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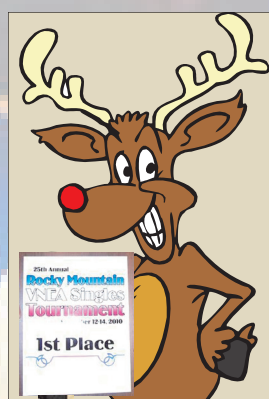
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[Note from Editor: Due to a serious health issue, Tom will not be contributing new articles for awhile. For now, we will dip into his vast archives while he's on the mend. Please keep Tom in your thoughts and prayers.]

January 1999

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

shot in the diagram and place the cue ball at position X. From there shoot some stop shots hitting the cue ball just below center with medium-firm speed and a good punch stroke. After you are stopping the cue ball consistently you can begin to adjust your hit on the cue ball for some stun shots.

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

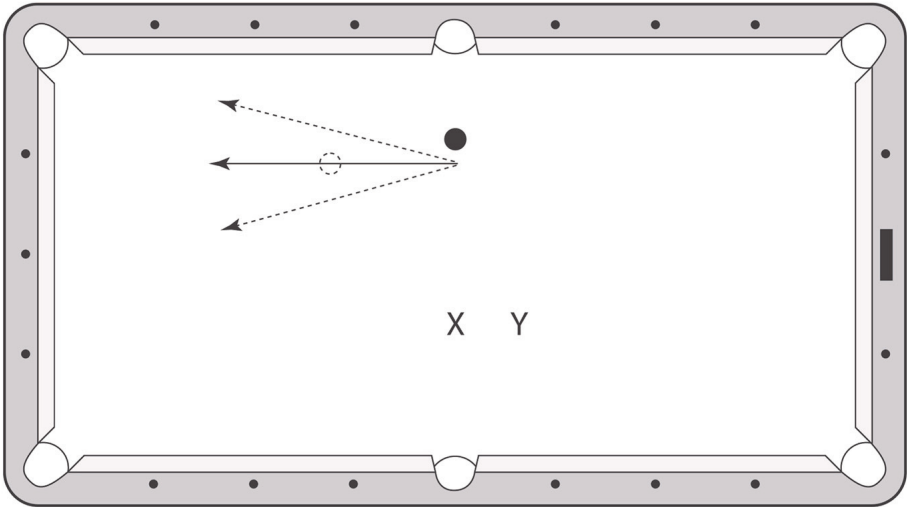
Once mastered the stop shot also serves as a reliable reference point or benchmark.

This month we shall examine that aspect of the stop shot while learning a couple of shots in the process. Set up the

same way. The stun-draw shot should, despite the firm stroke, move the cue ball back just a few inches off of the object ball.

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

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Get Outta Town!

By Samm Diep
December 2010 ©



No, seriously. Get yourself out of town and play some pool.

Once you start playing seriously, one of the best things you can do for your competitive game is to get out of town. Travel to a tournament in another town, even another state, and compete. It's easy to

become so comfortable in your own zip code that when you do finally have to leave town for an event, the foreign pressure becomes so overwhelming that you can't perform.

You may even find that you play better because there are no expectations from others. There are no friends or family to distract you or to break your concentration during the event. You also force yourself to play under different conditions. You test your skills and concentration.

Attending out of state pool tournaments is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people with similar interests and experiences. Developing new friendships only helps our great sport grow.

Top Ten Reasons to Leave Town for a Tournament

1. Learning to play on different equipment and in a different environment. It's easy to get so comfortable in your element that when you're finally forced to step outside the box, you can't perform. When you only leave town once a year for

Vegas nationals, you may find you put so much pressure on that one event instead of realizing it's just one of many.

- 2. Winning when you know you're not the favorite. There's nothing more rewarding than coming out ahead in a match when the crowd is pulling for your opponent. It takes a lot of mental strength to fight through the feeling that everyone is rooting against you.
- 3. Competing against different players. You already know what to expect from the top players in your own town. You'd be surprised what you can learn when playing against and watching new players.
- 4. Benchmark your game. What better way to gauge your level of play than by testing your skills against new and unbiased competition? It's difficult to truly measure your true progress when you are facing the same players in every event.
- 5. Return home a better player. Each time you prepare for a big event and play your heart out while you're there, you always return home stronger and more confident than before you left. Learning to compete under a higher level of pressure always brings out the best player.
- 6. Change the monotony and break the glass ceiling. When you're constantly playing against the same players over and over again, you begin to have expectations. After a while, you know who you're going to beat and who you're going to

lose to. The get stuck at a level where you feel expected to be at.

- 7. Big fish in a little pond? If you're the best in your town, playing against great players from other towns can give you a better idea of where you stand in the big picture.
- 8. Little fish in a big pond? And likewise, if you're constantly losing to the same people, change things up a little and challenge yourself with some fresh competition. You'd be surprised how you'll come back a better player.
- 9. Meet new and different people. Have a little fun.
- 10. Explore a new city. Do some sightseeing and enjoy yourself!

The next time you get the chance to take a weekend road trip to a tournament, even if it's just a neighboring town, take advantage of the opportunity. The benefits are countless.

Special thanks goes to Dave Gross (aka: *12squared*) from Fort Collins for his contributions to this month's article.

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Haddad Double Dips Piazza to Take Lucasi Hybrid SW 10-Ball Tour Stop

Mark Haddad returned from a loss in the hot seat match to meet and defeat Tony Piazza twice in the finals of the Lucasi Hybrid 10-Ball Tour stop on Saturday, November 20. The \$1,000-added event drew 23 entrants to Greenfield's in Lake-wood, CO.

Urbaneck, Silva defeating Rich Montoya and Bobby Begey. Two more 7-3 victories advanced Morrison and Wertz to the quarterfinals; Morrison over Skinner and Wertz over Silva. The streak of 7-3 matches ended right there, as Wertz shutout Morrison and advanced to the semifinals against Haddad.

From among the winners' side final four, Haddad got into the hot seat match with a 9-5 victory over Shane Wertz. Piazza joined him, following an identical 9-5 victory over Neal Morrison. Piazza dominated the hot seat match, winning 9-2 and waited for Haddad's return.

On the one-loss side, Bill Skinner and Ruben Silva were waiting for Morrison and Wertz, respectively. Skinner and Silva had chalked up four identical 7-3 victories over their previous two opponents to reach Morrison and Wertz; Skinner defeating Jim Calderon and Frank

Haddad got his second chance against Piazza with a 7-5 win over Wertz. In the true double elimination finals, racing to 9, Haddad took the opening set 9-6 and stepped it up to take the second set 9-3 and capture the event title.

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by Cue Times Editors, Kathy Crump and Chris Honeman

Looking for the perfect Christmas present for that hard-to-buy-for pool player on your list? "Dr. Dave" Alciatore, PhD and Tom Ross, local pool guru, have put together a comprehensive 5 disc instructional DVD series called the **Video Encyclopedia of Pool Shots**. The videos include 750 shots in 50 different categories with 250 "gems" (all the shots every pool player should know).

VEPS has something for players of all skill levels, from beginners to the very experienced. The videos illustrate that progressing from being an average player to a good player to a great player is all in the details and the details are presented in such a simple and organized manner that we can all benefit. If only we could have had access to this information in this

concise format 20 years ago -- we might have been pros by now! The verbal information is demonstrated with visual examples so it is easy to make use of your new found knowledge immediately.

The quality of the video is excellent as well as the presentation. There are jazzy interludes between segments and on the menu screens and other auditory cues to alert you to the "gems". "Dr. Dave" and Tom keep the information and illustrations rolling making this DVD set more engaging than most instructional videos.

For more information on how to purchase this great DVD set for the pool player(s) in your life, go to dr-dave-billiards.com.

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I Rant, Therefore I Am by OMG

January 29, 2009

And now we return to our regularly scheduled program already in progress... Which is an *eXtReMeLy* long rant. You would do well to get yourself a snack or a beverage before proceeding. You have been warned...

Let me tell you about a loss from last week.

I've had some people remark that I seem to write a lot about losing. I can only answer that, well, I lose a lot. A LOT. That's my lot in life at the moment, and that's all you're gonna get.

But, yes, continuing on...

Last week, I lost a league match 5-0.

I had played my opponent before, and in that previous match, I had also played terribly. However, the difference was, I had played terribly in the *beginning* of that match. I had been losing 0-4 and I somehow managed to grind it back to 4-4. On the hill game, I was running out and I ended up losing because the eight-ball double-banked into the wrong pocket. Rats.

