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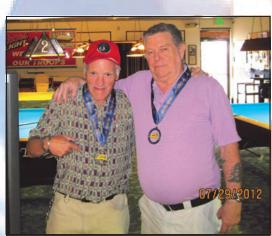
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Note from Editor: Due to an ongoing health issue, Tom will not be contributing new articles for awhile. For now, we will dip into his vast archives while he's on the mend. Please keep Tom in your thoughts and prayers.

A Great Stroke Produces Greater Confidence

April 2001

The one aspect of every pool player's game that comes up most often in conversation is stroke. Golfers talk about the purity of the swing and pool players the elegance of the stroke. The word itself is a catchall to describe the condition of one's game with expressions such as "dead stroke" or "out of stroke." Many committed players spend hours every day playing games or working through practice drills to refine their skills and most of them improve their strokes doing so. However, it's rare that any of us will set the game aside for a few minutes to focus on the stroke alone.

One common experience is the difference between the way we can move the cue in friendly games and the way that the same movement feels under the pressure of competition. The level of importance that we assign to a match creates concerns for us, the more important the match the greater the concerns. Those concerns move into our hands in the form of tension. Though we may never be immune to what is known as pressure, we can take greater control of the pool stroke so that we feel more confident and comfortable with it in pressure situations.

The most fundamental cause for concern is the balls themselves. Most players have the ability to stroke a pool cue very smoothly but will tense up a little when confronted with any shot. A player shooting alone can feel pressure from a desire to complete a practice drill. So to isolate the pool stroke completely from playing let's work on it away from a pool table. While you're at home take out your cue to spend ten minutes with your pool stroke on the diningroom table. If that bowl of oranges begins to resemble a rack of five balls you may want to move it. Now, with your eyes focused just past your bridge hand and a light grip on the cue, begin stroking back and forth at a constant speed

with no stops in front or back while making sure to keep your cue level. First, you must focus on making your stroke flow so delete any jerks or up and down action from the movement. Remember

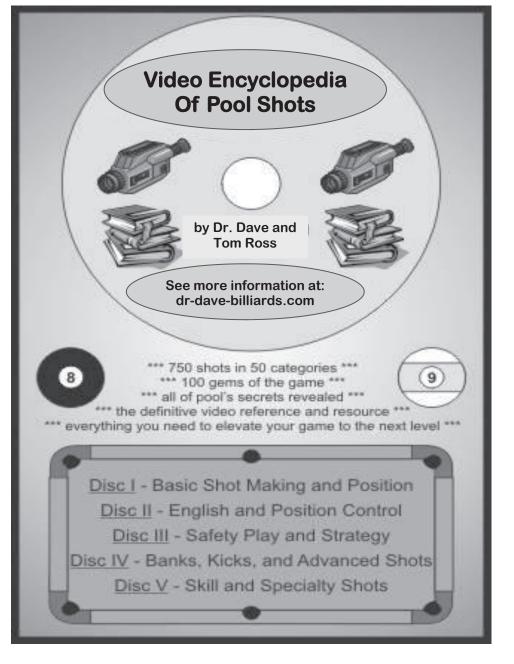
that you are stroking right now and not shooting.

Spend some time with your self and your smooth, straight, powerful pool stroke. After a short while this exercise can become hypnotic as your pool stroke begins to take on a life of its own and move without any real effort on your part. That's when your beautiful stroke will begin to find its way into your unconscious mind or what may be called muscle memory. When it begins to flow effortlessly you can employ some visualization to relate it to your game. Imagine a cue ball in front of you with your smooth, flowing stroke moving straight through it. Keep stroking as you do this; do not shoot. Without allowing your thinking to change the flow of the motion visualize yourself making long shots, cut shots, draw shots, break shots, game winners or any shots you wish. Imagine your most dreaded opponent helpless in the presence of such a gorgeous stroke. Try not to imagine your most

gorgeous opponent offering to help you with your dreadful stroke. Imagine yourself (remember not to disrupt the flow same speed forward, same speed back) stroking this smoothly in the competitive environment. Or don't imagine anything; simply comfortable and relax with your flowing stroke as it sets itself in a deep definite groove. Spend ten minutes a day with this exercise and watch for an elevation in your confidence level to follow. If nothing else, it will relax you and it's free; call it the pool player's meditation.

On the pool table one way to improve your stroke is to spend some of your practice time shooting with an open bridge. Shoot off three or four racks each day with an open bridge while paying attention to your stroke on the follow through. Does it remain straight and level? For a good practice shot set up a long, straight shot and shoot it repeatedly just below center with firm speed for perfect stop shots. Focus on your long, straight follow through. To go a step further try the shot that Bert Kinnister recommends for stroke mastery. Place the cue ball next to the diamond halfway between the side and corner pocket with the object ball next to the corresponding diamond down the rail. Shoot the shot very firmly to pocket the object ball and roll the cue ball forward a half ball's width onto the exact spot that the object ball occupied. He believes so strongly in this shot that he guarantees it will produce a great stroke for anyone who shoots it a hundred times a day.

Most players at every skill level have the ability to shoot with a straight, smooth and powerful stroke but often allow tension to get in the way. Since your stroke is the factor that you have most control over it makes sense to isolate it and spend some time practicing with focus on it. Perhaps the great players make it look so easy because they practice trusting themselves to step aside and allow the stroke to perform.





Q & A's by WPBA Pro Melissa Little

Email your questions to: info@cuetimes.com



An Interview with Legendary WPBA Player Belinda "The Texas Belle" Calhoun

Belinda Campos was born on March 5th, 1953 in Austin, TX. She started playing pool recreationally at the age of 18 in a little bar called Hillside Inn in Austin, TX. After seeing her first "Billiard News" in 1973, she knew her lot in life was set. Her extensive career has brought her over 50 titles across the USA and her most memorable ones are the following:

1985 World Straight Pool Championships at Niagara Falls, NY –Beat pro player Mary Kenniston (Guarino) in the finals.

1985 US Open Champion at Norfolk, VA – Beat pro player Ewa Mataya Laurance in the finals

1985 WPBA National Championships New London, CT - Beat pro player Linda Haywood in the finals

1983 & 86 Classic Cup in Chicago, IL - defeated pro players Peg Ledman and Bonnie Hoffman respectively

1981 & 1984 BCA National 8-Ball Championship in Las Vegas and Fort Worth defeating pro players Sher Lively and Linda Hoffman

1983 Villa Capri Open in Austin, TX defeating pro player Lori Shampo

1991 NPBA National 8-Ball Championship in Las Vegas, NV.

The Interview

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

Belinda: Off the table, establishing a dress code, mandatory players meetings and serving on the WPBA board of directors for 20 years where I always stressed, "what's good for the WPBA is good for me." On the table, I'd probably say...7 and out, unfinished, at the World Championships. (Tournament was race to 7, 2 out of 3)

VIPER: Did you ever play in a pool league?

Belinda: By the time I established leagues in the Austin area in 1987, pros were not allowed.

