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On Saturday Oct 12th, the 17 teams that qualified for the Tri-Cup by either being High Points in their Division or winning the Division Playoffs met for the preliminary rounds. Teams were looking to make it to the Top 8 and return on Sunday. Not only are the Top 8 Teams all qualified for the regional event, they were back on Sunday to play for their portion of the \$2,800.00 prize purse. For the Summer Tri-Cup, our Regionals Qualified teams are: Chalk is Cheap, Longmont; AOTS, Ft Collins; Lori's Misfits, Longmont; Chapo's Team, Greeley, The New Guys, Longmont; Best Rack Ever, Ft Collins; Craw Daddy's, Longmont; and GnomeAttic, Boulder.

In the end, 4 winners advanced to the money round where, in each of the 2 brackets, the winners take home \$1000.00 and the losers still walk away with \$400.00 for the team. In bracket 1, it was Chalk is Cheap vs. Lori's Misfits in the battle of 2 Longmont teams and in straight wins, Chalk is Cheap walked away with the victory. Our other money round match up was the Boulder team of GnomeAttic vs. Best Rack Ever of Ft Collins. In a hill-hill nail biter, GnomeAttic managed the win with the good thinking and solid defensive shots of their anchor, Nate.

Overall it was a great weekend of pool at one of the finest establishments in Northern Colorado, Match Ups. 8 teams will be advancing to the next level in their quest for Vegas, 4 teams took home some good money and a great time was had by everyone. If you would like to be part of the fun contact Kevin and Erin Leivonen, APA League Operators for Northern Colorado at 303-862-0466.

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Adventures at the 2013 BCAPL Championships, part 2

by OMG

DAY TWO

As instructed, I went to my singles match first. I won and checked the brackets. I saw that my doubles match was now scheduled for the space in between my first and second singles matches.

The air conditioning for the convention center was still mostly out of commission. Of the three main tournament rooms, there was only enough power to air-condition one at a time, so the air conditioning was rotated between the rooms. You could sweat yourself to half your size in one room and then freeze from lack of insulation walking into another.

My partner and I did no good in our doubles match. In particular, I did not break nearly well enough to do any good. Our opponents, on the other hand, broke well and played well. At one point, the guy on the other team smashed the rack and made five balls. I looked at my partner and said, "I can't beat that." He replied, "Very few can." Sigh. But, the other team was supernice (and we knew them) so other than being kicked to the loser's side, the match was thoroughly enjoyable. We checked with the tournament desk regarding when we would play our loser's side doubles match and were told to check back again. Singles matches would still

take precedence over doubles matches scheduled for the same time slot.

I won my next singles match and checked the board again. Our loser's side doubles match had been scheduled for later in the day.

Things got interesting at my next singles match. There was a tall guy practicing on the next table. He had a very wide stance and constantly got in the way of me and my opponent. It can be hard to play when you don't know if you will be bumped or shoved at any given moment. I often waited for Mr. Oblivious to be done flailing around the table rather than risk him running into me if I tried to shoot quickly between his orbits. Many times, he would stand at the side of the table and shoot the same shot over and over again, even though we needed to shoot as well. I think both my opponent and I hoped he would eventually notice we were playing a match and at least give us the courtesy of alternating rightof-way for shooting. No such luck. At one point, my opponent went up to him as he thrashed away at the same shot over and over again and said politely, "I'm sorry, but I have to shoot. We're playing a match." His reply? "That's all right, I'll just be a minute."

Seriously. What. The. HELL?!

This was a delicate situation. I wanted to tell this guy to move. At best, he would likely move over the barest minimum of space required and then stand RIGHT next to us staring and huffing and chalking impatiently as we shot (actually, it happened), as if we were inconveniencing him this dude wearing an ugly-ass polyester shirt who HAD NOTHING AT STAKE. That cheap-ass shirt was a goddamn crime against humanity in itself. (PRO TIP: 3 collared shirts for \$9.99 make you look like \$3.33+tax, not a million dollars. So quit your vain-ass strutting.) At worst, he would probably argue back and an altercation would happen (c'mon, it's me altercation guaranteed!). That altercation would take me out of focusing on the match. In the end, I opted not to engage and decided to just try and deal with it.

My opponent played well and I fell behind. It was not impossible to come back and win – it would just be very, very, very difficult. I drew every last mental and physical resource together. I made a decision, made a plan, and then sallied forth — right into a famous gambler who had come to work out a money game.

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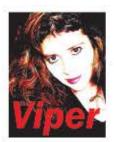
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Ask The Viper...

Q & A's by WPBA Pro Melissa Little An Interview with Pro Player

Shane Van Boening



This month I am proud to interview one of my favorite professional players and the #1 U.S. player... Mr. Shane Van Boening!

The Interview:

Viper: Where were you born?

Shane: I was born in Jackson, WY in 1983.

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

Shane: In 2007, I won my 1st major title, the US Open in Chesapeake, VA, and then followed with winning the 2007 Reno Open beating Johnny Archer twice in the finals to win the championship. That was also the first year I was invited to participate in the Mosconi cup.

Viper: Do you have a nickname yet?

Shane: They have been calling me "The South Dakota Kid" forever.

Viper: What are your short-term goals?

Shane: I am currently in North Dakota participating in a bar table event and then I am going straight to the US Open and then off to England to play in the World Pool Masters.

Viper: What do you do when you're not com-

Shane: I enjoy my time golfing, hunting and fishing with friends and family.

Viper: Do you have siblings?

Shane: I am the oldest of four. I have three sisters who live in Rapid City, SD. My youngest sister is 17 years old and no... not one of them play pool!

Viper: Who got you started in playing pool? Shane: My grandfather owned a pool room called "8-Ball Express" and both my mom and aunt were BCAPL National Champions and

semi-pro players.

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

Shane: They are extremely proud of my accomplishments.

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

Shane: Absolutely hands down, the best pool players in the world live in Asia — especially in the Philippines and Taiwan! I think one of the reasons is because here in the United States all the players are so spread out! Over there, they only have a couple of poolrooms and all the best players hang out together and push each other. Their only focus is to improve and become dangerously the best!! Plus, over here there are way too many handicaps and bar tables — you don't see any of that over there!!