This time, I had my misfortune early on in the first game where I was on my way to running out when I disturbed the layout and the eight-ball ended up in a position where it had no pocket. I managed to play a Hail-Mary shot on the ball before the eight-ball and — *milagro!* — the cue ball ran down to the cluster

and broke out the eight. I had a shot on the eight and it was ugly, but it was makeable. I had to cut it very, very thin, which I did, but the cue ball scratched after.

You rat bastard of a cue ball.

Long story short, I efficiently and quickly lost the next four games, and the match with them.

I took the loss very well externally.

By that I mean I said nothing, broke nothing, and hit no one. Whew. That doesn't mean the loss didn't suck. By ALL MEANS it sucked, and it sucked like a Hoover with an aftermarket exhaust, 24-inch rims, and a plywood spoiler.

This was a good time to leave the scene of the crime. I needed to pay league fees for the upcoming season so I headed out to the car to get my check-book. (Not only do I suffer in league — I actually *pay* for the privilege of suffering.) The weather was nice outside and I took a moment to review the loss.

I didn't feel that I had played *bad*, but I definitely could not say I played well. The 5-0 score reinforced the fact that I had not played up to par. I had made a handful of nice shots, but nice shots don't win you matches — unless all your shots are nice shots. In every game, I had blown chances to win, especially in the hill-game where I had to back-cut an eight-ball and it didn't drop. People might say, that's a tough shot to shoot under pressure and it's

easy for a good player to miss that type of shot. I would say that had I been a *great* player, I would have made that shot, pressure or not.

As many of you have heard me say in tones ranging from normal indoor conversation voice to furious Wagnerian operatic intergalactic rant, "There is **no excuse** for poor play."

I lost my match because I played poorly. That was all there was to it. It was not the equipment, the opponent (annoying), the opposing team (even more annoying), what I ate for dinner (Vietnamese noodle soup — very tasty), or the phase of the moon (32%, waning). I lost because I played like crapola, and when you play bad, you deserve the loss.

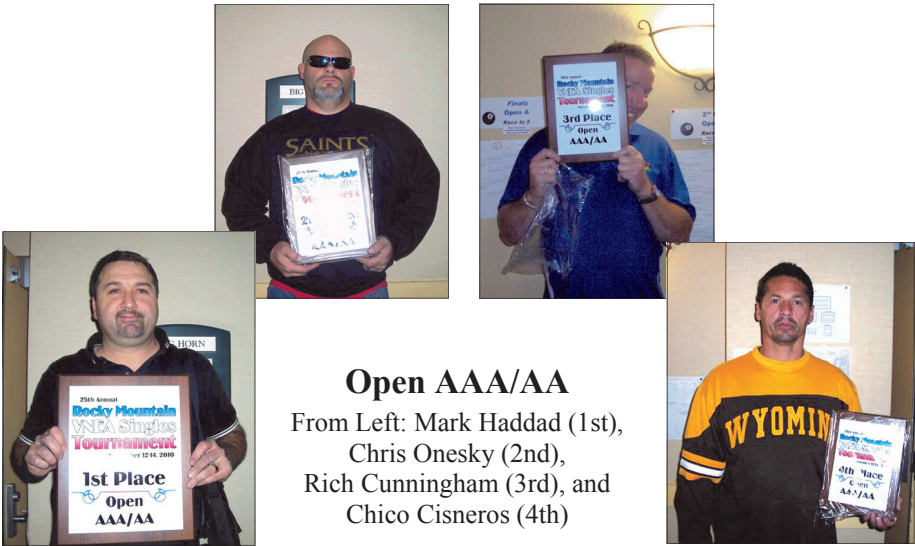
Reality, as it usually did, put me in a massively irritated state of mind.

Fate, as it usually did, decided to exacerbate the situation.

A former teammate of mine, *Kojak*, was in the parking lot, talking on his cell phone. Still on the phone, he came over and asked me for a hug. I'm not a touchy-feely kind of person to begin with, and when I'm going through a nuclear meltdown, you should probably just back away or else I might leave you with a healthy green glow.

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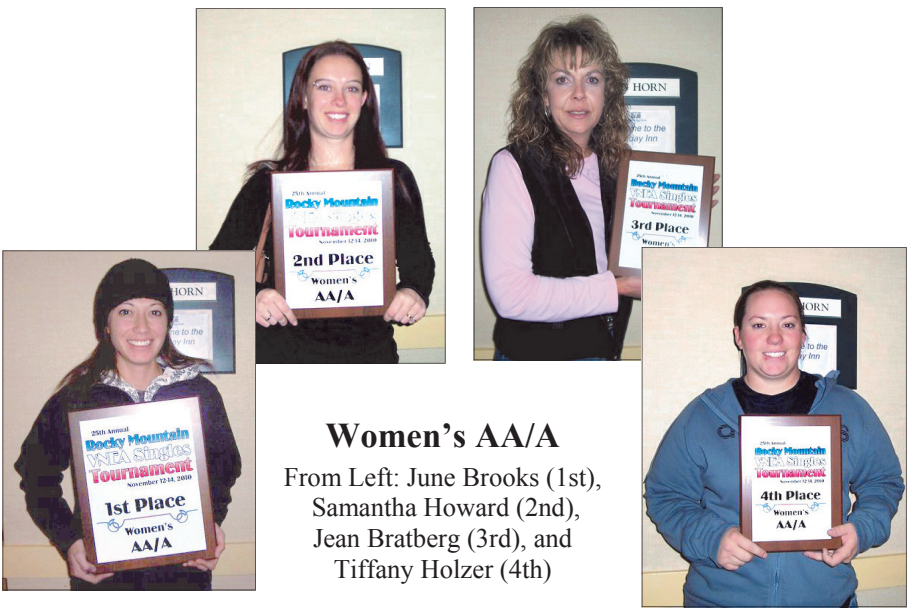
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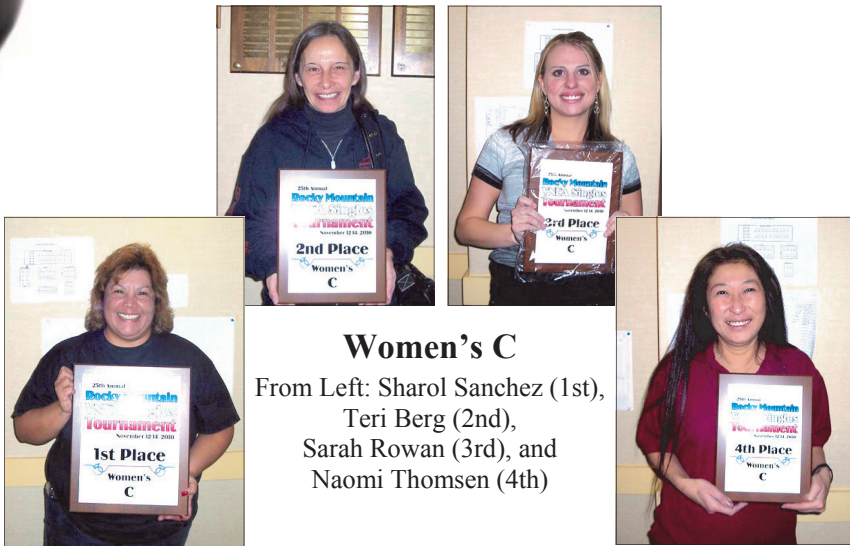
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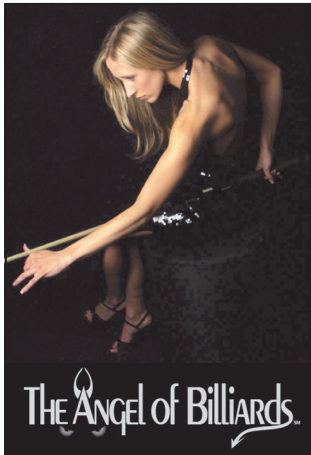


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From Left: Sharol Sanchez (1st),
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Tips & Tricks by Jacqueline “The Angel” Karol



Check out the diagram to see how to pocket the 1-ball in the side, make the 2-ball in the corner, and send the cue ball 3 rails to pocket the 8-ball in the corner!!

How to set up this trick shot:

Make sure the 1 is touching the rail and the 2-ball is touching the 1. Tap the balls down with another ball to make little divots in the cloth for the balls to set. Put the cue ball about 1 foot directly behind where the 1-ball and 2-ball make contact, and then place the 8-ball in the jaws of the corner pocket.