VIPER: Where do you draw your inspiration? *Belinda: The pursuit of perfection*

VIPER: Are you good at any other sports?

Belinda: Name one; pick one; what's your second best game?

VIPER: Describe yourself in three words.

Belinda: Mother, Pool player, Redeemed

VIPER: If you had to live your life over again, what would one thing you change about your

self or your career?

Belinda: For myself, I would have sought the Lord much sooner. For my career, I would have focused more on being a player rather than a board member.

VIPER: Who influenced you the most in pool?

Belinda: I'd been playing about 3 years when all the players came to town for the Texas Open. I got a table and started hitting balls (showing my talents) when Louie Roberts came over to me and said, "You might be a pretty good player in about 10 years." Initially I was crushed! But it was an eye opener and motivated me to practice with a purpose. My good friends and coaches Beverly Averyt and Bob Hempel spent countless hours of their time and talent helping me to hone my skills. Later in my career I had the great fortune of being introduced to Robert McCullough. (Colliding Spheres) I learned more about the how and why in three years than the previous twenty. He totally rebuilt my game.

VIPER: Who are your favorite professionals?

Belinda: Efren Reyes for his knowledge in all games, Buddy Hall for his stroke timing and cue ball control, and Earl Strickland for his "high gear."

VIPER: How did you prepare for events?

Belinda: My life was a preparation, I ate, drank, and slept pool until of course, I had my children and then it was anytime I had a chance.

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

Belinda: From my good friend and coach Bev Averyt – she, herself, was a world-class athleteher advice was just "Do it". We were driving to a tournament in my mom's motorhome. We actually spent a few years on the road. Mainly between Texas and California. What a book that would make!!!

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

Belinda: The pressure or rather overcoming the pressure. Slaying the pressure. Lording over the pressure. Making it submit to my command. Oh sorry, got a little carried away there!

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

Belinda: Seek out a "qualified" instructor/coach.

Viper: What was it like to be elected into the WPBA Hall of Fame?

Belinda: An honor, of course. Having my sister there made it special and the fact it was on my Dad's birthday, who had passed two years prior. After I got home, we had a celebration at the pool room and played the video from the presentation. I had lots of friends and players present. That was the last time I saw Wilma Lowry who was the manager of "Moyer's," the pool room I "grew up" in.

Viper: What was it like to play as a woman in Austin when you first started playing?

Belinda: There were virtually no women playing at the time. I remember putting quarters on the table and getting dirty looks from the guy holding the table. He would say, "We're playing for x" and I'd say, "my money is green." The other line I heard way too many times is "how 'bout we play for your body." Years later, I waited for the perfect situation to get even! It felt really good to turn the tables. Readers: don't get the wrong impression. I just got to deliver the line!!!

What did your parents say about you playing pool for a living?

Belinda: In the beginning, my mom helped me cover up the fact I was going to the pool room every day. In my family, you were either in school or working, period. My dad followed the same route so I would park in the back. I got up to be at "work" at 8 and came home after 5. Mother knew I was going to do what I wanted to do! Later, of course, they were both proud of my accomplishments. Mother came to Rockford, Ill in 1977 to a US Open Qualifier and to Dayton, Ohio for the US Open. She couldn't come in the tournament room to watch because she was way too nervous. She was also with me in Vegas (1981) for my first National 8-ball Championship. (Out in the hall!)

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

Cathy Jo Sawyer Almanza from Waco, TX asks: Ask her about the miraculous final few balls that she ran out in the finals of the Texas State Open one year... these were all extremely thin cuts, down the rail shots: she made the first one, the next ones got progressively tougher, but she never flinched... she knows exactly the rack I'm referring to: everyone who was watching (and holding their breath) will never forget it... just wish there was a video of it... it was amazing... but that's Belinda ©

Belinda: I got a rush just reading this!! This was the toughest rack ever and it was in the finals, case game against Vivian. You know how some racks are just "funny," nothing leads to the next ball and that leads to nowhere. (Why didn't I play safe?) I remember setting it up later for all comers to try and get out. No one ever did. Thanks, Cathy Jo, for reminding me. How fun!!! Too bad I couldn't even begin to set the balls up again!

Cary Pacatan from Orange Park, FL asks:

What kind of cue do you play with? When do you know when its time to retire from playing pool?

Belinda: I play with an Annie O. Anne Mayes was a good friend, business partner, fellow player, and created cues with the latest technology. Anne was a great promoter of our sport. Your second question is easy. When you no longer love the game with a passion and when you no longer learn something every time you screw together.

A special "Thank-you" to Belinda Calhoun for sharing her thoughts on pool and till next month you can find me on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wpbaviper.

Till next month,

Viper ©

WPBA Pro Melissa "The Viper" Little is currently the house-pro at the Wynkoop Brewing Company located in Downtown Denver.

You may have a heart of gold - but so does a hard-boiled egg **By OMG**

September 15th, 2010

While at the 2010 APA National Team Championships, I signed up for a 9-ball minitournament. My first match was close, but I managed to scuttle away with the win. That meant I was down to the elite eight in this tournament — which sounds good until I tell you there were only 16 players to begin with. Regardless, the next match would determine if I would make it to the final four and guarantee myself a 3rd place finish with hope that I could make it to the finals and get first (or second).

In my next match, I met my opponent, a large, bug-eyed fellow at the tournament desk. As we walked over to our assigned table, I couldn't help but notice his rather slim ankles which seemed out of place with the rest of his mass. It was a strange and irrational observation. However, I am a strange and irrational person. Or perhaps I was jealous. Anyway, as we began to assemble our cues, I got a distinct "vibe" from Mr. Buggy Retinas.

The table we had been assigned was a highly visible table. In addition to being right next to the main throughway, it was at the very end of a row of tables and right next to the tournament desk where everyone milled about. Mr. Buggy Retinas was interacting quite a bit with the spechis topic of conversation, his manner of speaking, and who he spoke to. This was important.

Mr. Buggy Retinas, you see-

Wait a second, I really shouldn't call him Mr. Buggy Retinas. He can't help it if his eyes bulge any more than I can help it that my eyes make me look like I'm asleep when I'm wide awake. All right, that's an unfair nickname to give him, so let's give him another.

Let's call him — oh, I don't know — Scott Medeiros.

That sounds like a proper name for a pearshaped dude with convex eyes and concave ankles.

Scott Medeiros was talking loudly with — I shouldn't say with, I should say at — a trio of gentlemen wearing the same team shirt. Scott Medeiros was doing most of the talking and he seemed to be emphasizing his own greatness as a player. The gentlemen listened, but I found it odd that they did not actively participate in the conversation. Rather, they stood and seemed merely to indulge his loudness. My initial assessment of Scott Medeiros was this: a dude who believes he is always right; if he loses, it's

tators as we assembled our cues. I took note of rarely his own fault — more likely he will say he lost because of the equipment or something his opponent did; someone who is used to intimidating other players and getting his way by being loud and/or threatening.