Viper: Who is/was your favorite pro player growing up?

Shane: "Francisco Bustamante" because he is so fearless!!

Viper: Do you currently have any sponsors?

Shane: Cuetec Cues!! The BEST cues in the world!!

Viper: Did you ever play in a pool league?

Shane: The first 10 years of my young career, I played in Valley Leagues (VNEA).

Viper: Are you good at any other

Shane: Golf and fly-fishing.

Viper: Describe yourself in three words? Shane: Quite, hard-working and athletic.

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

Shane: I wouldn't make any changes because I AM LIVING THE DREAM!!

Viper: How do you prepare for events?

Shane: I practice at least 3 hours before matches and I am always working on my break. (Viper: When I am on the road and see Shane, he is always practicing - even in-between matches - the kid is like a machine!)

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

Shane: My grandpa once told me to work on my break and try to break the balls like "Mike Segal". I took it to heart.

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

Shane: I LOVE beating everyone!

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

Shane: Life is short, so go to school and enjoy what makes you happy!

Viper: What's your Favorite game? Shane: Bar table 8-ball.

Here are some Facebook questions for you...

Erika White from Black Hawk, CO asks: Shane, who is the toughest opponent you've ever played?

Shane: Francisco Bustamante.

Brian Ruden from Golden, CO asks: You have one of the best breaks on the pro tour and you break with your playing cue. Why do you use your playing cue to break with and does it cause any problems with your tip? Also, what tip do you play with? Is it hard, medium, or soft? Shane: Yes, I break with my playing cue and I have a Kamui tip - hard.

Phillip Pensabene from Georgetown, TX asks: How did you develop your amazing stroke

and were you mentored by anyone?

Shane: Its all natural and no-body really helped me.

Josh Soneathit Souvannakasy from Anchorage, AK asks: Shane what went wrong with your hearing?

Shane: I was born deaf.

Jackie Claxton from Springfield, MO asks: What drives you

to play? Which is hardest for you... the mental aspects of the game or preparing after you find out who you're playing?

Shane: What drives me to play is winning! It does not matter who I am playing but its all hard work in the end!

Eric Mayeda from Greeley, CO asks: What drills do you run when warming up for events?? Shane: No drills, just playing 10-ball patterns.

Shaun Pierce from Tempe, AZ asks: What achievement in pool are you most proud of? Who are your favorite MLB and NFL teams? Shane: My victory at the 2007 US OPEN. I don't follow baseball, but I do like the Dallas Cowboys.

Linda Trujillo from Cheyenne, WY asks: Shane, are you single and available?! Shane: No comment!

Gail Eaton from Los Angeles, CA asks: Shane do you have any pre-tournament and/or pre-shot routines?

Shane: All I look for is patterns.

When did you know you could stand with the best players in the world?

Shane: When I was 17 years old I beat proplayer Danny Harriman.

Johnny Tan from Brunei, Malaysia asks: What is his cue weight and ferrule size? Shane: 19 oz. and 12.2 mm.

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

Till next month you can find me on Facebook: www.facebook.com/melissalittleakatheviper

Viper ©

Melissa "The Viper" Little has been a WPBA Touring Professional for over a decade, has represented the USA in six WPA World Championships, and has over twenty-five top 10 WPBA career finishes. Melissa teaches monthly clinics, gives private lessons, and has developed a juniors program that promotes billiards education to the local youth.

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I like tournaments. I like gambling. I sometimes like one a little more than the other, but that usually depends on how well I'm doing in which particular rodeo. Gambling and tournaments are like significant others — neither should meet the other(s) because then sh#t gets complicated.

Sh#t got complicated.

As some of you know, it can be hard to get a game and a good amount of action sometimes only comes about because both parties felt like negotiating or playing and were conveniently in the same place. Yet, I wanted to win the tournament, too. I was stuck because I could not make a decision. I never had to make such a decision so I had no precedent to follow. When you can't focus on one or the other, you lose both. I did not focus on my match, so I dogged that off magnificently. Since I could not give full attention to negotiations, I was also unable to pin down a game.

Sometimes, that's just how it goes.

Now that I have gone through the experience of someone woofing at me during a tournament match, I know exactly how to handle the situation, should it ever arise again (HIGHLY unlikely, I think).

C'est la vie.

Nothing to do now but wait for my singles loser's side match.

Despite playing some fairly decent eight-ball and being in a position to win more than once, I also dogged this one off and ended up in the tournament slot that has accurately defined my life as of late: one outta the money.

Our doubles match had been pushed to the next day as my singles match, and those of my partner, had run very late. As I walked through the main tournament room to catch up with all the people who (wisely) avoided me when I was in competition, I heard a distinct, "Hey! I'll take that drink now."

I began to feel the effects of tournament fatigue to the point where I was — dare I say it — relieved to be out of the singles event. It meant one less event for me to lose sleep and food over. I was half-alive in one event. Two other events had not yet started. Life was all right for now. I was treading water, which was not as good as swimming forward, but was certainly better than drowning.

DAY THREE

Since I lost singles yesterday, I spent the rest of the evening being shuttled from one party to another, which was fantastic. I knew that was a bad idea, but I did it anyway. Because I am the World Champion of Bad Decisions. Just kidding. Because I am human and I get pissed off and act unprofessionally pretty much all the time. Also, I really am the World Champion of Bad Decisions.

I got back in the morning and I couldn't sleep. I had too many thoughts going on at once. I read a little, dozed a little, and ended up zombifying myself in front of the in-room professional tournament livestream.