Use high left (11 o'clock) on the cue ball and hit about ¼ of the 2-Ball on the right hand side with medium speed. You want the cue ball to hit the first rail around the middle diamond as shown in this diagram.

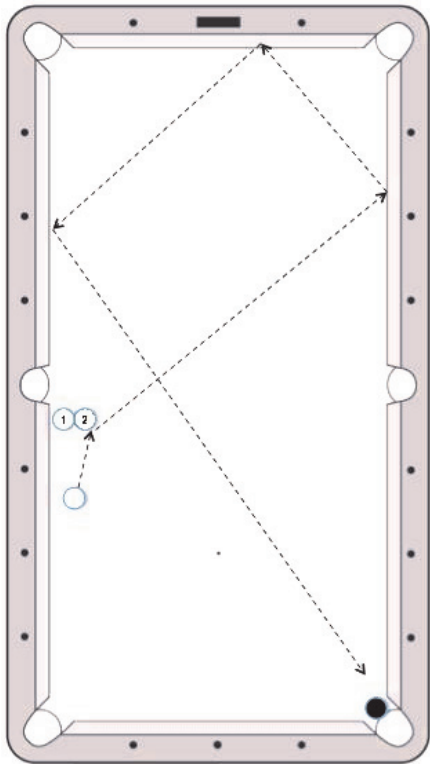
Tip: How to find a good playing cue:

First, make sure it is straight by rolling it on the table.

Second, find a weight that compliments your

size and strength. Most pros play with a 19.5 oz. You also want to select a second cue to break with. Most pros use an 18 oz cue for breaking. You want it to be heavy enough that you have weight to throw at the balls, but not too heavy that it slows down the stroke speed. Also, because the break is hit much harder, overtime, this force will end up smashing the tip on your cue stick. Having a cue stick used only for breaking, will extend the life of your playing cue.

Since it's hard to find a house cue stick that is consistently what you want, you may want to invest in a cue of your own. If you only play a few times a year, you can find a good one for less than \$100. If you are working on improving your game and maybe play on a league, I recommend investing more in a cue with a higher quality joint, tip, ferrule, shaft taper and wood type (future articles will deal with selection of these items). If you only play a few times a year these things won't really make a difference, but if you spend some time training your muscle memory, you will be able to feel the difference. Once a playing cue gets to be over about \$400 to \$500, generally, you're spending most of your money on artwork. There are some beautiful cues out there and not only do players like the way they look, but sometimes it makes them feel more confident about their game.



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Archer and Hatch Coming to Denver

On Friday December 3rd at 7.00pm just a day before Team U.S.A leave for London and the 2010 Mosconi Cup. Team U.S.A Players Dennis (The Hatchet man) Hatch ranked #9 and Johnny (The Scorpion) Archer ranked #1 will be holding a fun exhibition at Billiards Ink in Englewood, CO. Announced Mark Cantrill of The Legends and Champions Pool Tour.

The evening will consist of a little pool education, a Challenge match between Archer and Hatch (along with banter and sharking), a Q & A session and a team of top local players will play a race to 5 Mosconi cup style in a challenge against Hall of Famer Johnny Archer and last years Mosconi Cup MVP Dennis Hatch. Spectators and people in attendance will also have a chance to match up against two of the top American players.



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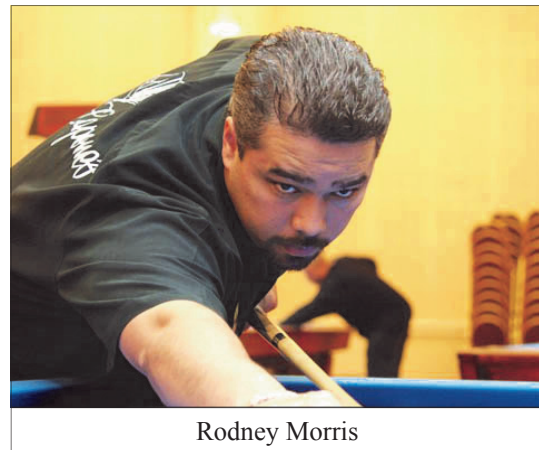
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America Has New Number One

Story provided by AZ Billiards

After dominating the BCA points list for the past year Johnny Archer has surrendered his first place spot to Rodney Morris. Morris now has a 20 point lead (354 to 334) over Archer and is only two points ahead of Mika Immonen who currently holds 352 points. After taking non-US passport holders out of the equation, the BCA players in line for the most invitations to overseas events are, in order: Rodney Morris, Johnny Archer, Corey Deuel, Dennis Hatch, Shane Van Boening, Charlie Williams, Mike Dechaine, and Earl Strickland. Strickland enjoyed a large leap upward in the standing via his victory at the Steve Mizerak Championship.

With Corey Deuel only 20 points behind Archer and 40 points behind Morris, the upcoming Turning Stone event looms large as a deciding factor for the Player of the Year honors. As evidenced by the points spread, no one player



Rodney Morris

has dominated the landscape this year and if any of the top-ranked men get hot at both Turning Stone and the Mosconi Cup that could indeed be the combination to put them over the top. Turning Stone has a curious trend going. The last two events have had the same top three finishers. Archer has won them, Morris has placed second and Dennis Hatch has captured third. Corey Deuel has done no better than 13th at the last two Turning Stones and could play spoiler for the other three if this is the time that he gets a hot hand and performs up to his normal standard.

Wagner Wins Ten Straight on the One-Loss Side to Take WPBA Amateur Nationals Title

Story courtesy of AZ Billiards

Rebecca Wagner, from Las Vegas, NV, won 10 straight on the one-loss side and defeated hot seat occupant Betty Sessions from Conyers, GA in the finals of the WPBA Amateur Nationals, held on the weekend of November 19-



Rebecca Wagner

21. Boasting female players from all over the country, including the Northeast's Borana Andoni, the Southwest's Wagner, Samm Diep, and Sunny Griffin, and both the Northwest's #1-ranked player, Jana Montour, and the region's #3 player, June Maier, the \$1,500-added event drew a total of 49 entrants to the Wynkoop Brewing Company in Denver, CO.

Friday night's festivities included a players meeting that included words of encouragement from top-professionals Laura Smith and Nicole Keeney. The meeting concluded with a food and beverage reception sponsored by the Wynkoop and everyone went home with a special goodie bag that included a Wynkoop t-shirt and billiard items from Pool Dawg and the Cue Times Billiard News.

It was a tournament in which just over one-third of the 48 matches played on the winners' side ended up at double hill, including the race-to-9 finals (9, altogether), or with 7-5 scores (eight). A little less than half of the 47 matches on the one-loss side ended up the same way (20 out of 47). In the opening round of play on Friday, with 17 players having been awarded a bye, winners in the 16 matches that were actually played in that opening round (including Andoni, Diep, Griffin and Maier) advanced by an average score of 7-3. There was only a single match that went to double hill, and two

shutouts. It was the same story in the 16 matches of the second round; winners (which now included Montour) advanced with a 7-3 average again, though this time, with only one double hill match.

Things tightened up in the third round's eight matches. Half of them went to double hill, two went to 7-5 and one, to 7-4 (one shutout; Tammie Jones over Jennifer Combs). Angela Jackson, who, after an opening round bye, had defeated Kim Toops, and survived one of the third round's four double hill matches (against Lisa Davids), advanced to the winners' side final four with a 7-4 win over Natasha Hook. Jackson faced Sunny Griffin, who'd defeated Wagner in the opening round, Linda Carter, and chalked up one of the other double hill wins in the third round (versus Andoni), then advanced to the winners' side final four with a 7-3 win over Jana Montour.

Tammie Jones advanced to the winners' side final four with a four-match aggregate score of 28-7, having defeated Silvia Flater 7-2, Nicole Winters 7-3, shutout Combs and sent Diep west 7-2. She faced Sessions, who ended up, after victories over Martha Zanetis, Bert Maestes, Susan Mello and Jaqui Herrera Schroeder, with an aggregate score of 28-17.

Griffin got into the hot seat match with a 7-4 victory over Jackson. Sessions joined her with a double hill victory over Jones. Sessions gained the hot seat with a shutout over Griffin, and sat watching Wagner's approach.