> Of course, I could have been completely wrong. Scott Medeiros could simply have been loud due to being hard of hearing. Perhaps he had recently improved in play and was so overjoyed he had to share this development with his closest friends and I merely misconstrued his ecstatic happiness as annoying boasting. As for his intimidating manner, well, he was a portly specimen of flesh and the initial apprehension smaller animals have of larger animals is an instinct Nature has programmed in almost all of us. If I thought of him as a pear on two toothpicks, he would seem less intimidating.

> All the same, I made a decision to speak as little as possible during this match. He might have been jolly old St. Nick camouflaged in cargo shorts and flip flops, but I believed being cautious was still the best route. A closed mouth attracts no foot.

We began to play.

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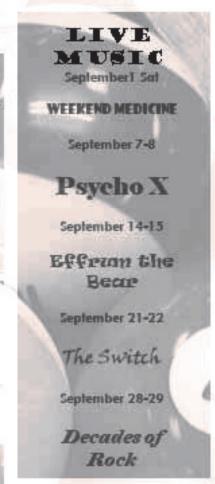
September 8th- 8 Ball Pool Thunder Tournament AT LOVE SHACK

8 September 15th-Scotch Doubles Handicapped Tournament - BCA Rules - \$20 Entry fee per team - Double Elimination, \$100 added if 8 or more teams. Sign up by 12:45pm, starts at 1:00pm

September 22nd - APA Appreciation Tournament, 8 Ball winners bracket, 9 Ball losers bracket, \$10 entry fee, APA Members only, 1st Place wins prize money plus Billiards Accessory Package. Free Giveaways throughout the tournament. Sign up by 11 45am, starts at noon. Capped @ 64 players

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This month, let's play for the kids!



by Samm Diep August 2012 ©

As the new Executive Director for the Billiard Education Foundation (BEF), we officially deem the month of September as National Jun-

iors Pool Month. The BEF was founded in 1994 and has since awarded over \$200,000 in academic scholarships. This nonprofit charitable organization is committed to promoting education through scholarships, Pool in School programs, and junior leagues and tournaments across the country.

In honor of Juniors Pool Month, I dedicate this article to the kids because ultimately they are the future of our sport. Let's start a movement this month! Let's play for the kids.

Here are 10 ways we can all support our junior stars:

1. Be a role model. Say something encouraging to a junior player you know. A few positive words can go a long way. Can you still recall something nice a mentor said to you when you were a kid?

- 2. Give a free pool lesson to a junior player. It doesn't have to be a one-hour lesson. Just give them a few pointers that they can practice.
- 3. Run a juniors clinic. If you really enjoy teaching, offer a juniors pool clinic to the local young players. Get some neighborhood companies to donate some goodies. They will surely appreciate it.
- 4. Make a donation to the BEF. All donations in the form of cash or product are tax deductible and go directly to benefit BEF programs.
- 5. Set up a BEF donation box at the counter of your favorite pool room. Help the BEF raise money for the juniors. Visit http://billiardeducation.org/support-bef/ donation-box/ to order a complimentary donation box.
- 6. Set up a BEF donation button on your website. Visit http:// billiardeducation.org/support-bef/befbanner-ads/ and choose between nine different banner ads. Copy and paste the code to embed it.
- 7. Organize or participate in a BEF fundraiser event. If you enjoy competing, this is the perfect way to show your support.

- Host a tournament and raise money for a worthy charity at the same time.
- 8. Start a juniors league. Talk to your local league operators about starting a juniors division of their league.
- 9. Ask a high school near you if they offer a Pool in School program or would be interested in it. Contact the BEF office for more information on getting this started.
- 10. Pass it on! Tell your friends about the BEF and stay informed on ways you can all help support the future of our sport.

There are many ways to support juniors pool in your area.

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Date: August 10, 2012

September is National Juniors Pool Month!

BEF Launches a Month to Play for the Sport's Future Stars!

The Billiard Education Foundation announces September as official Juniors Pool Month across the country. Under new direction, the nonprofit organization is reaching out to pool enthusiasts from coast to coast to help raise money for junior pool programs, including leagues, tournaments, and scholarships and pool in school programs.

As the annual pool season kicks off, the BEF is challenging the industry, players, and fans to arrange and support fundraisers. "Let's start a movement! League operators, tournament directors, and poolroom owners already raise money for their favorite charities. We're simply asking that BEF be this month's recipient," said Samm Diep-Vidal, Executive Director.

Fundraising campaigns will be highlighted in billiard publications, poolrooms, retailers, and social media. Many ways people are supporting juniors pool across the nation include fundraiser tournaments, raffles, auctions, monetary and product donations, and through spreading the word about the BEF and its efforts to promote the next generation of players and fans.

For more information on ways to get involved, contact Samm Diep directly at 303-667-8000 or samm@billiardeducation.org.

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Hard-boiled egg by OMG

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Scott Medeiros was a highly offensive player. I played at least three good safes on him that he multi-rail kicked, and made, and then ran out. He took a big lead. I think the score was something like his 21 or 22 to my 4 or 5 at one point. Both of us needed to get to 40 points. He was obviously very, very confident and comfortable in this situation. He continued to talk loudly and animatedly with his friends and spectators. I broke my silence only once, to address his friends neutrally, "This guy a friend of yours?"

The two or three guys in red and black looked at each other for a moment before looking back at me. One of them cleared his throat and said, "He's — he's okay."

"I see."

I found this terse endorsement of Scott Medeiros very interesting. Meanwhile, Scott Medeiros continued to play like he didn't care, like this match was beneath his notice, but it didn't matter because he was playing very well and the margin between our scores was only widening. We only spoke twice. Once, when he stood right over a shot I had to reach for and instantaneously yelled "FOUL!" when I touched the ball I was shooting over, and once again when he indicated that I had forgotten to add a point to his score. And he was correct. I had missed the fact that he had shot in a 2-8 combination as I had been adding up the points when he had made that shot. I added the point to his score and we continued.

Scott Medeiros was surely guaranteed victory by now, and it showed in his play. He slacked off just a little on one rack and I managed to get some points. I buckled down and began to focus. The chances of me pulling off a victory were slim — but not impossible. Slowly, I ground it out. The score was getting closer but I wasn't exactly sure what it was. All I knew was that Scott Medeiros was very close to winning so in order for me to win, I could not let him score any more points.

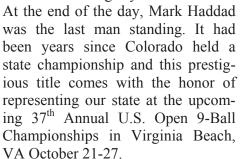
He broke a rack, made the oneball, and scratched. The layout was pretty open, but the three, four, and five sat in a slightly tricky positions. Position to make these balls had to be very exact. I made the two, but got slightly out of line on the three. I would have to shoot the four-ball jacked up over the five, and I had to make sure after I cut the four (which was at a somewhat steep angle) I would still be able to have a shot on the five. I elevated my cue and prepared to shoot the four. I thought to myself, be very careful with speed, don't let the cue ball run too far or you won't have a shot on the five... I took some careful practice strokes. I paused, ready to deliver the final stroke when I heard, "What the f— is this? What the f— is wrong with you?"