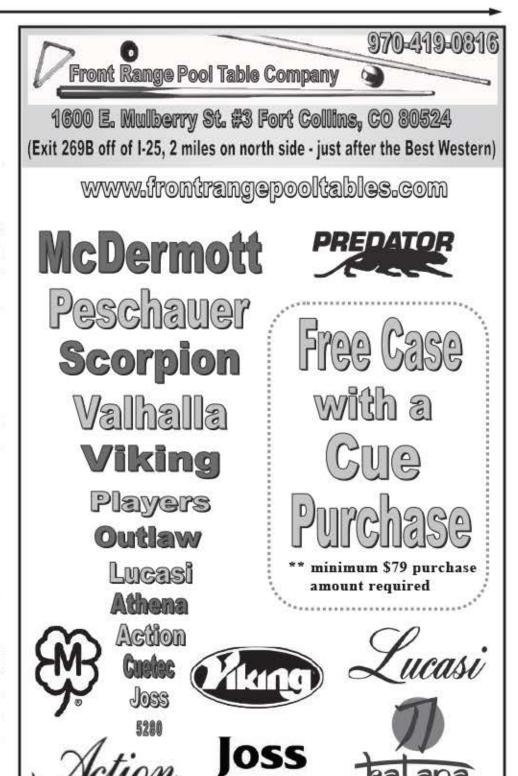
Regardless of what I am some of the time, I suppose I am a pool nerd all of the time. I made my way down to the tournament room.

I finally got tired and went back to my room to veg out until it was time to play my doubles match.

My partner had been knocked out of his singles match earlier and we were both very "ugh" about things. We lost 0-3 and that was that. We had cashed, but not for any significant amount after the entry fee expense.

And now, I had something else to do....

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Allison Fisher Completes Mighty "Team West" for Queens Cup

Manila, Philippines - 15x World Champion Allison Fisher is the final piece of the greatest western women's team ever assembled in the sport of billiards. England, Austria, and the United States form the mighty Team West as they take on Team East from Asia which consists of China, Korea, Taiwan, and the Philippines in this year's JBET.com Queens Cup! The many times World #1 Allison Fisher will join fellow World Champions Jasmin Ouschan (AUT), Captain Kelly Fisher(ENG) and Vivian Villarreal (USA). The East vs West ultimate team showdown between the world's greatest lady professional billiards players will take place at Resorts World in Manila, Philippines on November 5th-7th, 2013 . The Queens Cup will be played on MIN Table of Korea with Andy Cloth as the Official Cloth to be used during all televised matches. Official Team Clothing by Focused Apparel. OB Cues is the Official Cue of the JBET.com Queens Cup which is co-sponsored by Miracle Slots. The Queens Cup is produced by Dragon Promotions and filmed by ABS-CBN Sports and will be aired live in over a dozen countries in five continents. The JBET.com Queens Cup will also air internationally for free www.insidepool.tv

Allison is the only player living that has been ranked #1 in the world in 4 different decade eras. Fisher won 11 World Snooker Championships before switching over to American pool and won another 4 World Championships, a record 5 US Open Championships, and a total of 144 major titles. By far, Fisher is the most accomplished player amongst all the champions in the Queens Cup.

"I have always liked the idea of team events. I think there is mutu-

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World Champion & Newest Team West Member Allison Fisher

al respect both ways between the west and the eastern women ", said Fisher. "The concept of the Queens Cup is important because I think it showcases the greatest talent in the World"

"Allison Fisher is royalty in billiards. Her charisma, style, and class will be well received during the Queens Cup", said Cindy Lee, CEO of Dragon Promotions.

"Having Allison on the team without a doubt is huge for Team West. It's going to be experience versus youth in an all out war at the Queens Cup. As a pool fan myself, I can't wait!" says Charlie Williams, Executive Producer & Creator of the Queens Cup.

The Queens Cup will showcase the rivalry between the Asians and their western counterparts in Europe and USA, much similar to the Ryder Cup in golf or Davis Cup in tennis. The absolute best ladies from their respective countries and continents will be selected for the teams. The event will last 3 days in a 10-Ball format that will race to the first team reaching 10 matches for the win. Style of play will include singles, doubles, triples, and 4-on-4. Captains will be put to the test to create the best strategy in partnerships and chemistry of match-ups. If the matches go 9 to 9 hill hill, a final 4-on-4 play will create the dramatic conclusion



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Prior to this tournament, someone had contacted me to play a money match during the event. Originally, I was supposed to have played someone else, but that person ultimately went radio silent when I asked to confirm that match. This new challenger wanted to fill in for the MIA player. Race to 21 for \$1,000.

Tails.

Did I know who this new challenger was? No. Did I know how she played? No. Why did I play? Why not? Besides, she was very nice in her emails and a little courtesy goes a long way with me.

We started at 1:30 a.m., after the professional tournaments had ended, and we could play in the professional arena.

For the next several hours, I seesawed between missing ball-in-hand and making shots I didn't think were possible. If pool was a pageant, then surely I would win Miss Inconsistency. My opponent had a very strong game. She had, by far, the better stroke.

During the last half-hour or so, the room's very pleasant after-hours supervisor would interrupt us repeatedly. He stressed time and again that we would have to be out by 9:00 a.m. in order to make way for the professionals coming in to practice. Although this was a major distraction, I remained as calm as possible. I understood that I could be playing for a million dollars and this dude would not give a shit. And that was all right. It is natural to only care about the money that affects us. My money was not his problem.

The score was close for a considerable amount of time and I got the hill first. I dogged the 9-ball that would have won the set for me. A little bad luck in the next game and it became hill-hill. I missed a shot in the final rack, and lost, 21-20.

It was a good match and I said so. She made a verbal guarantee for a rematch, which was very nice, and I believe she will follow through on her offer. The time was 8:52 a.m. And now, I had something else to do.

As I left, the room supervisor said, "Time to get some sleep, eh? You two played a long time."

"No. No sleep for me. I have a tournament match. Now."

"Wow, that's tough."

"No. That's life."

I headed toward the table where my teammates had been waiting for me for the last twenty minutes. The team 9-ball matches were scheduled to start immediately at 9:00 a.m. I had four minutes before we would be on the clock because my team had no subs, there

were just three of us. I felt like I was walking through water. Every step was slow and heavy and sleep-inducing. I swear it took me a week to walk the 20 yards. I got to the tables with a minute to spare.

"Hey," said my teammates, with relief.

I noticed they were wearing matching shirts. "Sh#t, I don't have my team shirt. Do I have to run upstairs and get it?"

"No, they said as long as it's collared, we don't have to match today. If it was 8-ball, we would have to match."