On the one-loss side, in the meantime, Jackson picked up Wagner, who, after dropping her opening set 7-4 against Griffin, was on a five-

match winning streak that went to six and seven matches with double hill victories over both Jaqui Herrera Schroeder and Samm Diep. Jones drew Natasha Hook, who'd been sent west by Jackson and gotten by Gail Glazebrook 7-1 and Stacy Bourbeau 7-3. Wagner and Jones advanced to the quarterfinals; Wagner with a 7-1 victory over Jackson and Jones with a 7-5 victory over Hook.

Wagner went on to defeat Jones 7-3 and squared off against Griffin in the semifinals, in which she chalked up her 10th straight win on the one-loss side. She prevailed 7-2 and moved into the finals against Sessions.

Sessions took a commanding lead in the single, race-to-9 finals, and was ahead by five when she reached the hill. Wagner persevered, however, and as she had done with her matches on the one-loss side, won six games in a row to take the amateur title. Having drawn within one at 8-7, Wagner hooked herself shooting at the 7-ball, the only one remaining other than the 9-ball. She kicked it in, and sunk the 9-ball to knot things at double hill. Working on her 'out' in the final rack, Wagner, with again, only the 7- and 9-ball left, came off a rail a little too strongly to get the shot she wanted at the 9. She looked at the shot closely and then calmly banked the 9-ball into a corner pocket to complete her amazingly resilient run that earned her the first place prize.

What a great showing from Rebecca, a player with so much heart and actually six-months pregnant with her second child. Rebecca also won a paid entry into the 2011 WPBA US Open for her efforts plus custom Delta-13 rack. Congratulations to Angela Jackson, Colorado's highest finisher who won a custom Ernie Martinez cue for her efforts.

A very special thanks to all of the volunteers who donated countless hours to help with the event; Tournament director James Brothers, Chris Macey, David Merrell, Randy Little, Nicole Keeney, Laura Smith, Chris & Terry Hulseberg, Pete Way, Burt Maestas, Dave Gross, Steve Thomas, and also to the sponsors; Wynkoop Brewing, Pool Dawg, Delta-13, WPBA, and London Bridge.



Sunny Griffin



Betty Sessions

Tournament Results

Champion: Rebecca Wagner \$1,000 plus paid entry into the WPBA US Open & trophy

Runner-up: Betty Sessions \$700 plus plaque

3rd place: Sunny Griffin \$500 plus plaque

4th place: Tammie Jones \$335

5th-6th: Natasha Hook & Angela Jackson \$175 each

7th-8th: Stacie Bourbeau & Samm Diep \$100 each

9th-12th: Caela Huddleston, Gail Glazebrook, Jana Montour, & Jacqui Herrera \$50 each

Ask The Viper...

Q & A with WPBA Pro
Melissa Little

Email your questions to:
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Question:

"What are some differences between playing on a "bar-box" and a 9 ft. (regulation) table? And which do you prefer?"

Answer:

There are numerous sizes/shapes to pool tables. Here is a list of table sizes:

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4.5 ft by 9 ft table (a regulation size table, which is what the WPBA uses and most professional players are used to)

5 ft x 10 ft table (associated with snooker & 3-cushion tables)

6 ft x 12 ft table (an old English snooker table)

What do I prefer?

I prefer playing pool on a regulation size table but that is what I am used to playing on. I grew up in Boulder, Colorado and there was a poolroom close to where I worked that only had 9-foot tables. It was not until I stepped out of that particular room and ventured into local bars where they supplied bar-boxes.

Earlier this year, I traveled to Reno, NV to play in the US Bar Table Championships. Since I was not used to playing on bar boxes I had to spend a few extra days practicing beforehand. At the beginning of practice I thought how easy these little tables are. But in reality I realized it was harder than I originally thought because of the size differences - plus it felt like the balls were congested. At the beginning of the tournament I had to actually get a few pointers from Shane & Oscar on strategies. Surprisingly, I won both the 8-ball & 9-ball events.

I suggest playing on all sizes of tables, because in the long run you will become more of a "solid player" ☺

Best of luck to you,

Viper

Melissa "The Viper" Little has been a WPBA Touring Professional for over 10-years, she has represented the USA in Four WPA World Championships and has over 18 Top-10 WPBA Career Finishes. Melissa is currently the house-pro at the Wynkoop Brewing Company located in Downtown Denver. She teaches monthly clinics, give private lessons, and has created a juniors program that promotes the local youth in our sport.

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JUNIOR BILLIARD CHAMPIONS TAKE AIM AT WORLD TITLE

The **Billiard Education Foundation (BEF)** is pleased to announce that eight (8) junior players (19 years old or younger) will be representing the United States in the **XIX WPA World Junior 9-Ball Championships**, November 29 –December 1, 2010. The United States Pool Players Association (USPPA) and the Rail Bird Project will produce the World Pool-Billiard Association's (WPA) most prestigious junior event, which will be held at the Peppermill Resort in Reno, Nevada.

Almost fifty (50) of the world's best junior billiard players from six (6) continents and over twenty (20) countries will compete for the world title in both the boys' and girls' divisions. The Billiard Congress of America (BCA), as the North American member of the WPA, provides the invitations that make it possible for North American players to participate in this esteemed event.

The U.S. junior delegates earned an entry by virtue of their performance in the

2010 BEF Junior National 9-Ball Championships, where top finishers also received an expense paid trip, scholarship funds provided by Ozone Billiards and other prizes.

Among the top international players representing the U.S. are:

Boys' Division:

Landon Shuffett of Greensburg, KY
Billy Thorpe of Dayton, OH
Jesse Engel of Columbia Heights, MN
Brendan Crockett of Bell Canyon, CA
Danny Olson of Olathe, KS

Girls' Division:

Liz Lovely of Centerville, OH
Briana Miller of Allentown, PA
Jauslinn Arnold of Bakersfield, CA

In addition to the U.S. junior players representing North America, the Canadian Billiards & Snooker Association (CBSA) has named three (3) players to represent Canada. Attending the event will be former world champion of the girls' division, Brittany Bryant, as well as Ryan Spence and Pod Shognosh.



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Can you name this player from the WPBA tour?

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"Perhaps I should have been more specific when asking the Pool Gods for a good roll for Christmas."

OMG

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I told Kojak, "Dude, I just lost 5-0 to <insert name of opponent here>. It was pretty bad. I'm not going to hug you right now. I need, like, five or ten minutes, okay? Just give me a moment, okay?"

"Aw c'mon. It's just a game, girl! Who cares if you lose? Gimme a hug!"

You probably know me well enough by now that these words failed to, uh, comfort me or make the situation better. I mustered up all the self-control I had, and said again, as calmly as I could, "Dude, give me a moment, okay? I'm not in a good place right now. I need a little time to cool off."

"It's just a game! Why does it mean that much to you? It doesn't mean that much to anyone else."

Honest to God?!

Well, *of course* it doesn't mean that much to anyone else. They're NOT psycho bitches like me. I'm inclined to think there are not a lot of people like me in the world. If there were, the world would either be embroiled in constant warfare (because we're competitive and easily ticked off) or entangled in constant peace (because we understand each other and we're all happy as a result). Fortunately for this world, there is just ONE of me — and that one is MIGHTILY pissed off right now.

I wasted the next fifteen minutes of my life shaking in anger, trying to control my rage, watching my language very, very carefully, attempting to explain

WHY I was not in a hugging mood, and trying to avoid being hugged.

Kojak was not hearing/understanding my reasoning.

Believe me when I tell you that at one point, my blood pressure was so high and I was straining so hard not to say mean things or apply beatdowns to all items, both living and inanimate, that my vision temporarily blacked out. I could NOT understand, for the life of me, WHY getting a hug from me was SO FRIGGIN' IMPORTANT to Kojak. This guy had played with me on a team for at least six months. He had been witness, first-hand, to my reactions to various jackoffs and losses.

People don't always see eye-to-eye because they only see the situation through their own eyes.

I understood that Kojak could not, for the life of him, understand why my personal space and some reflection time was so important to me the same way I didn't understand why a hug was so important to him.

Hugs, solitary confinement, breath mints, personal hygiene, Blue Diamond chalk, money, gummy bears — it's all the same. They are important to some, and not to others. We don't know why, and we don't have to know why. They just — *are*.

Kojak, at heart, meant well, even if he didn't understand me, and I knew it. Knowing that he was acting out of ignorance and not malice also made this situation more difficult for me. If he had acted out of malice, then I would be justified in unleash-

ing the dogs of hell upon him. I knew he hadn't so all I could do was do my best to take his redonkulous mixture of crap without going postal.