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Haddad Crowned Colorado State 9-Ball Champion provided by Haddad went undefeated

Results provided by Felt staff

On August 25, 2012, the best of the best of the best of the Colorado pool scene vied for the title of Colorado State 9-Ball Champion. Players came from Fort Collins, Colorado Springs, and even Albuquerque, New Mexico for their chance at the glory.





US Open Qualifier **Mark Haddad**

through a field of Colorado's finest players, defeating Tony Piazza in the finals. 19-year-old former Junior National Champion, Danny Olson proved he could hang with the big guys, finishing tied for fifth with Denver's favorite Adam King, and eliminating Marc Vidal on the b-side. Olson's run came to an end when he relinquished his 5-1 against the reigning champ from last month's event, Ruben Silva. Another familiar face in

the winner's circle was "ATM" Andrew Pettenger who finished in third place.

Felt players gear up for the \$2,000 Added Season Finale in November. The only event remaining in the series is the upcoming Colorado Straight Pool Championship held on

September 15-16. Players needed to play in a minimum five events to be eligible to compete in the finale.

1 st	Mark Haddad	\$500 Entry to 2012 U.S. Open
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3 rd	Andrew Pettenger	\$200
4 th	Ruben Silva	\$90
5 th	Adam King	\$50
6 th	Danny Olson	\$50

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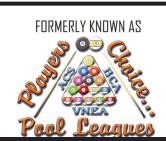


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FRI (8/10)

bar table 8-ball - 13 players 1st - David D. \$55 2nd - Steph \$35 3rd - Darren \$20 4th - Brett \$10 Top Lady - Robbin \$10

SAT (8/11)

bar table 9-ball - 10 players 1st - Danny M. \$80 2nd - James F. \$60 3rd - Rick F. \$40

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FRI (8/17)

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SAT (8/18)

bar table 9-ball - 17 players 1st - Jeff \$80 2nd - Chisolm \$45 3rd - Darrin \$25 4th - Will S. \$10 Top Lady - Tina M. \$10

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The Future of Juniors Billiards is in Good Hands

By Chris Honeman, Cue Times Billiard News Editor

After many years of being at the helm of the Billiard Education Foundation (BEF), local WPBA professional Laura Smith is handing the role of Executive Director over to Samm Diep-Vidal. As many of you know, Samm has long been established as one of Denver's top players and instructors. She has also garnered a strong national reputation as a writer and online interviewer. Most recently, Samm took over as House Pro and Marketing Director of Felt Billiards in Englewood AND gave birth to her daughter, Clara. While her plate is pretty full, she is really excited about devoting a part of her efforts to furthering the mission of the BEF as well.

For those of you not familiar with the Billiard Education Foundation, it is a non-profit organization committed to promoting education and encouraging the development of life skills through youth billiard programs. The BEF supports youth by funding academic scholarships, producing the Junior National 9-Ball Championships and sponsoring billiard athletes to attend the WPA World Junior 9-Ball Championships. In addition, the BEF encourages youth to stay in school and further their education while building and maintaining a lifelong love of billiards through the "Pool in School" program.

As the new BEF Director, Samm plans to put an

emphasis on two areas that need the most attention: 1.) Raising the public's awareness of the BEF and 2.) Fundraising to be able offer more Pool in School programs, to offer more scholarships and to help support juniors leagues and tournaments around the country. To that end, the BEF recently announced that September is Juniors Pool Month and they are challenging room owners, players, fans, and the entire billiard industry to put a special focus on raising funds for the various BEF programs this month. Samm also plans to raise

month. Samm also plans to raise awareness by having a booth at many of the national tournaments and trade shows. As a matter of fact, she just returned from the APA National Team Championships where she conducted fundraising raffles and made herself available at the BEF booth to answer questions and promote the BEF.

Their most anticipated event of the year is the Junior National 9-Ball Championships and it will be up to the BEF (and Samm in particular) to produce the tournament. This includes coordinating with the venue and the equipment vendors and working with participants' parents to arrange lodging and travel. Many of the kids qualify for the event through their local VNEA, BCA, and APA leagues systems. In addition, there are a few



BEF Executive Director Samm Diep-Vidal

State Juniors Championships. With additional funding, Samm notes that BEF would like to help get these types of qualifiers in states that don't currently have them. To help promote involvement by youth of all ages, four divisions have been created: ages 14 & under and ages 15-18 with each age bracket having a boys and girls division. Not only do the top finishers earn the prestige of being a national champion, they also qualify for the World Junior Championships. Once again, with additional funding, the BEF envisions playing a much larger

role in sponsoring the U.S. qualifiers to attend the World Championships.

So how can you help this worthwhile organization? There are a few ways . . . You can go to their website at www.billiardeducation.org and click the "Chip In" button. Also, if you buy a cue through PoolDawg.com, you will have an opportunity to donate the value of the free gift you're eligible for to the BEF. If you're a room owner, consider hosting a tournament where a portion of the proceeds will go to the BEF. If you do decide to put together a benefit tourney for the BEF, let us know here at the Cue Times. We will provide complimentary advertising for your event! But whatever you do, just GET INVOLVED so the next generation of pool players have a chance to enjoy the game the way we do!





Shark Infested Waters at Love's Shack Leave Two New Champions "Chompin' at the Bait"

Results provided by Richard Montoya, **Tounament Director**

Giovanne Lave (from Pueblo, CO) and Ken Margetts (former Japanese champion) take advantage of the entire field as if there was blood in the water . . . or was there? Thirty-two teams from as far north as Greeley and as far south as Pueblo came to play 9-ball scotch doubles, but the favorites did not win! In fact, Greg Kingsbury and Derek Skonecki (Unstoppable Force) lost two hill/hill matches to go out early. That is just one example of how scary it was.

Everyone was required to have nicknames for their teams and there ware some good ones: Beauty (Jen Hostert) and the Beast (Jon Amo), Zig (Mary Vasquez) and Zag (Bennie Perry), Fire (Rich Montoya) and Ice (Holly Figueroa) and so on. Anyway, we all had a great time. Fun was had by all!



The undefeated team "Gioken" -Ken Margetts (L) and Giovanne Lave (R)

Team "Gioken" Giovanne and Ken won the tournament by going undefeated. They started with a win over "G2" James Fortin and Jayson Santiago, then team "David and Goliath" Dusty Trujillo and Mike Poitra, then "Bratha's" Bob Garcia and Phil Stewart. They had to spot team "Resin and Roaches" Joshua Ramey and Frankie Lester 3 games to 7 and they managed to chew off enough to get the win and the right to play "King Kong and Blondie" John Sandifer and Deb Worcester for the hot seat. They beat them also and waited to see who would prevail from the loser's bracket. King Kong and Blondie got it done by defeating an ever-present pair of sharks by the name of "La Familia" Dave Mondragon and nephew Leonard Romero, who always seem to smell blood at the end of most tournaments. La Familia lost to King Kong and Blondie when a certain shark laid down a safe that would end the match by shooting an already wired 9-ball. Nice shot King Kong!

