, quickly taking a three game lead in the race to seven. The fourth rack looked to be all Jeanette's until a miscue on the seven gave Gerda ball-in-hand and a 4-0 lead.

In game five, Gerda played safe on a five ball; Jeanette missed the kick and Gerda again ran out to lead 5-0. In the next rack, Hofstatter played safe on the one, leaving Jeanette a tough kick. Lee nailed the kick but left Gerda another rack to maneuver through to get to the hill 6-0.

Gerda broke and ran to a long three, missing and leaving Jeanette a view. Jeanette made a great run-out to get on the board, then broke and ran out to trail 2-6. Breaking in two balls on the next rack, Jeanette looked good to run another, but uncharacteristically rattled a two ball in the corner pocket.

Gerda made the two, came up short on the three and made a great shot but was left tough on the five, and missed. Jeanette ran out to trail 3-6, then won the next game before Gerda finally got a clear shot back at the table to take the match 7-4 and earn a trip to the finals to play Allison Fisher!

To start the finals, Gerda Hofstatter won the opening lag and break, pocketing the six and playing safe. Fisher missed the kick and with ball in hand, Gerda ran the rack to lead 1-0, but lost the safety battle in the next rack to give Allison her first game. Gerda got back to the table in game three, but Gerda missed a tough 8, leaving Allison a bank on the eight and an easy nine to pull ahead 2-1.

In rack four, Gerda made a classic two ball shot, only to be called a foul. She protested the call and officials reviewed on the ESPN cameras and the call was reversed! She then proceeded to make a brilliant run-out to tie the match 2-2.

The match tied again at 3-3, but then Allison took advantage of a foul and a 3-9 combo to lead 4-3, followed by a break and run to take the first two game lead in the match 5-3. In the ninth rack she won an early safety battle and ran out from the two ball to get to the hill 6-3.

In the final rack, Allison had a dry break but Gerda missed a long cut on the 2. Allison was hooked, kicked to safe. Gerda left a shot though and Allison ran out to win her record 6th US Open title!

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There are two more chances to qualify for the finals in August at the Majestic Saloon on August 4th and the Dam Grille on August 11th (see details on page 3). Hope to see you there!

## Ask The Viper...

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**Ken Margetts from Montrose, CO asks: Danny: "You're known for having a monster break on both the big table and bar box. I've watched you play, and have played against you several times, and something I've always noticed is that you rarely break dry.... Without giving up any of your secrets, what kind of changes/adjustments during a match do you make to your break to find your 'sweet' spot?"**

*DANNY: Willie Masconi once told me to break the balls as hard as possible because the quicker you strike the stack of balls the faster the cue ball will squat onto the table. So I took it heart and from then on I've always hits the balls as hard as possible.*

**Mark Chernin from Lecompton, KS asks: Is it legal to jump a ball**

playing One-Pocket?

DANNY: Yes, I believe so.

A special "Thank-you" to Danny Medina for sharing his thoughts on pool and for next month I'm interviewing Hall of Fame WPBA player Belinda "The Texas Bell" Calhoun. If you would like to ask her any pool related questions, please email them to me at [Melissa@melissalittle.com](mailto:Melissa@melissalittle.com) or you can find me on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/wpaviper](http://www.facebook.com/wpaviper).

Till next month,  
Viper ☺

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## Appleton wins World 9-Ball

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It happened when, after breaking in rack 19, Appleton had a wide open layout to the finish line and the world championship. But with just four easy balls left, he inexplicably snookered himself. Appleton was forced to play safe but a counter safe led to a foul and another rack for Lee.

From there on, everything went Lee's way, while Appleton couldn't buy a piece of fortune. Appleton blew a push out and Lee cleared to make it 12-8. Appleton left a safety open and Lee cleared again. Then Lee broke and ran to make the score 12-10.

Having come back from sure defeat, Lee was suddenly in free-wheeling mode, playing without a care in the world. Appleton, on the other hand, looked like he was bearing the weight of several worlds squarely on his shoulders. And it would only get worse.

Lee moved to within one at 12-11 when Appleton tried to jump but missed and left the shot on, allowing Lee to run out. With the drama building to a massive crescendo, Lee then coolly stepped up in the next game and broke and ran. After 24 racks, the World Championship was to be decided by one single frame.

With the crowd in a state of disbelief, and the tension in the arena at the boiling point, a shell shocked Appleton, who had only moments prior been waltzing his way to the world title, gamely stood up to give it one last go.

He got a ball down and could see the one ball, which he pocketed. But the 2-ball was unavailable and he played a safety. Lee then played a counter safety. Appleton then pulled out his jump stick and proceeded to make history; he jumped the cue ball over the blocking ball and potted the 2-ball at a fairly sharp angle straight into the side pocket.