I sat down heavily and put my feet up. "Nice. That's a good roll. I'll take it."

DAY FOUR

This was the first year I played team 9-ball. The format was three-person teams, races to 9, best 2 of 3 sets, single-elimination. Teams were allowed one Advanced, Master, or Grandmaster player. If you had one of the three, your team would have to spot an all-Open player team 1, 2, and 3 games, respectively. I was the one Advanced player on my team but in my current condition, there was no telling how bad I could play. The cool thing, though, were my teammates — they had both known me a long time and had played with me on teams before. This meant they knew exactly how to handle the murderous munchkin mess they now had for their top player.

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Instruction With Tom www.tomrosspool.com

October 2002

The Virtues of Straight Pool

Last week during a short trip to Vancouver I had the pleasure of making a new friend, an old friend of a good friend. He is a native of Taiwan who moved to Vancouver three months ago to begin his education in English. Not long into the full day that we spent together he began, very eagerly, to tell me all he knows about pool. Naturally we discussed the famous players from his country: Fong-Pang Chao, Jennifer Chen, Number-One Asian Player, Chin-Shun Yang, and the current Women's World Champion, Shin-Mei Liu.

Is he a pool player? Not really, he says, just a very engaged sports fan; I won't go into his picks for this year's Cy Young awards. And to show that his knowledge is not limited to his countrymen he went on to tell me about Earl, Cory, Johnny, Karen, Allison, Oliver, Ralf, and a host of others. He knows the players because in his native land, and elsewhere throughout the world, pool is a major sport with heavy television coverage. The recent world tournament in Wales aired live matches in some 60-plus countries while here in the U.S., we have to pore over arcane cable listings to find edited, taped matches somewhere around 2AM between Seniors Lawn Darts and the Chauffeurs Of The PGA Skins Game, a sad reality indeed and a good topic for an editorial somewhere else. Our pool conversation hit its peak when we turned to the World Junior Competition and the probable reason that seven of the last eleven winners are from Taiwan. My new friend turned to me and, in crystal-clear English, said, "In the U.S., nobody plays 14.1."

How does he know that? Do they report our participation figures on the evening news around the world? Where he got his information is irrelevant really, what's important is that he hit the nail on the head. When we see a country with a population that's roughly seven percent of ours moving toward dominance in the game we invented, and a mere spectator summing up the cause, it's time to take notice.

I believe that the biggest reason for not playing enough straight pool is that the game is too painful. It simply hurts a lot to look at a full rack spread out over the table only to run four or five balls before committing an error and sulking back to the chair. 14.1 humbles us with its quiet and constant demand for razor-sharp skill. But maybe we can find a way to break through the pain by segregating key elements of the game to practice separately.

The first skill called for in straight pool is running balls. The two most popular games limit our runs to eight or nine balls maximum before the action stops and a new game begins. Straight pool has no limit and allows for the

possibility of a player staying at the table for hours, forever really with enough food water on hand. A few years ago someone invented a game called "Equal Offense" and excellent provides training for running balls. One plays by breaking open a rack, taking cue ball in hand and running the balls to a maximum of twenty. A game lasts ten innings making 200 a perfect score. The complete rules are in the rulebook and probably online somewhere but that's enough information to get started. Equal offense has two primary features that make it a perfect

practice game. One, both players get equal opportunities at the table; and two, even if played alone, it facilitates accurate record keeping to objectify one's progress. Try adding one, teninning session to your daily practice routine and keeping a log of your scores to chart your improvement.

The second important skill and the key to high runs is getting the break shots that are necessary to string racks together. Instead of waiting two or three years to see enough break-shot opportunities in play, you can isolate this part of the game by practicing the end-rack portion of straight pool. Place a ball next to the rack in ideal break-shot position and another ball in front of the side pocket so a stop shot on that second ball will serve up the position you want for the break shot. That ball in front of the side is called the key shot and never has something been so aptly named; it holds the key to continuing a run. Now add three or four balls spread out around the same half of the table and, with cue ball in hand, run out to the break shot. For now, instead of shooting that break shot, simply take a good look at it and visualize yourself sending it home and going off to the races with the next rack. Repeat the exercise for an hour, running four or five balls to position for the break shot and stopping there.

Then you can practice break shots. Start with the most preferred ones that lie next to the rack and shoot them with cue ball in hand. Focus on pocketing the ball and freeing the cue ball. If



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you make the shot and have a shot in the new rack with possibilities beyond it, you have done the job and can re-rack the balls to play another break shot. There are about a half dozen common, effective break shots ranging from the most- preferred corner-pocket shot next to the rack to side-pocket shots near the front of the rack and slightly in from the center of the table. Remember to focus on moving the cue ball from the rack toward the center of the table; on some shots you will draw the cue ball off of the rack while on others you will roll it through the edge of the rack.

Isolating the major elements of straight pool to gain comfort with each one will cause rapid improvement and make the game less daunting when played in its entirety. It's also very helpful to see how the game looks when played at its best. Accu-Stats has a number of championship matches with runs of over a hundred balls that will provide a view of perfection that's hard to imagine without seeing it in reality. Mike Sigel's instructional video is another great source of inspiration. Of course the best way to learn is from experience. Practicing and learning the king of the pool games guarantees improvement in every game. Who knows, maybe you will start running three hundred balls every time you step up to the table and become the one person on earth who can lay honest claim to straight pool's most common criticism, "This game is boring." Or at least when you encounter someone in your own travels who tells you that Americans don't play pool's most elegant game, you can say, "I do and I love it."

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You ever think you have a pretty good idea about how something works? You're familiar with some of the component parts and you can talk about how they operate with some level of expertise and authority. You get the general theory of things. Then one component changes and everything you know goes to shit.

We thought we were pretty good 9ball players. My two teammates played on bar tables fairly regularly while I played on big tables most of the time. We liked each other, drank together, sometimes talked mad sh#t together (Blame It [On the Alcohol], hahaha), and figured this tournament was going to be a fun time. We would be playing a game we knew well with people we liked. The only thing was, we had never played this format — races to 9, best 2 of 3 sets — before. But, really, that was just a minor detail.