Coming in fourth place was "Jordan & Pippin" Brandon Ceja and Dominic Duran Sr. They won the first game to make the score 5-0, then La Familia took them to pool school 101 by winning the next 7. Whew what a lesson! These are some beginner players from Lil's Bar, but I have a feeling we will be seeing more of them. Good shooting guys. La Familia also managed to beat "Bread & Butter" Larry Sposato and Jim Calderon 7-2

putting them in 7/8th. It was not pretty but very effective. They also managed to knock off a pair of sharks called the "White Boys" Dave White

La Familia Leonard Romero & Dave Mondragon

and Rick White (father and son team) 7-5.

I have to say it was one of the smoothest tournaments I have ever been associated with. Thank you to all the players and sponsors: Dale James Chalk Holders, Dave Wuestney Cue Maker. A special thanks goes out to Games People Play and Deb Lile (owner of Love's Shack) for the \$700.00 added!

Watch the Cue Times for my next events coming in September at Hank's and in October at

Here is how they finished:

Team	Team Name	Place	Tourney	Auction
Giovanne Lave & Ken Margetts	Gioken	I^{st}	\$700.00	\$400.00
John Sandifer & Deb Worcseter	King Kong & Blondie	2^{nd}	\$550.00	\$300.00
Dave Mondragon & Leonard Romero	La Familia	3^{rd}	\$350.00	\$200.00
Brandon Ceja & Dominic Duran Sr	Jordan & Pippen	4^{th}	\$200.00	\$150.00
Joshua Ramey & Frankie Lester	Resin & Roaches	5^{th}	\$150.00	\$100.00
Rick & Davie White	The White Boys	6^{th}	\$150.00	\$100.00
Andy Benefiel & Johnny Eskimo	Giants	7^{th}	\$100.00	\$65.00
Larry Sposato & Jim Calderon	Bread & Butter	8^{th}	\$100.00	\$65.00



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Hard-boiled egg by OMG

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Stunned, I stood up from the shot and turned around. Scott Medeiros, eyes looking like water balloons about to burst from his oddly small skull, had forcefully thrown the pen down on the scoresheet and thrown his hands in the air (and waved them around like he didn't care). I was almost certain he was having a stroke. I noted the contrast between his rapidly reddening face and the extreme whites of his eyes. It reminded me of Christmas. "What?"

"What the f— is wrong with you? What the f— is this?" He motioned to the scoresheet with a rage-filled. expectant look. I didn't know what he was referring to and my blank look served only to enrage him further. He made a wide-sweeping motion with his arms towards the scoresheet. "AM I THE ONLY ONE KEEPING SCORE HERE?!"

I went over to the scoresheet to take a look. I still didn't know what had triggered his ire since I had also been keeping score. I looked at the score sheet. He was at 33, I was at 32. "I... don't understand."

"YOU NEVER MARK MY POINTS."

"What?"

"YOU NEVER MARK MY POINTS."

"I don't?"

"Yeah, why don't you pay attention, HUH? I'M SUPPOSED TO HAVE MORE POINTS THAT THAT! WHAT THE F— IS WRONG WITH YOU?" He had stood up now and I was seriously thinking he might hit me. He gestured again with his arms. "YOU DON'T F-ING PAY ATTEN- I remembered a quote I had read TION DO YOU?!"

I looked at the score sheet. "You're supposed to have more points?"

"F— YEAH I'm supposed to have more points! You've already done this three times. I've already asked you THREE TIMES and you still

keep f—ing up!"

Let's discuss scoring APA matches.

In regular play, scoresheets are very detailed, with the number of innings, defensive shots, timeouts, etc. noted. For mini-tournaments, the process is much simpler. In eight-ball, you mark what games you have won. In nine-ball, you mark what balls/points you made. First one to make it to their assigned number of games or points, wins.

As you all know, I'm almost exclusively an eight-ball player. This was my second season of nine-ball and I rarely take score during league play (since I have to take the bus 38 miles to league, I try to play and leave as soon as possible so I can make it home at a decent wee hour). Thus, I'm only used to marking score after every game (8ball), not after every ball (9-ball) pocketed.

Now, I did not recall that he had already asked me "three times" to correct the score. I only remembered the single incident involving the two-eight combination mentioned earlier. But, Scott Medeiros was not the kind to believe he was wrong.

Scott Medeiros had a valid argument. I was not used to marking score after every ball and I often had to remind myself to do it when playing nine-ball. There was no way to really determine if the score was correct, or incorrect, but there was the possibility I hadn't kept score correctly. I'm a person who prefers to find a solution to a problem rather than waste time figuring out who to blame. Throughout Scott Medeiros' entire rant, I had never raised my voice nor indicated anything other than complete neutrality. I was trying very, very hard to be a proper pool player.

earlier:

"Remember, people will judge you by your actions, not your intentions. You may have a heart of gold—but so does a hard-boiled egg."

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Results from the Stay in Stroke Billiards Thursday Night League at Hank's

Between first and last place, there was only a 373-point differential and the top 5 teams had a chance to win or lose with two weeks to go! What a battle! We are looking forward to the next one starting the first week in September!

Top shooter went to Richard Andrada (National BCA Seniors Champion), 2nd went to Greg Way and 3rd was Larry Romero (2nd in the VNEA Nationals 9-Ball). What a group of players that is! WOW!



Top Finishers from End of Season tournament: Greg Way (2nd) and Dusty Trujillo (1st)

Here is how they finished:

Team Name –pts	Place	League Payout
Kikki Rivera- 2404	1^{st}	\$1700.00
Brian Krapes-2404	2^{nd}	\$1400.00
Rich Montoya-2394	3^{rd}	\$1200.00
Dave Mondragon-2734	\mathcal{A}^{th}	\$1000.00
Kevin Lacombe-2475	5^{th}	\$900.00
Larry Sposato-2343	$\boldsymbol{6}^{th}$	\$700.00
Mike Lopez-2245	7^{th}	\$650.00
Eddie Garcia-2309	8^{th}	\$650.00
Bob Kelly-2372	9 th	\$600.00
Bob Winter-2189	10^{th}	\$500.00
J.D. Barajas-2063	11^{th}	\$500.00

Thursday Night League End of Season Tournament at Hank's Billiards

Dusty Trujillo capturing his second Thursday night in-house end of season tournament. Here is how it happened...

Usually the player auction will tell us who the champion might be. In this case, the favorites were half right. Dusty in comparison to his peers was not favored. But in the end, he doubled-dipped Greg Way in an aggressive manner after losing

to Greg for the hot seat 4-2. Dusty started out beating Al Montoya 4-2, Rich Montoya 4-3, Hank Rivera 4-3 and Rich Pope 4-3. Then, as if he were possessed, he beat Hank again 4-3. He showed his so-called "Old School Skills" by banking out on Rich M., Rich Pope and Hank with some sick shape. He was destined to become champion on this day. Congratulations to Dusty!!!

In a match up for 3rd place, Hank and his son Kikki had to play one another with dad ultimately showing his experience. Watch out dad! There is a new kid on the... or a chip off the old block.