The crowd erupted as a suddenly rejuvenated Appleton grabbed his cue and then picked off the remaining colors. As the 8-ball fell and left the Englishman with an elementary shot on the championship ball, Appleton let out a shout and pumped his fist. Then as the 9-ball fell Appleton roared like a proud lion. Impulsively he jumped up on the pool table with his arms and cue held high, then pumped his fists and shouted, then jumped down from the table and threw his stick onto the ground in pure joy and relief as the crowd lustily cheered him on.

After taking in the cheers, the hugs and congratulations from well wishers, Appleton tried to figure out what had just happened.

"At 11-3 down I lost my focus," Appleton said. "That's because I had played so good up to that point. I was anxious to get it over with. And I'm thinking, I can't lose, he needs a miracle. At 12-6 I was sure it was over because I had the easiest clearance you could ever have. But I snookered myself because I had too much adrenalin. Then after that, nothing happened for me. Around 12-10 I started feeling the heat."

For Lee he had figured the match was over when he was down 11-3 and he never considered he could come back until a few racks later, when he started to notice Appleton getting concerned.

"At first I didn't think I could catch up," Lee said through an interpreter. "Then at 12-6 I started to play well because it was like I had already lost the match so I was relaxed. When I started to get close to him I could feel that he was nervous and then I started to get excited, thinking I can win."

But while Lee nearly made a miracle comeback, it was Appleton who pulled off the miracle win, at the very last chance, in the biggest match of his life.

"If I'd have lost that match I would have jumped off a bridge," Appleton said. "But I played the best rack of my life that last rack. Incredible. I can't believe what just happened."



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# Kelly Fisher Claims the Gold at the 2012 Women's World 9-Ball Championship

Story provided by AZ Billiards

Capping an all around solid week of pool with yet another air tight performance, Britain's Kelly Fisher won the 2012 WPA Women's World 9-ball Championship with an emphatic 9-6 victory over Chinese superstar Fu Xiaofang, in front of a packed house inside the Richgate Shopping Center in this northeastern Chinese city.



World 9-Ball Champion  
**Kelly Fisher**

two huge names in Chinese pool on their own turf. The opening salvo came with a dramatic match against 2009 World 9-ball Champion Liu Shasha in the semi-finals. Fisher had to slog it out for over two hours and the contest went down to the last ball, with Fisher claiming a heart stopping 9-8 win by a whisker.

The final started well for both players. Fisher won the lag and broke and ran for the early lead.

With the victory Fisher now holds the distinction of being the only woman to ever hold the World 9 ball and World 10-ball Championships all at the same time. But perhaps more importantly, the win cemented Fisher's status as the hottest player in the women's game right now, and is a lasting testament to years of toil, long travel and plenty of near misses to go along with a lot of W's. With the victory she will now claim the mantle of WPA World Number 1.

It was an all-around brilliant Thursday for the 34 year old from Yorkshire, as she took down

Fu stepped up and did the same to tie the match at 1-1.

Fu then stepped on the gas for the next twenty minutes, performing perfectly, winning two safety battles sandwiched around a break and run, to go up 4-1.

Fu had clearly caught a gear and was well on her way to clearing the next rack for a massive 5-1 lead. But as she stretched far over the table to line up a shot, the referee called a foul, saying she had touched a ball with her shooting hand.

next rack after she buried Fu in a lockdown safety, forcing Fu to scratch. With Fisher up 7-5, Fu lost another when she inexplicably failed to hit a rail after trying to hide the balls.

Fu cut the score to 8-6 but Fisher went out in style with a break and run to reach the holy grail. But as the last 9 ball fell, Fisher didn't realize that she had won, as she thought match was a race to 11. Only when she looked up and saw Fu shaking her hand and the photographers furiously snapping photos did she realize she was the new World 9-ball Champion.

After receiving the golden trophy and drinking in the accolades from the throng of fans, an ecstatic Fisher said she was not only happy with her accomplishment, but also with the way she did it.

"I'm absolutely thrilled," a beaming Fisher said. "I can't explain what I'm feeling. I just can't believe it. I played really solid tonight. I played solid all week. Overall I'm really happy with my performance."

As usual with all the Chinese pool stars, Fu was the model of graciousness in defeat. She admitted, however, that the foul in rack six affected her frame of mind.

"After I fouled, the match seemed to change," she said. "And my emotions changed. I wasn't the same after that."

Fu also confessed that playing in a world championship final in China with millions of fans expecting her to win brought on almost unbearable pressure.

"The finals were stressful," Fu said. "I'm Chinese and everyone in China wants me to win."

Fisher, who pocketed \$40,000 for her win, pointed to Fu's foul in rack six as the point where the match turned. But after a week where she played brilliantly and won two 9-8 thrillers in the knockout stage, the new world champion figured there must be a much bigger picture involved.