He finally gave up his attempts to get a hug and left after saying in a sing-song voice, "Don't forget! I'm your friend!"

Umm... yeah.

Sigh.

A few days later, I entered in a big-table eight-ball tournament.

I was playing for the hotseat, and I lost miserably in a miserable match. It brought back memories of the league match I described above because I, inexplicably, did not feel like I was necessarily playing *bad*, but since I didn't win and the score was lopsided, I knew I didn't play *well*.

It was a nagging conundrum, made worse by the fact that my opponent's personality and presence grated on my nerves. I'm not sure if I had a good reason to dislike this guy (he looked familiar, pool is a small world, and a good amount of pool players piss me off) all I knew is that I DID NOT like him — in the same way a lot of people do not like me. As I like to say about people I dislike, as well as myself, "your results may vary". I may hate him, you may love him. I certainly know that is the situation with me — either you get along with me, or you don't.

Veering across four lanes to get back on topic...

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The spring session of league that starts January 30th, 2011 will feature an ALL expense trip to Verona, NY to participate in the Joss NE Tour's "Turning Stone Classic". For more information about 15 Rack please visit them at www.15rack.com or contact Melissa Little at 720-296-5395

Instruction With Tom

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

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

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WPBA Announces Changes for 2011

The WPBA Board of Directors notified its player membership that WPBA field size will be reduced from 64 to 48 players for all 2011 events. WPBA Vice President Tamre Rogers commented: "WPBA fields were, in fact, expanded by the Board in 2002 from 48 to 64. The Board felt compelled to return to the prior format because, in these tough economic times, prize fund growth has not kept pace with the growth in the expenses that the players incur in attending a Classic Tour event. As a result, on a per event basis, earnings prospects have dimmed for the players. The change is, therefore, first and foremost, intended to provide relief for core players of the WPBA and to ensure that the tour remains an attractive choice for the future stars of women's professional pool."

Along with field size reduction, the Board announced reintroduction of two Regional Tour programs. First, each Regional Tour points race winner will earn an exemption for the subsequent WPBA professional season. This policy is effective immediately, meaning that the point race winners in 2010 Regional Tour play will be granted exemption into all 2011 WPBA events, and this policy will remain in effect in the future. This replaces the exemptions awarded through the Regional Tour Championship. Second, the Regional Tours will, once again, be permitted to hold specific event qualifiers. For WPBA events in 2011, Regional Tours will be permitted to hold qualifiers in which the winner gets a guaranteed spot into a pre-specified WPBA event.

Tamre Rogers further commented that "it is not with-

out some remorse that the Board opted to pursue these changes. The Board is keenly aware that some players acted in reliance on previous indications from the Board. Tough times, however, call for decisive action, and the Board felt strongly that the changes could not wait."

After release of the letter to the membership today, feedback was solicited. Allison Fisher commented "The return to a forty eight player field is, in my view, overdue. I am also very pleased to learn of the return to double elimination in WPBA tournaments. The redraw of the final sixteen was not fair to players undefeated to that point." Jasmin Ouschan noted "Returning to a smaller field in WPBA events will be fair to the top pros and will keep the playing level high! It should be an accomplishment to get a spot for a professional tour event on the WPBA." Kelly Fisher offered "I admire the Board for having the courage to pursue these very necessary changes." Karen Corr said "This sounds like a good plan that will strengthen the WPBA organization." Northwest Women's Pool Association member Julie Valdez observed "As a ten year veteran of the Regional Tour system, I am very pleased to see that players will, once again, be able to qualify for WPBA events without having to incur the expense of attending a Regional Tour Championship. Reversion to the old qualifying system gives me more enthusiasm for continued participation." As noted, it is recognized that not every member will find favor with the decisions, but the Board is delighted to learn that some prominent members of our organization support these changes.

BC's Sports Pub Weekly Tournament Results

10-22-10

1st	Dave Wright	\$105
2nd	Felipe Flores	60
3rd	Tony Gamino	40
4th	Ron Kidd	15

11-5-10

1st	Rick Field	\$90
2nd	Chad Evans	60
3rd	Steve Hemelstrand	30
4th	Felipe Flores	10

11-12-10

1st	Ron Kidd	\$65
2nd	Robby Niemi	30
3rd	Rhonda Wright	10

11-13-10 (Monthly Open 8-Ball)

1st	Elliot Fields	\$150
2nd	Steve Hemelstrand	90
3rd	Pat Bradford	60
4th	Alan Hogan	30

11-19-10

1st	Dave Wright	\$65
2nd	Charlie Ray	30
3rd	Steve Hemelstrand	10



OB Cues Ladies Tour Championship Stop Brings First Tour Win for Terry Petrosino

It was a smashing weekend November 13th & 14th at Casper's Billiards in San Leon, Texas. The weather was just how we liked it....rainy and cool, prime conditions for being indoors and playing 9-ball all weekend long. Casper's Billiards is like no other pool room on our tour. The food menu offers a wide variety of seafood specials, delicious sandwiches, steaks, burgers, etc. to whet everyone's hungry appetite. Kathy and Roy Robinson, owners of Casper's and voted one of the best billiards rooms in the country, served as our host site in March as well as our Championship Stop during 2010. All of our OBCLT family, friends, supporters always enjoy their time there and look forward to the next time we will meet again. Thank You, Casper's for being part of our OBCLT family.

The OB Cues Ladies Tour (formerly Hunter Classics Amateur Tour) has been in existence for 18 years now. Our main title sponsor, OB Cues, who took over sponsorship in 2008, owned by Don Owen and Royce Bunnell were also in attendance at Casper's. Don & Royce received special recognition from the players for allowing us to continue to pursue our dream and enjoy our passion, as well as providing us a special venue to further develop our extended family and friends by keeping the tour together. Don and Royce, we couldn't do it without you and know that we appreciate you more than words can say. Thank You.

The tour also announced a new co-sponsor named Pool-300. Pool-300 is a new pool league concept coming soon to a poolroom in your neighborhood. You will be hearing more about this in the future. So keep your eyes and ears open for learning more about this new adventure.

As this was our Championship Stop for this year, it was also time to crown our 2010 OB Cues Ladies Tour Champion. At the time of the Player's Meeting, it was too close to call as Lisa Marr was ahead in points but only by 150 to her closest rival, Jennifer Kraber. Midstream in the tournament as Jennifer suffered a 1st round loss and Lisa won her 3rd match of the day, it was announced that Lisa Marr was the 2010 OBCLT



From left to right: Jennifer Kraber, Roy Robinson, and Terry Petrosino

Champion for her 3rd year in a row. Fantastic Job, Lisa! You are the best!

The 2010 Most Improved Player was awarded to Michelle Prince from Katy, Texas. Michelle has demonstrated a winning style and attitude throughout the duration of her past two years playing on the tour. She improved in the rankings from 27th to 15th and was most deserving of this prestigious award. Congratulations Michelle! Your hard work has paid off and it shows!

For the Main Event, thirty-two players were vying for the \$750 first place prize monies and it was anybody's guess who was going to be the winner. Returning on Sunday still undefeated were Angela Garza vs. Lisa Marr and Terry Petrosino vs. Michelle Cortez. On the one-loss side, it was Jennifer Kraber vs. Ricki Lee Casper and Amanda Lampert vs. Deanna Kinola. Ricki and Deanna finished 7th/8th while Amanda and Angela finished 5th/6th.

Michelle Cortez, who was celebrating her birthday on Sunday, had a very solid year of high finishes. In this event, she was defeated by Jennifer Kraber to take 4th place. With her previous high finishes, she placed 7th in the final 2010 rankings. Congratulations Michelle! We are proud of you!

In the semi-final match, it was once again the top two ranked players, Jennifer Kraber and Lisa

Marr. These two have waged plenty of battles against each other all year long and this time was no different. Jennifer was again triumphant at this event, sending Lisa home with a 3rd place finish. Congratulations Lisa on being the 2010 OBCLT Regional Tour Champion, for three times in a row. You are indeed a champion and always a pleasure to watch!

Jennifer, after losing her 1st match against OBCLT Board Member, Julie Stephenson 7-6, came back and won 8 matches to earn her spot in the finals match against Terry. Jennifer had the best year ever since playing on the tour. She finished overall in 2nd place in the rankings and finished 2nd place at this weekend's event. Congratulations Jennifer, you are a joy to watch, always a good sport and a verifiable champion through and through!