When all the dust settled, it was Hank won 4-3. Other players finishing well were Ken Margetts and Rich Pope at 5th & 6th.

> Hank added \$500.00 to the tournament (thank you). He also added \$1,000.00 to the league payout for a grand total \$9,800.00 total league purse. Hank's pays 100% back to the players every season. Larry Sposato runs the league, so a big thank you goes out to him and to all the waitresses, bartenders, and helpers!

> Please set an example - support all leagues, practice, buy a cue, read the Cue Times, teach someone, join a league, or play in as many tournaments that you can. Together we can make our billiard community even stronger!

Tournament Payouts:

1^{st}	Dusty Trujillo	\$280	\$500
2^{nd}	Greg Way	\$210	\$400
3^{rd}	Hank Rivera	\$140	\$300
4^{th}	Kikki Rivera	\$ 70	\$200
5^{th}	Ken Margetts	\$ 20	\$35
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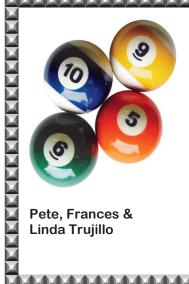


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Top Finishers from the Broadways Sports Tavern Finals Event (L to R): Mark Morgan (1st), Jimmy Gardner (2nd) and Tony Gonzales (3rd)



Scott Burley was oh-so-close to making that 10-ball on the break and winning the Harley.



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Scott Medeiros had no way of knowing that I was not trying to cheat. I could, however, do my best to make things right and show him that I meant well. "Go ahead and put down whatever score you think is correct." This was the only solution I could offer that I believed would satisfy both of us. Even if Scott Medeiros marked his score all the way to 40, thereby giving him the match, I would not argue.

Oddly enough, he did not take this offer. He did not even change the score. "You didn't mark three or five points, that's the whole match right there!"

Perhaps he did not hear me. "I said you could put whatever points you think I missed. I'm okay with that."

"That's not the POINT!" Now I was royally confused. I thought the whole issue was that I had missed some of the points he had scored. I had just given him carte blanc to add whatever amount of points he wanted. If that wasn't the issue, then what was? "Are you going to f-ing pay attention from now on?"

I did not like being scolded in this manner, but, in the interest of doing my best to present women's pool in a professional, polished manner, and in the name of SPORTSMANSHIP (that flag vou holier-than-thous like to wave in my

face from time to time), I took it.

I breathed deeply, and said again, as evenly as I could, "Just put whatever points you think you should have."

Scott Medeiros continued ranting. "Is it going to happen again? Is it? I don't want to be the only person taking score, you know."

"I'm sorry, I don't normally play nine-ball, so I'm not used to taking score this way. In eightball, you just mark the games. I'm sorry if I missed some points."

"Yeah, but I asked you NICELY THREE TIMES to fix the score!" I had offered the two things I could offer: a solution, whereby his score could be corrected, and a sincere apology (I rarely apologize for anything). I wasn't sure what more I could do. He seemed to have something against my very presence. More people gathered.

I thought of another solution. Turning to the assembled crowd, I asked, "Will one of you take score for us?" Eyes flickered apprehensively to one another but no one seemed to want to take the job. I didn't blame them. I sure as hell wouldn't have volunteered. There were a few murmurs, but no one volunteered. "I'll pay someone to take score. Please. I just want to continue this match, and I don't trust myself to take score." Finally, one brave gentleman took the pen and said he'd do it. Scott Medeiros was angrily muttering to himself but he didn't seem

to object. I had successfully defused the situation and I walked back to the difficult shot on the four-ball. I tried to focus and got down to shoot.

"She never f—ing marked my score! Three points could mean everything in this match, you know? She probably wants to win that bad. What the f—!"

OMG! WTF?

I stood up and turned around.

Scott Medeiros was once again telling people in the crowd the saga of How I Did Not Mark His Points.

Now, I thought I had already did everything I could to solve this situation. I watched and listened to him complain some more. In particular, I did not like the fact that he was insinuating that I was cheating in order to win. I took a deep breath. I went over to Scott Medeiros. "I thought we were okay with everything. I said you could add whatever points you wanted, and now we have someone else taking score for both of us."

"Yeah, I'd like to be the one just sitting around ready to shoot instead of taking score but you don't see me doing that, do you?" He was bringing up things I thought we'd already solved to satisfaction. Apparently, Scott Medeiros had an unknown dinosaur bone to pick.

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Young Skyler Woodward Takes Down a Field of 150 to Capture His First Olathe, KS Midwest Event; Little Takes Ladies Title Again.

Open 9-ball results:



9-Ball Champion Skyler Woodward

In the hot seat match, it was Young 19-year-old Skyler Woodward winning 9-8 against Shane McMinn. On the loser's side, it was Alex Olinger losing to Shane Mcminn 9-5 to finish 3rd place in the tournament, which placed Shane in the finals. Being a true double elimination tournament Shane would have to beat the young gun Skyler twice to win the

championships. Shane won the first set 9-6 and lost the second set 9-4 to finish 2nd place. Skyler Woodward from Ledbetter, KY was ecstatic to win his first Mid-West championship. He later confessed that he was tired of finishing in the top-10 in previous events and surprised himself by winning the tournament.

One-pocket results:

The final four the of winners side was John Gabriel winning over Bob Dickerson 3-1 and Michael Perron Jr. winning over Robert Frost 3-2. The hot-seat match it was John Gabriel over Michael Parron Jr. 3-1.

On the losers side it was last year's winner Mark Haddad who had a series of wins including Alex Olinger 3-2, Joey Gray 3-1, Tommy Tokoph 3-1, Juan Perez 3-1, Bob Dickerson 3-0, Robert Frost 3-2 who finished 4th in the tournament and Michael Parron Jr. 3-1 who finished 3rd in the tournament. And in the finals it was Mark Haddad who had a serious run to win the title but came short by losing in the first set 3-1 against hot-seat winner John Gabriel. Congratulations to John for going undefeated to win another Mid-West One-pocket championships.

Ladies results:

In the final four of the winners bracket, Melissa Little won over Karen Lincoln 7-4 and Nicole Keeney winning over Jessica Frideres 7-6. In the hot-seat match



Ladies Champ & WPBA Pro Melissa Little

Nicole won over Melissa 7-5 and in the losers bracket young Liz Lovely won a few matches in a row to lose to Melissa 7-2 to finish 3rd in the tournament. Being a true double elimination tournament Melissa won the first set against Nicole 7-5, and in the final match Melissa won

7-4 to win the championships again.

A special thanks to all of the players who participated, tournament director Evelyn Dysart, owner of Shooters Billiards in Olathe, KS Dan Tull and the entire staff of the pool hall for making this event successful. Till next time...