"She was playing well until that foul," Fisher said. "That was the turning point. But you know this week somebody has been by my side."

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As so happens in pool, one small incident mysteriously sends the momentum, and the roll of the balls, over to the other side. Fisher cleared the table to cut the lead to 4-2. She then caught a break in the subsequent rack when an over-hit cue happened to land on a 6-9 combination, which she nailed.

Fu then missed a long one ball and Fisher cleared to tie at 4-4. In rack 9, Fisher grabbed her first lead at 5-4 when Fu left a safety open.

After the pair traded break and runs, Fisher started tightening the screws. She won the

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## August 4th

BC's Sports Pub	Open 8-Ball, 2pm start
Love's Shack	APA Singles Qualifier, Noon start
Majestic Saloon	Shoot To Win Tournament, 6pm start

## August 5th

Felt	One Pocket, 9' tables, 2pm, \$\$ added
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## August 11th

Greenfields	KC Mike Memorial Golf & Pool Tourney
The Dam Grille	Shoot To Win Tournament, 6pm start

## August 18th

BC's Sports Pub	Open Scotch Doubles, 2 pm start
Love's Shack	Stay in Stroke 9-ball Doubles Tourney

## August 25th

BC's Sports Pub	9-Ball Tournament, bar table, 2pm
Felt	State 9-Ball Championship, \$\$ added

## August 26th

Felt	A's and down 9-Ball, 10am, \$\$ added
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## Upcoming Events

Sept. 8	Wynkoop	CO State Junior 9-Ball Championship
Sept. 15	Felt	CO State Straight Pool Championship
Sept. 21-23	Felt	Shoot for a Cure 2012 - Cancer Benefit

See ads for more information



3355 S. Yarrow ~ 303-989-9820  
www.greenfieldsbar.com

**FREE POOL ON WEDNESDAYS!**

**HAPPY HOUR SPECIALS**  
Monday - Friday, 3 - 6pm  
\$1.00 off ALL Well Drinks,  
Domestic Drafts and Wines

## WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT GREENFIELDS?

**Sundays** - FREE Poker at 1pm, "Cash Box" Karaoke at 8pm  
**Wednesdays** - FREE Poker at 7pm, FREE Beer Pong 10pm  
**Thursdays** - FREE Beer Pong at 9pm, DJ at 10pm  
**Fridays & Saturdays** - Live Bands!

## WEEKLY TOURNAMENTS

- ★ **TUESDAY NIGHTS**  
- BCA 8-Ball, 8pm start, \$10 entry, money added
- ★ **SATURDAY NIGHTS**  
- Bar Table 9-Ball, 9pm start, \$5 entry

## AUGUST SPECIAL EVENTS

- ★ **AUGUST 11TH**  
- 8th Annual KC "Mike" Memorial Golf and Pool Tournament - For details and to sign up, email: shawn@greenfieldsbar.com



Greenfields wishes the best of luck to "Cheap Dates" at the 2012 APA National Team Championships . . .

Kirk, Erik, Hal, Jack,  
Jon, Todd, Luke, and Sally



Greenfields wishes the best of luck to "Spot by the Spot" at the 2012 APA National Team Championships . . .

Eric, Diane, Kyle, Cheryl,  
Paul, Beau, Anastasia and Jaime

## Band Schedule for August

**August 3rd & 4th** - Psycho X  
**August 10th & 11th** - Effrum the Bear  
**August 17th & 18th** - TBA  
**August 24th** - Cynister Cybil  
**August 25th** - Cedar Ave Blues Band  
**August 31st** - Soul Squared

# Places to Play

## ★★★ Denver Metro Area ★★★

### ARVADA

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

### AURORA

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

### BROOMFIELD

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

### COMMERCE CITY

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

### DENVER

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

### DENVER NORTH

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

### DENVER SE

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

### DENVER SW

ATHMAR LOUNGE – 1795 W Mississippi Ave, 303-935-5238  
FAT FENDERS B&G - 2490 W Hampden Ave, 303-781-9408  
IKE’S BAR & GRILL - 1050 W Evans Ave, 303-934-9000  
LONGSHOT LOUNGE - 3665 S Federal Blvd, 789-9653  
O STREET TAVERN - 3425 S Oleander Ct. 303-758-0332

ROCKET LOUNGE - 2950 W Evans Ave, 303-934-9729  
WHITEHORSE LOUNGE - 5130 W Alameda, 303-935-2656

### ENGLEWOOD

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

### ERIE/FREDERICK

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

### FEDERAL HEIGHTS

DAVIE'S LOCKER - 8855 Lowell Blvd, 303-429-0096  
ROADHOUSE SPORTS BAR - 8980 Federal Blvd, 303-487-1933  
SHOTZ - 2695 W 92nd Ave, 303-427-9910