Terry Petrosino played in 3 of the 9 OB Cues Ladies Tour stops this year. Ironically, the last time she played was in March and it was at Casper's where she placed 9th-12th. This time, it was different. She defeated a number of strong shooters, starting out with Tara Williams, Julie Stephenson, Lisa Henderson-Major, Michelle Cortez, Lisa Marr and then Jennifer Kraber in the finals 7-5. She played very strong and strategic. Terry always has been a strong contender since playing on the tour but this time there was no looking back. She was cool and stroking like a champ. She stayed on target and focused to achieve her 1st OB Cues Ladies Tour win ever and capturing the 1st place prize money of \$750. Congratulations Terry and we know you will be in the winner's circle at future OBCLT events!

Tournament Payouts – 32 players

- 1st – Terry Petrosino - \$750
- 2nd – Jennifer Kraber - \$550
- 3rd – Lisa Marr - \$400
- 4th – Michelle Cortez - \$260
- 5th/6th – Amanda Lampert, Angela Garza - \$160
- 7th/8th – Deanna Kinola, Ricki Lee Casper - \$100



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In the last game of that set, as in the entire set, I was given a chance to run out when my opponent, let's call him *Howie Mandel*, missed.

My first shot should have been a fairly routine stop shot with a slight angle. The shot itself was not too difficult, it was the position I needed afterwards that might have been a little tricky. I needed to stun the cue ball just enough to move it sideways a few inches. It was important to get position on the next ball, but it was *imperative* to make the first shot.

I got down to shoot and as I was taking my warm-up strokes, I noticed a flurry of movement directly in my line of sight. I did a few more warm-up strokes, and tried to ignore the movement. Right as I shot, the movement turned into some sort of a flourish.

I got perfect position on the next ball.

But I had missed the shot.

I looked up and it wasn't Howie Mandel who had sharked me, but rather, another tournament player who had been practicing on the next table. He had been watching my match. He had also been drumming his fingers, and right when I had shot, he had reached over for a cube of chalk.

I should have got up off the shot when I had first

detected the flurry of fingers and recomposed myself, but I had not. The reward for my impatience was loss of the match. To someone I disliked greatly for no good reason.

Grr.

That's two big losses to two jackholes within just a few days. I had lost both matches the same way. I had been given chances, and I had not capitalized on them. Pool was not really an attractive hobby at the moment. However, I had one match left, and so, I decided not to divorce pool entirely, yet.

For the next forty minutes or so, I experienced what osso bucco feels like — that is to say, I spent the time stewing in my own juices. My mind was a jumbled art film of images that mostly pertained to all of my recent failures. It's a pretty horrific place to be, and I know almost all of us with competitive hearts have spent time in that madhouse theater.

My match was called. It was the last match of the tournament and I was playing for third place (the tournament had been round-robin, so first and second places had already been established). Third place was also the last paying spot in the tournament. Third place would get an economy-boosting \$15. Fourth place would get nothing.

When I got to the table, I found out that my opponent was the guy who had (perhaps inadvertently) sharked me in my previous match. Let's name him *Sketchy Squirrel*.

I did not like Sketchy Squirrel.

I know.

I dislike someone.

What a surprise.

Woo-farking-hoo.

Let's veer back across those four lanes of traffic again and take a short rest stop at the side of the road... Go ahead and pee behind the bushes, I'll just keep talking.

Sketchy Squirrel lives up to the name I have bestowed upon him.

I first saw him at a tournament the week prior. He had been practicing on the next table. He was about five-foot-one, scrawny, bald with a goatee, and he proudly sported a collection of monotone tattoos.

I took note of the random placement of his tattoos. It seem like he had gone to one of those supermarket prize-dispensing gumball machines and emptied it of its temporary tattoo inventory. He then must have spread these tattoos after removing the protective plastic sheet, in no particular order, on a lawn. Next, he turned on the sprinklers. Once the temporary tattoos were nice and wet, he rolled around in them.

This, of course, is just a dramatization of the actual process my brain came up with. Who knows what the real process was like?

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Amanda Lampert Back-2-Back OB Cues Ladies Tour Wins

Fast Eddie's in Round Rock, Texas was the scene for the 8th OB Cues Ladies Tour stop the weekend of October 9th-10th. In fact, this was the second time this year that they have hosted the OBCLT event and we greatly appreciated their fantastic food, hospitality and friendly faces from the management and staff. Thank You Fast Eddie's Round Rock!

Also special thanks to our main title sponsor, OB Cues, for providing the opportunity for amateur lady pool players all over the country to be able to participate in such a fun-filled, competitive, and memorable event year after year. Thank You OB Cues!

Players from Texas, Arkansas, Colorado and Illinois were anxious to participate in this guaranteed \$2000 added monies 9-ball event. A welcome surprise to the tour was the presence of Samm Diep from Denver, Colorado and everyone's favorite pool mascot, Frank from Pool Dawg. Frank was around all weekend sweating the action along with other tour fans, supporters, and family members, cheering on the 38 players competing for the 1st place prize of \$750.

As the Main Event approached day's end on Saturday, 8 players were still left standing. Winner side matches for Sunday morning would be Helen Laiche vs. Michelle Cortez and Lisa Marr vs. Amanda Lampert. One loss matches also on Sunday would be Orietta Strickland vs. Kim Pierce and Rachel Hurst vs. Nancy French. On Sunday morning, Helen and Michelle battled it out with a hill

score and Michelle prevailed as the winner and very excited about playing in the hot seat match. Amanda, recent winner of the Houston Open from the previous weekend, was playing lights out and soundly defeated Lisa 7-2 to earn her spot in the hot seat match. Amanda then won the hot seat with a score of 7-0 against Michelle; she would wait to see who her finals opponent would be.

As the one-loss matches continued, it looked like it would be a rematch of the hot seat match as Michelle was ahead of Lisa in the semi-finals. Unfortunately, the rolls, which were bothersome to both players, left Michelle coming up short and she was defeated by Lisa 7-5. Michelle had a fantastic event though and scored her highest tour finish ever. She will undoubtedly always be a force to reckon with, so keep up the good work. Congratulations Michelle!

The finals match was a battle of the speeding tickets. We teased both players as they both had unfortunate run-ins with a radar gun recently so they both had extra pressure and incentive to win this event to pay off their lead foot incidents. In true double elimination format, Lisa would have to defeat Amanda twice to win. As the match progressed, it looked Lisa was trying her best to take it to a second set as she was up 4-1 early. But Amanda was not having any of it and she kicked into gear to tie up the set. When it was 4-4, it seemed Lisa was going to force the second set when she took the lead at 6-4, but Amanda once again dug deep. She took advantage of a miss by

Lisa to draw closer at 6-5, then broke and ran to tie the score at 6-6. The excitement and pressure was growing as the final game became a battle of strategic safeties, a waiting game of who would make a mistake first. With just the 7-8-9 left, Lisa made a tough 7-ball in the corner but the cue ball rolled within an inch of the 8-ball, appearing to end her chances of the potential run-out. She deliberated as to what she was going to do, committed to the shot, then made a precise 8-ball shot in the side pocket and was left a long thin cut on the 9 to force the second set. Unfortunately, she missed the 9-ball giving Amanda a clear shot to pocket the 9 in the corner for her 2nd tour win. Congrats to both Lisa and Amanda for the crowd pleasing, superb match play all weekend.



Lisa Marr & Amanda Lampert

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The current Guinness record is held by Rikki Cunningham from Greensboro, North Carolina. Cunningham played pool at Shooter's Sports Bar & Billiard for 72 hours, setting the world title record for the "Longest Marathon Billiards Match" on August 28, 2009.

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Top Amateurs Crowned at the U.S. Amateur Championships in Tampa, FL

The top amateur poolplayers in the country came to Stokers in Tampa, Fla., in early November to compete for the coveted U.S. Amateur Championship title.

Amy Chen of Norcross, Ga., is the 2010 U.S. Amateur Women's Champion after defeating Kelly Cavanaugh of Orlando, Fla., 9-8. It's Chen's second U.S. Amateur Championship title after winning it back in 2008. The hill-hill battle was a nail-biter, much to the delight of a large audience of spectators.



The match opened in the 8-Ball set, with Cavanaugh taking the first game. Chen then took control of the 8-Ball set, winning the next five games for a 5-1 lead. The switch to the 9-Ball set brought a change in the momentum, as Cavanaugh battled back winning the first five games and taking a 6-5 lead. Chen then took the next two games for a one game advantage. The two then traded games back and forth over the next three, leaving one game to decide the championship.