We drew a team of extremely pleasant ladies and dumped the first set in what seemed like fifteen seconds.

Omg.

OMG.

O.M.G.

WTF?!

In the short break between sets, we looked at each other in shock. We rapidly discussed the recent turn of events that had just smacked us upside the head. 1). We had kind of forgotten how ridiculously fast nine-ball on the small table was, having played eight-ball for the last three days. 3). A race to 9, between two teams of three players? Lightning fast. 3). The bar table was truly, madly, deeply the equalizer we always said it was, but never really understood it to be - if you missed, your opponent was out. 4).

We had to win the next two sets to even stay in the competition. 5). I was dogging it all over the place.

My teammates had to carry my sleepwalking ass, but we scrambled to win the next set and even managed to squeak out the third set to win.

Afterwards, I asked my teammate how many matches did we have to win today before coming back tomorrow.

"All of them."

"Uh. WHAT?"

"It's supposed to finish today."

"No. NO. That's INSANE! How is that supposed to work? When would the finals be?!"

She shrugged. "I don't know, but at the pace it's going so far, the finals will be at four in the morning."

The mere mention of time made me tired. "Holy sh#t. Hooooly sh#t."

"By the way, our eight-ball team match is at nine in the morning tomorrow."

"Just kill me now."

"Can't. Need you to play."

Our next match came up quickly and just as quickly, we dumped the first set again. This was due, in no small part, to my dogging eight- and nine-balls. To their credit, my teammates gave me no crap whatsoever for this seriously subsub-sub-par performance. They knew what I knew. 1). I was really, really tired. 2). I had dogged an expensive set and that could very well have given me a case of the yips.

I felt like shit. I always played hard, but when I played on a team, the losses hurt more because of shared responsibility. I did not want to let others down. I could let myself down, and I did all the time and didn't give a crap — but my friends and teammates deserved better than that

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1st- Andrew \$90 2nd- Dennis \$55 3rd- Jose \$35 Top A/B- Victor \$20

Tues (9/10)

1st- Jay \$150 2nd- Jose \$110 3rd- Jim \$65 4th- Chuck \$35

SUN (9/15)

1st- Mark \$125 2nd- ATM \$70 3rd- Jose \$40

TUES (9/17)

1st- ATM \$160 2nd- Mark \$110 3rd- LJ \$70 4th- Jonathon \$45 5th-Nicole \$20 6th- Melissa \$20

SUN (9/22)

1st- ATM \$100 2nd- Mark \$70 3rd- Jose \$45

TUES (9/25)

1st- Melissa \$140 2nd- Jay \$105 3rd- Mark \$65 4th- ATM \$40 5th- GQ \$20 6th- Lofty \$20 Top A/B- Mike \$15

FRI (9/27)

1st- Marcus \$85 2nd- Larry \$60 3rd- Chase \$35 4th- Adam \$25 5th- Lofty \$10 6th- Carlos \$10

Top Lady- Laura/Tera \$15

SAT (9/28)

1st- Adam \$55 2nd- Leo JR. \$35

Tues (10/1)

1st- Mark \$155 2nd- Jay \$120 3rd- Jon athon \$60 4th- ATM \$40 5th- Kiko \$20 6th- Mike \$20 Top A/B- GQ \$20 Top Lady- Terry \$20

FRI (10/4)

1st- Larry \$55 2nd- CJ \$40 3rd- Dennis \$25

SUN (10/6)

1st- Kiko \$140 2nd- Marc \$85 3rd- Jose \$55

Top A/B- Matt/Herman \$20

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Shane Van Boening Takes Third U.S. Open 9-Ball Win

tive nines to tie the match at 6 games each.

Corteza took the next

two and Shaw the next

to tie us at 8 apiece.

Then we swapped racks

until the score squared

up again at ten games

apiece and we were

once again bound for

Courtesy of Jerry Forsyth and AZBilliards

Shane Van Boening has won the 38th U.S. Open with a 13-10 victory in the finals over Lee Vann Corteza. This is the second consecutive victory here for Van Boening and his third U.S. Open title, the first of which he won in 2007. Oddly, the Open had gone for 33 years with only one man, Nick Varner, who had won the title consecutively. But then Mika Immonen won it in both 2008 and 2009 and Darren Appleton won in both 2010 and 2011. Van Boening is our third consecutive winner in a row.

When the day began there were four men who still had hopes of wearing the crown. Shane Van Boening and Jayson Shaw were still undefeated while both Lee Van Corteza and Niels Feijen were down to a single bullet.

Feijen was the first to fall. He put up a great fight and had played brilliantly all week. He took the first lead at 2-1 but Corteza won racks 4, 5 and 6 to go up 4-2. Feijen came back to tie at four apiece but then Corteza put together three racks again to lead 7-4. Niels took the floor and put on a show for four consecutive racks to lead once again at 8-7. They traded a few racks and Feijen led 10-8 in the race to 11 games.

But on finals day at the Open the rule is that you must win by two racks with these first games of the day capped at 13 racks. When Corteza won the next two games to tie us again at 10 we knew we were in store for some bonus rounds. Corteza had found his gear and his cue ball control and denied Feijen the opportunity to regain his footing. He won the next two racks to send Feijen away in fourth place and earn the right to continue fighting.

His opponent would be Jayson Shaw. Shaw had come into the arena against Van Boening exhibiting his usual confidence and he was looking good when he led Van Boening 4-1. But then Van Boening came back strong and started stringing racks in his usual manner. He won the next eight games in a row to deny the air to Shaws' sails and leave him with a cold arm.

Shaw would only enjoy one more rack when he claimed the win in game 14. Other than that it was all Van Boening and Shane won going away at 11-5.

This set up the contest for third place between Jayson Shaw and Lee Van Corteza. Shaw again came out of the gate well and won the first rack but then had to sit again and watch his opponent show off with a fine display of pool that gave Corteza a nice comfort zone at 6-1.

Shaw had had enough of being treated so roughly. When he took control of the table in rack seven he refused to give it back until he had put on a run of his own and put away five consecu-



3-Time US Open Champ Shane Van Boening

some bonus games.