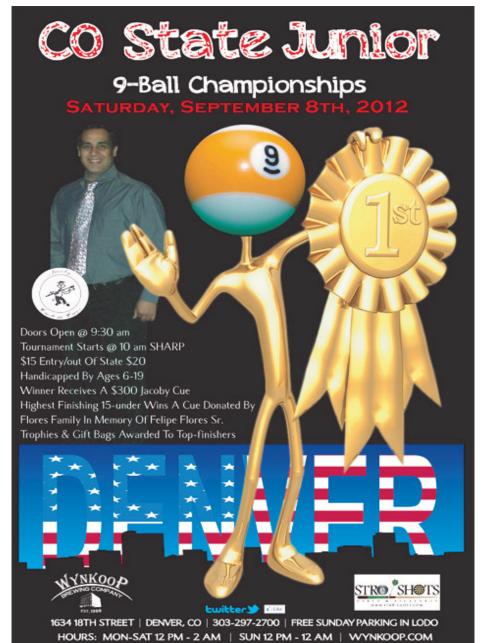
Results:

Open: 150 players - 1st; Skyler Woodward, 2nd: Shane McMinn, 3rd: Alex Olinger, 4th: Darren Everett, 5th-6th: David Matlock & Marvin Sollars, 7th-8th: Mike Banks Jr & Bobby Dickerson, 9th-12th: Rusty Cates, Mark Chernin, Chip Compton & Joey Gray, 13th-16th: Russell Pace, Andrew Pettenger, Chuck Raultson & Whitey Walker.

Ladies: 25 players - 1st: Melissa Little, 2nd: Nicole Keeney, 3rd: Liz Lovely, 4th: Jeannie Vogelsang, 5th-6th: Jessica Frideres & Karen Lincoln

One-Pocket: 56 players - 1st: John Gabriel, 2nd: Mark Haddad, 3rd: Michael Perron Jr, 4th: Robert Frost, 5th-6th: Mike Banks Jr & Bobby Dickerson, 7th-8th: Chip Compton & Juan Perez

- Results provided by Melissa Little -





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ticipation in the sport of billiards.

PRESS RELEASE

Contact: Kimberly Griffiths August 3, 2012

Brewing Company on Sat., Oct. 13th.

The cost of these classes are \$49 and will include a cue & case as well as group-setting lessons with the two pros. The first hour the kids will show their artistic side by decorating their new cues/case with stickers and markers. The second hour, the pros will teach the kids new games and they will participate in noncompetitive challenge matches with one another to win goodie bags.

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What Would a Sucker Do? If you look around and don't see any suckers ... YOU are the sucker! (Part 3)



Provided by guest contributor Jackie Karol

You have <u>stripes</u> here. You are now on the 8-ball. Your opponent has 2 solids left. What do you do?

"Kick at the 8-ball to make a legal hit!"

"Massé around the solid!"

"Kick at it with lots of speed and try to bank it across the table!"

Suckers.

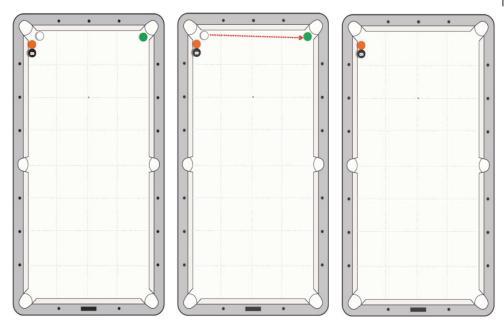
Here's a situation where taking an intentional foul will stack the odds in your favor, whereas doing the "right thing" and attempting a legal hit on the 8-ball is suicide. In this

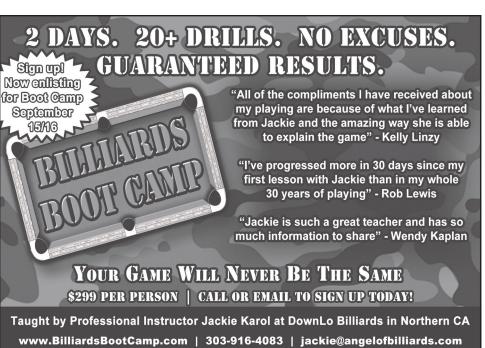
case, if you try to hit the 8-ball, you will likely solve your opponent's problem by breaking the solid ball and 8-ball cluster and giving them an easy run out. Therefore, there is no payoff in making a legal hit on the 8-ball.

Instead, make an illegal hit and pocket their solid ball in the jaws of the corner pocket and give them ball-in-hand. Now it is almost impossible for them to run out and also almost impossible for them to play safe.

Now instead of watching your opponent run out, you get to watch him struggle. Your chances of winning are much higher with this approach than if you try to make a legal hit on the 8-ball.

Jackie Karol, House Pro at DownLo Billiards in Chico,CA League Operator & Tournament Director www.AngelofBilliards.com and www.Billiards-Bootcamp.com





Hard-boiled egg by OMG

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"I'm sorry about that," I said. "We already have somebody else taking score so it won't happen again." Scott Medeiros was very worked up about this whole thing. I tried to think about what I could possibly do to placate him, if only so we could continue to play. "I'm sorry," I said again, and this time, I put out my hand for a handshake. This was the sincerest sort of apology I could ever offer.

He shook my hand and as he shook it, he said, "I asked you NICELY. THREE TIMES. To fix the score!"

This was a goddam nightmare with no end.

"I'm sorry," I said again.

Scott Medeiros then proceeded to repeat his litany of grievances: what the f— was wrong with me, why the f— didn't I pay attention, I was costing him points — valuable, valuable points that might cost him this match, etc. After each grievance, I could only say, "I'm sorry." Of course, this did not satisfy him. I racked my brain to find another solution, but I could not. I forced myself to stay quiet and polite, which went against everything in my genetic code. This match was now extremely visible and a sizable crowd was watching. Since I came here representing my league and my league operator, I was unwilling to reflect poorly on them. My nerves were getting extremely frayed.

"Go play the game!"

"You still seem angry about this. I already tried my best to fix things, and I said I was sorry. There isn't much I can do."

"Yeah, you said sorry seven times already."

"Well, you keep talking about it. I wanted to make sure things were okay."

"AND I ACCEPTED YOUR APOLOGY. GO PLAY THE GAME." "Then why do you keep talking about it?"

"WILL YOU JUST GO AND PLAY THE GAME?!"

This was a low moment in my pool career. I had (possibly) wronged an APA player. I had apologized. I had searched for solutions to rectify the situation. I had shaken this asshole's hand. All in the name of sportsmanship and fairness for this beautiful game I loved to play. And it got me absolutely NO WHERE.

I returned to table.

As I lined up over the difficult shot again, I could hear Scott Medeiros complain to the crowd again. I made the four, and made the five while listening to Scott Medeiros complaining the whole time. I stood up before shooting the six. "I SAID I WAS SORRY."

"Will you just shut up and play the game!"

My ability with words is insufficient to describe the mix of emotions I had at that moment.

Anger. Anxiety. Frustration. All the stress boiled to a point and tears forced themselves out of my eyes. I HATED this game right now. I never thought I would — and I have suffered incredibly for this game. But, here, in the example set by this dipshit named Scott Medeiros I saw the future of the game. It would never get any better. It could only get worse. As you play better, the game gets easier — it's the people that get more difficult. Sportsmanship: you ain't worth a jug of warm spit.