In the 9th and final game, Chen perfectly executed

a 3-9 combo to win the match. Chen becomes only the second player in the Women's Division to capture the title twice.

Chen moves on to compete in the WPBA U.S. Open next year. Cavanaugh finished as the Runner-up. Finishing in 3rd Place was Dana Aft of Atlanta, Ga.

Raymond Linares of Miami, Fla., is the 2010 U.S. Amateur Champion in the Men's Division after a 11-7 victory over former champion David Rowell of Birmingham, Ala. Linares went undefeated throughout the three-day tournament, his first U.S. Amateur Championship tournament.



Linares saved perhaps his best play for the finals against Rowell. The match began in the 9-Ball set, with Linares winning four of the first five games. Rowell closed the gap with wins in games 6 and 7, but Linares continued his surge, and led 8-5 as the players switched to 8-Ball. Rowell took the first game of the 8-Ball set to pull within two, but Linares came right back to take the next two, putting himself on-the-hill.

Rowell avoided elimination by winning the fourth

game of the set, but Linares' momentum was too much to overcome at that point as he put away the match 11-7.

Linares moves on to compete in the U.S. Open pro tournament next year. Rowell's Runner-up finish was his highest at a U.S. Amateur Championship since he won the event in 2000.

Defending champion Brian Parks of Bakersfield, Calif, finished in 3rd Place, losing only to both Linares and Rowell. Nicholas Conner of Portland, Maine finished in 4th. Scott Ruttinger of Yulee, Fla., and Richard Andrews of Harvest, Ala., tied for 5th Place.

The 2010 U.S. Amateur Championship, produced and conducted by the American Poolplayers Association (APA), was held at Stokers in Tampa, Fla., Nov. 5-7. Preliminary qualifying rounds were held throughout the country in mid-Sept., with more than 1,500 players attempting to qualify.

Chen and Linares competed with the nation's most highly skilled amateur poolplayers who were all vying for the U.S. Amateur Championship title. The Men's Division consisted of 128 players, while the Women's Division featured 30 players. As Champions, Chen and Linares will return next year to defend their coveted titles.

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Bowman wins third straight at Shooters in Kansas; Keeney takes Ladies event

Jesse Bowman won his third straight event at Shooter's in Olathe, KS, defeating Beau Runnigen twice to take first place in the Open 9-Ball event of the Midwest 9-Ball Tour on the weekend of October 30-31. The \$3,500-added Open 9-Ball event drew 98 entrants.

In a concurrent, \$500-added Ladies event, which drew 15 competitors, Colorado local Nicole Keeney defeated Karen Lincoln 7-2 in a single-set final to bring home the first place

prize. Lincoln had defeated Jessica Frideres 7-5 in the semifinals. Apryl McGill finished in fourth place.

Bowman and Runnigen met first in the hot seat match after identical 9-4 victories over Eric Obermier and David Matlock, respectively. With a 9-6 win, Bowman sat in the hot seat and waited for Runnigen's return from the semifinals.

On the one-loss side, the winner of the tour's One-Pocket event, Shane McMinn, was on a collision course to meet Runnigen, who'd sent him west from among the winners' side final eight. But not before he (McMinn) squared off against the man he'd faced in the finals of the One-Pocket event, Chip Compton. McMinn won his first match the one-loss side 9-4 against Justin Gunia, as Compton (sent west by Matlock), was busy dropping Whitey Walker into the 9-12 slots with a double hill win. Compton and McMinn squared off for the right to meet Obermier, with McMinn prevailing 9-5. Chad Belmont, in the

meantime, following a shutout over Jeff Montgomery, and a 9-4 win over David Jordan faced Matlock. It was Matlock and McMinn advancing to the quarterfinals; Matlock with a 9-4 win over Belmont, McMinn defeating Obermier 9-7.

McMinn then dropped Matlock into fourth place with a 9-5 win, and advanced to the semifinals. It was more than a rematch from an earlier time of day. Two days prior, it had been McMinn who sent Runnigen to the semifinals in the One-Pocket event, where he faced Compton, and did not return. This time, though, it was Runnigen who came out on top, defeating McMinn 9-7 and getting a second chance at Bowman.

Bowman made a second set in what was a true double elimination final unnecessary. He got out in front of Runnigen and stayed there, winning the single race 9-4 to complete his undefeated run and third straight win on the Midwest 9-Ball Tour at Shooters.



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Anyways, I didn't pay any more attention to him and continued with my practice. I took a break and as I sat there drinking a bit of coffee, something caught my ear. Sketchy Squirrel and another tournament player, let's name him *Bullcrapple*, were talking rather loudly. They were talking about pool players — pool players that I knew.

I normally don't eavesdrop as I know it's rude, but it's kind of hard not to do it when it's being broadcast into your ear with a megaphone.

So, I listened.

I gathered that Bullcrapple had recently played in a weekly tournament and had split the finals with one of the better players in that tournament. The tournament that they were talking about was a barbox nine-ball tournament with very short races. The tournament was a popular tournament with many good players. Of course, the short race made it difficult to win. Nevertheless, it was usually one of the higher-level players that won.

Bullcrapple was telling all who would listen that the guy he split the finals with most likely wanted to split rather than play out the final match because, as Bullcrapple told it, "I don't think his ego could have taken another ass-whipping from me."

I found this interesting. I knew Bullcrapple's opponent in the finals was a very good player. He was one of the regular winners of that tournament and he most certainly was NOT afraid of Bullcrapple in

any way. Bullcrapple was capable of winning that short-race tournament, but for him to say that his opponent's ego could not have taken another loss — well, that's just a little assholic.

I continued to listen.

"Yeah, yeah, I know those players over there. They all think they're sooooo good, right? But they're not, they just THINK they are." This was Sketchy Squirrel playing harmony to Bullcrapple's melody. "They're not even that good. I know I can hang with all of them."

"Yep, yep, that's them all right. I sure taught them a lesson that night. They ain't so good and they need to know it!"

"Yeah, I hate them, I'm glad you beat them."

"Yeah, they're nothing. Just a bunch of talkers that want people to think they're good players."

"Yeah, screw them, man!"

Bullcrapple and Sketchy Squirrel continued to talk about how good they were and how terrible everyone else was. This was mildly annoying on many fronts, the first of which was that they were talking mad s— about *my friends*. Second, I would consider myself a pretty good judge of speed in pool, and I knew that the players these two were dissing were very good players that would not hesitate to gamble or apply other forms of beatdown to these two if they knew what was being said. Lastly, from what I had seen, neither Bullcrapple nor Sketchy Squirrel were great players at all.

I asked my better half, "Why are these two talking

smack about how great they are and how bad everyone else was at that tournament? Surely they know they aren't as good as they are making themselves out to be?"

My better half smiled at my naivete and said, "Look around you. Who's here? This is a dinky neighborhood tournament. Bullcrapple and Sketchy Squirrel can talk like that *here* because they probably *are* the best players here. None of the regulars here know about the other players, and those players they are talking s— about aren't here to defend themselves. That makes it easy to believe the talk."

"Oh. That's lame."

"That's pool."

"But *we* know those other players. How can they talk s— about our friends when we're here? Do they not know that we can hear them? They're talking extremely loudly."

"*That*, I don't know. People do crazy things all the time."

Later on that day, I played Bullcrapple and beat him by a fair margin. My better half completely decimated Sketchy Squirrel.

Done peeing? Okay, let's get back on the road to the present . . .