The last two racks would again belong to Corteza. He is remarkably calm at the bitter end of a match and his easy demeanor around the table made the end look easy. Our final would be a race to 13 games between Lee Van Corteza and Shane Van Boening.

Van Boening won the lag and then broke and ran the first rack. He opened the second rack with a nifty cross-side bank on the one ball that left the remainder of that rack at his mercy as well. When he broke and ran the third rack the Corteza fans began to twitch. Van Boening jarred a shot early in the next rack and Corteza took advantage to move his first bead and trail Van Boening by two at 3-1. An amazing safety exchange left Van Corteza with ball in hand and Corteza cashed that chip to draw within one. His cue ball went wild on the break shot and wound

up deep inside the head corner pocket. This safety exchange went to Van Boening and he found himself with ball in hand on the 1 ball and took the rack to its logical conclusion to lead 4-2.

Van Boening kicked in the one-ball on the next rack and wound up tough on the 2. His safety left Coreteza blocked and a tablelength away from the ball. Corteza fouled and once again Van Boening had ball in Again cruised through the rack to lead 5-2. Corteza grabbed the next rack after the break shot and moved withın two again. Corteza broke dry and within moments Van Boening completed a 4-9 combination to regain his three game margin. Van Corteza took the rack scratched on his break shot so Van Boening

finished that out to lead 7-4.

When Van Boening won the next rack, after a fairly sloppy exchange of missed shots, his lead increased to four games and his confidence took a step up. He fired in a table-length 1-9 carom to lead by five and then scratched on his next break. Corteza should have owned the easy layout but he got funny on the 5 ball and missed it. Van Boening 10-4. Corteza needed to make a stand. When Van Boening dogged the 1 ball Corteza had a chance to string some beads out and began with that rack. 10-5. The comeback faded fast when Corteza fouled out of a Van Boening safety and Van Boening took the game to lead 11-5.

Van Boening scratched on the next break. With no problems on the table Corteza took himself to six games. The next rack was ugly, with both men visiting the table multiple times before Van Boening took the rack out from the 5 ball to get on the hill. Corteeza had one more charge in him. After Van Boening got to the hill Corteza put two racks together to get to 10 but then Corteza made an illegal break and Shane took the table to the Championship 13-10.

The win was worth \$30,000 for Van Boening, with Corteza settling for \$15,000 in prize money.



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What I did outside of team play was affecting the whole team and I felt no small measure of guilt for that, but I did not know how to break out of the funk. I was just so damn tired.

I was slated to play the first game of the second set. I took a deep breath, stretched, and pulled myself together. I promised myself I would focus on each shot. I would not rush. I would take the time to consider percentages. I would not fall asleep. I was going to make this sh#t work.

I broke, ran to an easy nine-ball, and hung it.

That was one of the worst feelings in the world, even more so than losing my own money. I could feel the disappointment from my teammates. I knew if I continued this way, we would all lose heart and we would all lose. I stepped back from the table. My opponent swept by me, plunked the hanging nine-ball, and as she shook my hand, she said with a smirk, "Hey, thanks for doing all the work."

Um, WHAT?

Welcome to another episode of Masterpiece Theatre: Why In The World Did You Say That? I remained standing by the table, unsure of what just happened. Could someone really be that rude? I turned to my teammates and they were sitting there, wide-eyed. One of our friends who had come to cheer us on said, "I heard that. Oh my God, I heard that." Everyone watched me with concern, and for good reason. My reputation, as many of you know, is not undeserved.

"Excuse me," I said, very deliberately, to no one and everyone in particular. "I'll be right back"

I walked away from the tables and faced the wall for a few moments. I cracked my knuckles. I cracked my neck. I inhaled deeply, exhaled slowly, and wondered why someone would say such a thing. It was bad enough for someone to lose, why add insult to injury? Perhaps this was a form of intimidation, meant to demoralize us further so they could coast to an easy win.

I walked back. I rummaged around the spectator tables. I needed something to eat and something to drink. Half of a chicken wrap sandwich and a can of RedBull were immediately surrendered to my dead-eyed self. I ate a little, drank a little, and then sat very, very still. The other team continued to play with great confidence. My teammates were doing their best to hold on. If we did not stop the hemorrhage of games, we would only be in this tournament for another twenty minutes or so.

I was up again. It was our rack. As I racked the

balls, I felt my body temperature rise to extremely high levels. By the time I was done racking, it had returned to normal and I was very, very calm. I looked over at my teammate and said dreamily, "Burn them alive."

I stopped missing. I had been fired up into a ridiculous gear and all I wanted to do was bitchslap this cocky-ass team to doomsday. I found my stroke. I found pocket speed. I found position play. I was aware of nothing but the shots I had to make. I was on full-tilt autopilot.

I finally hooked myself and scratched off the kick. My opponent had only four balls left and the first one was just two inches in front of the pocket. She held the cue ball and looked for a long, long time at the table. I went back outside the barrier to my team and stalked back and forth impatiently. She placed the cue ball just so and looked at it a little longer. I growled with annoyance. She rattled the ball and I almost hurdled the barrier in my eagerness to shoot. As I looked at her face and the face of her teammates I knew they were confused.

What was happening? Not less than half an hour ago, they all but destroyed us in the first set. They had the momentum to win and had somehow lost it, and we had found it. We tore through the last set and eliminated them.

Revenge.

It's just so lovely.