Scott Medeiros was perfectly fine when he held a gigantic lead in this match. But, the minute I pulled close, everything was suddenly wrong.

I HATE THIS GAME!

In this dark moment where I was mere seconds from forfeiting this match, and with it, this game for life, someone said, "Why don't you stop being an asshole and just let her play the game?"

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Tournament Trail

SUNDAY

Felt 10-Ball, 9' tables, 2pm start, \$100 added Match Ups, Ft. Collins 9-Ball, 9' tables, \$\$ added, 3pm start

MONDAY

Felt FREE Pool Tourney, 8 & 9-ball, A's down, 7:30pm

A TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

BC's Sports Pub 9-Ball, 1 pm start, \$5 entry Wynkoop Brewing Co 10-Ball Tournament, \$\$ added

THURSDAY

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

A FRIDAY

Antique Billiards 9-Ball, Colo Spgs, 719-597-9809

BC's Sports Pub 8-Ball, bar table

Felt 8-Ball, bar table, \$\$ added, 7:30 pm

Hank's Billiards 9-Ball, 7pm start Love's Shack 8-Ball, bar table, 2 pm start

Match Ups, Ft. Collins 8-Ball, bar table, \$100 added, 7:30 pm

SATURDAY

BC's Sports Pub 9-Ball, bar table, 8pm start
Felt 9-Ball, bar table, \$\$ added, 4:30 pm
Greenfields 9-Ball, bar table, 9pm start, \$5 entry
Hank's Billiards 8-Ball, \$\$ added, 2pm start
Love's Shack 8-Ball, no AAA's, \$\$ added, 7pm

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

Special Events

September 1st

BC's Sports Pub Greenfields Open 8-Ball, 2pm start 9-Ball, bar table, 1pm start

September 2nd

Felt

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

September 8th

BC's Sports Pub

Love's Shack

Wynkoop

9-Ball Tournament, 2pm start

APA 8-Ball Thunder, 1pm start

CO State Junior 9-Ball Championship

September 15th

BC's Sports Pub Open Scotch Doubles, 2 pm start
Felt Colo. State Straight Pool Championship
Greenfields Scotch Doubles, Handicapped, 1pm start
Hank's Billiards "Stay in Stroke" 12's & down, singles

September 22nd

Felt 2012 Shoot for a Cure Cancer Benefit Greenfields APA Appreciation Tournament, 12pm

September 29th

Felt APA 8-Ball Tourney, see pg. 10 for details Greenfields 3-Ball Tournament, 1pm start

Hank's Billiards "Stay in Stroke" Scotch Doubles Tourney

September 30th

Felt

8-Ball, 9' tables, 2pm start, \$\$ added

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Hard-boiled egg by OMG

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In a flash, Scott Medeiros had jumped to his feet and was roaring at the crowd. In the MASSIVE exchange of words that ensued between Scott Medeiros and the crowd, I could only discern a few phrases/ideas/concepts.

Scott Medeiros:

"Why you calling me an asshole? SHE'S THE ONE THAT'S WRONG!"

"What's me being from Jersey gotta do with any of this?!"

"You're only on her side because she's a little girl. If she was a 250-pound guy, YOU'D ALL BE ON MY SIDE."

"I'M NOT THE ONE WHO'S WRONG! SHE'S THE ONE THAT CHEATED ME OUT OF POINTS!"

Crowd:

"Just shut up already."

"If she was a 250-pound guy, you wouldn't try to pull this s—."

"Are you from Jersey? You gotta be from Jersey."

"Even if she was a guy and she was wrong, you would still be an asshole."

Scott Medeiros was soon threatening to kill everyone in the crowd.

Throughout the melee, as insults and threats went back and forth, I fixated on one thing that simultaneously saddened and angered me: Scott Medeiros had brought sexism into this game.

I understand that, as a girl, most people would say I can never really "lose" when I play a guy.

If I win, it's spectacular because a girl is not supposed to beat a guy. If I lose, it's not a big deal because, hell, wasn't I supposed to lose? Seems like I got the good life all lined up, right?

Wrong.

Guys, I cannot tell you how many times I was told I beat a guy simply because I was a girl. "Oh, he's got trouble playing girls." "He went easy on you." "He let you win." Just like how my losses to men aren't really losses, my wins aren't really wins.

On a worthless coin, BOTH sides are worthless.

I missed on the six and Scott Medeiros ran out. That brought his score to 38 and within two points of winning the match.

I racked the balls. Scott Medeiros was still busily engaged in endearing himself to the crowd by calling everyone assholes, emphasizing that since I was a little girl, that's the only reason they thought he was an asshole, telling them he was going to find them and "f— them up", etc. At one point, he said, "I don't need this, I forfeit. You wanna win that bad?! FINE!"

I was done indulging his theatrical drama-queen shenanigans. I said nothing to encourage or deter him. I was done. I merely waited as he started to break down his cues while arguing with the crowd. Then, he changed his mind and broke the rack, anyways. Whatever. He didn't make a ball. As Scott Medeiros continued his love affair with public opinion, I ran the hell out and won the match.

As I was packing up, Scott Medeiros' face suddenly thrust itself over the spectator railing and his hand shot out in front of my face. I looked at it. He wanted a handshake. Detestable. But since my hands were covered in smeared eyeliner and snot, I figured sportsmanship was worthy of another shot and this snot otter known as Scott Medeiros should have his hand shaken.

As I shook his hand, Scott Medeiros said forcefully and angrily, "You're the one that's wrong, you know that, right? YOU'RE. THE. ONE. THAT'S. WRONG."

If only we could turn Scott Medeiros' gripes into light bulbs.

They would last forever.

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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

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ALAMOSA

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

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

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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 RDEWING CO 2.5 Pilkey Page Avg. 719.6

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

HATRIXX - 6013 S College Ave, 970-229-1599 MATCH UP'S - 625 S Mason, 970-482-2337, Pool Leagues

PITCHERS! SPORTS RESTAURANT - 1100 W Drake Rd., 970-493-5374

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 JOHN<u>STOWN</u>

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

LEADVILLE

LVER 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

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

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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, 303-770-777

FODOR BILLIARDS - 9030 E Finings F1 Ste 100, Centennial, 303-170-7771

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 SPA PALACE - 8601 W Cross Dr, Littleton, 303-972-4932

SPLASH AND RACK - 13750 E Quincy Ave, Aurora, 303-680-2000 ROCKY MOUNTAIN POOL TABLE – 301 Main, Windsor, 970-686-1111

TD ROWE AMUSEMENTS (Vending) - 303-455-4500
TRIANGLE BILLIARD SUPPLY - 5950 S Platte Canyon Road Unit A1B, Denver, 303-935-3734
WOODY'S BILLIARDS INSTALL & REPAIR - 720-628-6053

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

Peggy LeBlanc, 303-205 APA - SOUTH & EAST METRO DENVER - Chuck Rooney, 720-427-4629, apapool1@comcast.net

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

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

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