### GOLDEN

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

### HENDERSON

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

### LAKEWOOD

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

### LITTLETON

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

### NORTHGLENN / THORNTON

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

### PARKER

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

### WESTMINSTER

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

### WHEAT RIDGE

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

Places to Play

\*\*\* *Around Colorado* \*\*\*

ALAMOSA

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

ASPEN

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

BOULDER

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

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

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

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

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

COLORADO SPRINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RASCALS - 1785 B St, 719-576-2238

RILEA’S PUB - 5672 Union Blvd, 719-598-6622

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

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

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

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

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

COLORADO SPRINGS AREA

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

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

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

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

CRAIG

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

DURANGO

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

ESTES PARK

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

TRIPPERS LANE 110 W. Elkhorn St. 970-586-4346

EVERGREEN

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

FORT COLLINS

COOPERSMITH BREWERY & BILLIARDS - 5 Old Town Square, 970-498-0483

HATRIX - 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

GRAND JUNCTION

BANK 8 BILLIARDS– 2460 F Road Ste #3, 970-255-8808

BRASS RAIL – 476 28 Road, 970-241-8686

GREELEY

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

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

LEADVILLE

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

LONGMONT

A BIT OF BILLIARDS - 700 Ken Pratt Blvd #105, 303-776-3952, Leagues, Tournaments, & Great Food

GROUP THERAPY - 1644 N Main St, 303-776-9541

LOVELAND

GRAY’S - 143 S. E. 14th St., 970-663-6133

NIGHT SHOTZ - 3329 Garfield Ave, 970-669-3727

PUEBLO

BIG DADDY’S SPORTS BAR - 4111 Club Manor Dr, 719-546-3636

CLASSIC Q’S - 1715 South Prairie Avenue (719) 924-8250

CLUB ENVY SPORTS BAR - 4065 Club Manor Drive Pueblo, CO 81008 (719) 696-8698

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

VFW POST #4264 - 924 Lincoln Ave, 970-879-9959

VAIL

ALTITUDE BILLIARD CLUB - Evergreen Lodge, 970-476-7810

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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

MOONLIGHT LIQUORS - 2305 E 12th, 307-234-7787

SANDBAR LOUNGE - 100 N Ash, 307-266-2745

VFW POST #10969 - 4570 W Yellowstone Hwy, 307-266-3221

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

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

RALFF’S - 121 N Broadway, 307-856-2837

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

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 - 2417 N Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs, 719-597-7974

ALPINE BILLIARDS SALES & SERVICE - 380 S Potomac St, Aurora, 303-617-0220

BEST QUALITY BILLIARDS - 10405 West 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,WY 307-686-2111

BMW BILLIARDS (Vending) - 970-391-7664

BROADWAYS BILLIARD CUES & SUPPLIES - 303-781-5755

3978 S. Broadway, Englewood

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 - 9030 E Philips Pl Ste 100, Centennial, 303-770-7771

FODOR BILLIARDS - 16565 N Washington St, Thornton, 303-920-0800

FODOR BILLIARDS - 3310 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Colorado Springs, 719-598-4611

FRONT RANGE POOL TABLES - 1600 E. Mulberry St. #3, Fort Collins, 970-419-0816

FRONT RANGE BILLIARD SUPPLY - 303-717-0040

GAME EXCHANGE OF COLORADO - 2650 W 6th Ave, Denver, 303-893-4300

GAME MASTER - 107 Quincy Street Pueblo, CO 81004 (719) 542-5832

HOME STARS DESIGN STUDIO - 2855 W Oxford Ave Unit 1, 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

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## 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 2012 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 - *Poolosophy* and *Zoobalistic* from Zoosters, *The Business* from Fox and the Hound, and *Spot by the Spot* from Greenfield's.

Four 9-Ball teams qualified for the Open 9-Ball National Team Championship - *Poolosophy* from Zoosters, *QFA* from Fox and the Hound, *Cobra Kai* from Big Willie's Inn and *Cheap Dates* from Greenfields.

Last, but certainly not least, *Love's Exceptions* from Love's Shack qualified for the Ladies 8-Ball National Team Championship

For more information or to get signed up with the APA, please contact **Peggy LeBlanc** at 303-205-9781 or you can visit the official APA website at: [www.poolplayers.com](http://www.poolplayers.com).



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**ZOOBALISTIC** - Todd Lowry, Michael Dancause, Chris Davey, Lauretta Oudeman, Deborah Muller, Patrick Riley, Beth Davis and Jeremy Parfitt



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**LOVE'S EXCEPTIONS** - Gloria Breedon, Virginia Heinrich, Rebecca Breedon, Tina Payne, Linda Murray and Amanda Breedon



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