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Felt

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November 30th

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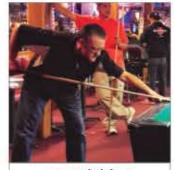
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8-Ball Tournament

Race to 3 on winners and 2 on losers Handicapped, \$10 entry \$\$ added based on entries

FRIDAY AFTERNOON TOURNAMENTS

2pm start, \$10/entry Free pool with drink purchase We Have A New Kitchen! Come and try our "Crash Diet"

November 2nd Blind Draw Junior Scotch Doubles

Fundraiser Tournament for Juniors Pool Call for details: 303-426-6420

NOVEMBER 16TH & 17TH

CARE AND SHARE JUNIORS TOURNAMENT TO RAISE FOOD AND TOYS FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Last chance to get qualified before deadline Need a minimum of 16 players

to run 3 boards Call to sign up: 303-426-6420

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

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

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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

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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
SORO 151 - 151 S Broadway

SOBO 151 - 151 S Broadway WYNKOOP BREWING CO - 1634 18th St, 303-297-2700, www.wynkoop.com, Weekly Pool

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

WHITEHORSE LOUNGE - 5130 W Alameda, 303-935-2656

ENGLEWOOD
ARAP'S OLD GUN SHOP - 3866 S Broadway, 303-761-7823
AUSSIE PUB - 4386 S Broadway, 303-781-1192
BROADWAYS SPORTS TAVERN - 3978 S Broadway, 303-781-5755

ENGLENOOK - 3470 S Broadway, 303-788-1770 FELT- 101 W Floyd Ave, 720-266-6190 MAGNET INN - 2893 S Broadway, 303-781-5262

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

FEDERAL HEIGHTS

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

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

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CUCKOO'S NEST - 7893 W Jewell Ave, 303-988-9893
ECK'S SALOON - 9890 W Girton Dr, 303-989-2991
FIDDLESTICKS - 10815 W Jewell #Q, 303-969-0855
FRONTIER TAVERN - 1195 S Sheridan Blvd, 303-936-9896
GREENFIELDS SPORTS BAR - 3355 S Yarrow St, 303-989-9820, In-House & Traveling Pool Leagues, 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

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PENALTY BOX BAR & CRILL - 1862 S Wadsworth, 303-980-4020, Pool Leagues
ROADHOUSE - 2035 S Sheridan, 303-980-5614,
SHARK'S SALOON & CRILL - 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 CRILL - 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 - 51/0 E Atapanoe Rd, 720-493-0111

FOX AND HOUND - 8996 W Bowles, 720-922-0400

FUGCLIES 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

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CASTAWAYS - 451 W 84th Ave, 303-430-9834, Pool Leagues, Pinball, Darts, Poker, Bingo, Food EXTRA POINT SPORTS BAR- 4050 E 100th Ave. 303-452-9353
FOX AND HOUND - 4750 W 120th Ave, 303-464-7366, Pool Leagues
GAME, THE - 8101 Washington St, 303-287-4507, Pool Leagues
GINGERS LOUNGE - 7310 Washington, 303-288-9824, Pool Leagues
HICC UPS II - 10250 Ura Ln, 303-466-1829
LAKE AVENUE INN - 2181 Lake Ave, 303-452-9079
MR. K's - 8830 N Washington St, 303-288-7118
PRIME TIME - 10280 Washington St, 303-457-1902

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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

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

WESTMINSTER

92ND AVENUE TAVERN - 7701 W 92nd Ave, 303-422-6353 BLITZ SPORTS BAR - 8468 Federal Blvd, 303-426-0260, Pool Leagues

CHARLIE'S WEB - 8364 Sheridan Blvd, 303-412-8120 DAVIE'S LOCKER - 8855 Lowell Blvd, 303-429-0096

HOFFBRAU BAR & GRILL - 7699 W 88th Ave, 303-422-7755 HICC UPS - 7980 Sheridan Blvd, 303-429-9523

OUTPOST - 6921 Lowell Blvd, 303-429-5737 PARK CENTRE LOUNGE & GRILL - 12011 N Pecos, 303-450-9913

REAR INN LOUNGE - 4991 W 80th Ave, 303-426-4500

SWEETWATER - 9975 Wadsworth Pkwy, 303-420-1004

TOMMY'S - 6801 Lowell Blvd, 303-426-4167

WHEAT RIDGE 44TH AVENUE GRILL - 7605 W 44th Ave, 303-421-4544, Pool Leagues, Full Kitchen

CLUB CORNER - 6551 W 44th Ave, 303-424-5424

HANK'S BILLIARDS - 5250 W 38TH Ave, 303-424-1822 HOPPERS - 1-70 Frontage Rd N of Kipling, 303-456-0257

JAMMIN JOE'S - 4700 Kipling St, 303-428-4597

LONGSHOTS BAR & GRILL - 4400 Ward Rd, 303-403-0227, Pool Leagues, Texas Hold'em,

ROCKETTE - 10006 W 44th Ave, 303-422-9163

STAN'S CARAVAN - 11221 W 44th Ave. 303-467-3557

Places to Play

*** Around Colorado ***

ALAMOSA

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

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

BOULDER

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

CU MEMORIAL CENTER - 1669 Euclid Avenue, 1st floor, Boulder, CO 80309, 303-492-6338
PEARL STREET PUB - 1108 Pearl St, 303-939-9900
OUTBACK SALOON, THE - 3141 28th St, 303-444-0081
'ROUND MIDNIGHT - 1005 Pearl St, 303-442-2176
SUNDOWN SALOON - 1136 Pearl St, 303-449-4987
WALRUS - 1911 11th Ave, 303-443-9902

BRIGHTON

BILLIARDS C & E - 122 N Main St J DAWG'S DD SALOON - 245 S Main St, 303-659-9948 JERRY'S BAR - 130 N Main St, 303-659-3788

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

COLORADO SPRINGS

ADAM'S APPLE - 3302 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, 719-528-6525 ANTIQUE BILLIARDS MUSEUM - 3628 Citadel Dr, 719-597-9809

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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

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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. Elkhom 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 POUR MULE - 2385 W 27th St, 970-506-4000, APA, VNEA, Darts

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

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

CLASSIC Q'S - 1715 South Prairie Avenue, 719-924-8250 PARISE'S LOUNGE - 430 W 30th St, 719-542-9708

SIDE POCKET LOUNGE - 4111 Club Manor Dr, 719-546-3636 TUMBLEWEED TAVERN - 214 S. Mc Cullough Blvd, Pueblo West, 719-547-9995

VISIONS - 4001 N. Elizabeth St, 719-543-8050

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

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

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

*** Wyoming-Places to Play***

CHEYENNE

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

CASPER

BEACON CLUB - 4100 W Yellowstone Hwy, 307-577-1503 HORSESHOE BAR - 7515 W Yellowstone Hwy, 307-472-5770 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

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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ALL BILLIARDS SERVICE - 2417 N Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs, 719-597-7974
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BEST QUALITY BILLIARDS - 10405 West Colfax Ave, Lakewood, 303-233-2557, www.bestqualitybillards.com
BIG BREAK BILLIARDS - 6920 S. Jordan Rd. #E, Centennial, 720-270-1444
BILLIARDS EMPORIUM - 250 S. Santa Fe Ave, Pueblo, 719-542-7665, 719-583-3660 billiards,

darts, etc.
BLACK HILLS NOVELTY-209 Stocktrail Ave, Gillette,WY 307-686-2111
BMW BILLIARDS (Vending) - 970-391-7664
BROADWAYS BILLIARD CUES & SUPPLIES - 303-781-5755

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BROADWAYS BILLIARD CUES & SUPPLIES - 303-781-5755
3978 S. Broadway, Englewood
CAL SPAS - 1035 Zumi, 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
JAKiT's DART & BILLIARD SUPPLY - 1651 Carey Ave, #10, Cheyenne, WY, 307-369-2658
LG CUES / Chris Briggs - 2785 S Patton Ct, Denver, 303-922-4003
POOL SHARKS INC - 1020 28th Ave #107B, Greeley, 970-304-6837
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOME & LEISURE - 163 Goldmine Dr, Pagosa Springs, 970-264-1717
SPA PALACE - 8601 W Cross Dr, Littleton, 303-972-4932
SPLASH AND RACK - 13750 E Quincy Ave, Aurora, 303-680-2000
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POOL TABLE - 301 Main, Windsor, 970-686-1111
TD ROWE AMUSEMENTS (Vending) - 303-455-4500
TRIANGLE BILLIARD SUPPLY - 5950 S Platte Canyon Road Unit A1B, Denver, 303-935-3734
WOODY'S BILLIARDS INSTALL & REPAIR - 720-628-6053

*** Leagues/Tours ***

APA OF NORTHERN COLORADO - Kevin Leivonen, 303-862-0466, northerncolorado@apaleagues.com APA - NORTH & WEST DENVER AREA - Peggy LeBlanc, 303-205-9781,

paleblanc@comcast.net

APA - SOUTH & EAST METRO DENVER - Chuck Rooney, 720-427-4629,

apapool1@comcast.net

APA - WESTERN SLOPE - Jan Maez, 970-523-8661, wcoapapool@bresnan.net APA - Yampa Valley Pool League (Routt & Moffat Counties) - Michelle Reed, (970) 826-2783, vvapa@msn.com

BMW BILLIARDS - Judy Mehle, 970-391-7664, VNEA Pool Leagues in Northern Colorado CHAMPION POOL LEAGUES - Richie Cunningham & Angela Jackson, 303-647-4282, BCA,

VNEA, USAPL, richie angela@championpoolplayers.com DENVER POOLPLAYERS ASSOCIATION, Charlie Ray, BCA, 303-902-3014,

playdpa@gmail.com

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY- Cindy Plank, 720-289-1471
MILE HIGH TAP LEAGUE - Bill Davis, 303-817-6996, Adams & Arapahoe counties in Denver

STAY IN STROKE BILLIARDS - Rich Montoya, 303-748-6653, offering leagues and tournaments TAP POOL LEAGUES - Scott Prater, 303-944-2994, www.tapleague.com, TAP Pool Leagues

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Before we proceed any further, let me let you in on a not-secret secret: I'm an anomaly. Logic and reason and countless champions dictate that anyone who gets pissed off to high heaven will usually play worse. Not so with me. If I'm irritated, I might falter here and there, that's to be expected. But, if you goad me into a very, very special level of rage...

...you will bring out my absolute best game. I will play like I never knew I could, and I thank you for it.

Alternatively, you can be politely, indifferently silent and watch me implode with frustration as I hold myself to an impossibly high standard of play. Seriously. You can help me help you win. All you have to do is shut the hell up.

We rolled on. Match after match, we kept to our nerve-wracking formula: lose the first set, win the next two. My fatigue was potentially a huge liability for us. My teammates and our supporters had to keep me from falling asleep. I closed my eyes for twenty seconds once and had an entire complicated dream in that brief span. After that, I had people talk

to me to keep me awake. I had never had RedBull by itself before that second match, but, after seeing its positive effects (despite its extremely negative taste), there was a can ready for every match.

The pool gods must have been on my side because whenever I felt my energy flag and neither food nor caffeine could bring me back, somebody would have to say something snarky to me or my teammates and then my internal rage engine would fire back to full throttle.

The day was long. My teammate was right, if they wanted to play the finals, it would have to be at four in the morning or later. We dragged ourselves through game after game by the power of caffeine or rage until we were finally informed the finals would be played at a later time. I almost wept with joy, but we all know I don't know what true joy is — just the satisfaction of revenge.

In the very last match of the evening, the music piped through the room inexplicably became a playlist of extremely sad and slow songs ("Never miiind, I'll find someone like yoooouuuu...", oh shut UP Adele). We ALL fell asleep. Us, opponents, spectators, referees, pool gods, etc. That was the longest, dreariest match, ever. After forty-odd hours wakefulness by willpower, I was beginning to fade although one particularly annoying spectator

kept me burning until the end of this with match his remarks. My teammate fired in some crazy-ass combination at a little after two in the morning to end it all and truthfully, we were more happy we were done for the day than that we had won

Just before my head hit the pillow, I remembered I had to be up at 8:00 at the latest for our first eight-ball team match.

I'm pretty sure I fell asleep mid-cuss.

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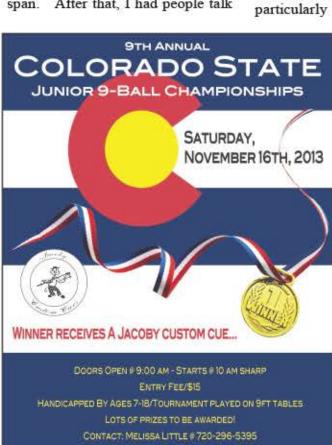
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