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SHEABEEN PUB – 2300 S Chambers Rd, 303-696-6131
SPILLWAY GRILL-13740 E Quincy, 303-693-0755
SPORTS STATION - 850 Dayton, 303-343-2950
TABLE STEAKS EAST-3253 S Parker Rd, 303-743-8888

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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
MICKY MANOR - 2544 Federal Blvd, 303-458-0043
PARAMOUNT CAFE - 16th & Glenarm, 303-893-2000
PARK TAVERN & RESTAURANT - 921 E 11th Ave. 303-832-7667
PUB ON PEARL - 1101 S Pearl, 303-777-6768
READY ROOM, THE - 1141 Syracuse, 303-377-2642
ROCK BOTTOM BREWERY - 1001 16th, 303-534-7616
ROMES SALOON - 785 W Mississippi, 303-744-6643
SKYLARK LOUNGE - 140 S Broadway, 303-722-7844
SOBO 151 - 151 S Broadway
WYNKOOP BREWING CO - 1634 18th St, 303-297-2700, www.wynkoop.com, Weekly Pool Tournaments

DENVER NORTH

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

DENVER SE

CITY PUB - 3575 S Yosemite, 303-694-0454
DEVON’S PUB - 4992 E Hampden, 303-756-5507
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, 303-355-5713
JASON’S BILLIARDS II – 2200 S Monaco, 720-377-1560, No Alcohol, Weekly Pool Tournaments
JL’S CHEERS - 3415 S Monaco Pkwy, 303-692-9183
MCDONOUGH’S IRISH PUB-10395 E Iliff Ave, 303-369-9819
MY BAR-10139 E Colfax, 303-367-0426
NAUGHTY PRINCE - 7950 E Mississippi Ave, 303-368-4959
PIPER INN - 2251 S Parker Rd, 303-755-0771
SAM’S BAR & LOUNGE - 6801 Leetsdale Dr, 303-322-6401
W.T.SHORTY’S SPORTS GRILL-990 S Oneida St, 303-388-2883

DENVER SW

ATHMAR LOUNGE – 1795 W Mississippi Ave, 303-935-5238
FAT FENDERS B&G - 2490 W Hampden Ave, 303-781-9408
IKE’S BAR & GRILL - 1050 W Evans Ave, 303-934-9000
LONGSHOT LOUNGE - 3665 S Federal Blvd, 789-9653
O STREET TAVERN - 3425 S Oleander Ct, 303-758-0332
ROCKET LOUNGE - 2950 W Evans Ave, 303-934-9729
TIME OUT - 1132 S Sheridan Blvd, 303-936-6699
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
MAGNET INN - 2893 S Broadway, 303-781-5262
TABLE STEAKS SOUTH - 101 W Floyd, 303-789-0651, In-House Pool Leagues

ERIE/FREDERICK

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

FEDERAL HEIGHTS

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

GOLDEN

300 CLUB / GOLDEN BOWL - 525 24th St. 303-279-9083
ANGIE’S TAVERN - 15800 W Colfax Ave, 303-279-5301
BUFFALO ROSE SALOON - 12th & Washington, 303-279-5190

HENDERSON

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

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LAKEWOOD

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

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DUBB’S PUB - 5301 S Broadway, 303-798-6711
FOX AND HOUND - 5170 E Arapahoe Rd, 720-493-0111
FOX AND HOUND - 8996 W Bowles, 720-922-0400
FUGGLIES SPORTS BAR -11614 W Belleview, 303-933-7761, In-House & Traveling Pool Leagues
MIRAGE SPORTS BAR - 8340 W Coal Mine, 303-973-5170, Pool Leagues, Darts, Texas Hold’em
TOAD TAVERN - 5302 S Federal Blvd, 303-795-6877

NORTHGLENN / THORNTON

CASTAWAYS - 451 W 84th Ave, 303-430-9834, Pool Leagues, Pinball, Video Games, Darts, Dancing, Poker, Bingo, Food
CHARLIE’S BILLIARDS - 10657 Melody Dr, 720-379-4679
CHASERS POOL HALL - 11964 Washington St, 303-452-9550
EXTRA POINT SPORTS BAR- 4050 E 100th Ave. 303-452-9353
FOX AND HOUND - 4750 W 120th Ave, 303-464-7366, Pool Leagues
GAME, THE - 8101 Washington St, 303-287-4507, Pool Leagues
GINGERS LOUNGE - 7310 Washington, 303-288-9824, Pool Leagues
HICC UPS II – 10250 Ura Ln, 303-466-1829
LAKE AVENUE INN - 2181 Lake Ave, 303-452-9079
MR. K’s - 8830 N Washington St, 303-288-7118
PRIME TIME - 10280 Washington St, 303-457-1902
SILVER BULLET SALOON - 3734 E 120th Ave, 303-457-4470
TAFOLINO’S - 524 Malley Dr, 303-452-6172
THIRSTY’S SPORTS PUB - 1294 E 104th Ave, 303-451-9918
TRAILSIDE - 10360 Colorado Blvd, 303-920-9852
VILLAGE PUB - 9150 Huron St, 303-427-7745, Pool Tournaments

PARKER

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

WESTMINSTER

92ND AVENUE TAVERN - 7701 W 92nd Ave, 303-422-6353
CAPTAIN JACKS - 8468 Federal Blvd, 303-428-0600, Pool Leagues, Weekly Pool Tournaments
CHARLIE’S WEB - 8364 Sheridan Blvd, 303-412-8120
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
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, www.longshotsbar.com
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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BANK SHOT SPORTS BAR - 1212 8th Street, 719-589-9895

ASPEN

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

BOULDER

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
CLEAT’S LOUNGE - 6624 Delmonico Dr, 719-548-8267
FRANKIE’S BAR & GRILL - 945 N Powers Blvd, 719-574-4881
GEE CUES SPORTS BAR - 3906 San Miguel, 719-638-6855
HALF TIME SPRTS B & G – 1840 N Academy Blvd, 719-550-0025
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
PHANTOM CANYON BREWING CO-2 E Pikes Peak Ave, 719-635-2800
THIRSTY’S - 2028 Sheldon Ave, 719-444-8515
RASCALS - 1785 B St, 719-576-2238
RILEA’S PUB - 5672 Union Blvd, 719-598-6622
TIME OUT LOUNGE - 3721 Brennan Rd, 719-390-7257
WILLIE’S SOUTH - 1865 N Circle Dr, 719-389-0607
YUKON TAVERN - 525 S Circle Dr, 719-475-0050

SPRINGS AREA

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

CRESTED BUTTE

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

DELTA

HOLLIES - 220 Main, 970-874-7060

DURANGO

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

ESTES PARK

ESTES PARK REC CENTER - 555 S Saint Vrain, 970-586-8625
TRIPPERS LANE 110 W. Elkhorn St. 970-586-4346

EVERGREEN

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

FORT COLLINS

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

GRAND JUNCTION

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

GREELEY

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

GUNNISON

TIMBER’S PUB/SPORTS BAR - 136 W Tomichi Ave, 970-641-14 91 L

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
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JOHNSTOWN

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

LEADVILLE

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

LONGMONT

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 O’s - 4111 Club Manor Dr, 719-546-3636

SILVER CLIFF

AFTER R’S - 620 Main St, 719-783-9300

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

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

TELLURIDE

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

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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

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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 - 1830 N Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs, 719-597-7974
ALPINE BILLIARDS SALES & SERVICE - 380 S Potomac St, Aurora, 303-617-0220
BEST QUALITY BILLIARDS - 9885 W Colfax Ave, Lakewood, 303-233-2557, www.bestqualitybilliards.com
BIG BREAK BILLIARDS - 6920 S. Jordan Rd. #E, Centennial, 720-270-1444
BLACK HILLS NOVELTY-209 Stocktrail Ave, Gillette, 307-686-2111
BMW BILLIARDS (Vending) - 970-391-7664
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3978 S. Broadway, Englewood
BRUNSWICK HOME & BILLIARD - 5971 Broadway, Denver, 303-292-1726
CABIN FEVER SPORTS – 107 W 6th St, Pueblo, 719-584-3660
CAL SPAS - 1035 Zuni, Denver, 303-623-0100
CAREFREE SPAS & POOLS - 7450 W 52nd Ave Unit V, Arvada, 303-422-0100
COLORADO BILLIARDS & SPAS - 1555 S Havana, Aurora, 303-337-1818
COLORADO BILLIARDS & SPAS - 9140 E Westview Rd, Lonetree, 303-721-8181
FIERCE EAGLE CUE CO - 4014 Tennyson St, Denver, 303-455-1412
FODOR BILLIARDS - 8215 S Holly St, Littleton, 303-770-7771
FODOR BILLIARDS - 3310 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Colorado Springs, 719-598-4611
FRONT RANGE BILLIARD SUPPLY - 303-717-0040
GAME EXCHANGE OF COLORADO - 2650 W 6th Ave, Denver, 303-893-4300
HOME STARS DESIGN STUDIO - 2855 W Oxford Ave Unit 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 - 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, yvapa@msn.com
BMW BILLIARDS - Judy Mehle, 970-229-1400, VNEA Pool Leagues in Northern Colorado
DENVER POOLPLAYERS ASSOCIATION, David Howell, 303-668-6090
GAMES PEOPLE PLAY– Cindy Plank, 720-289-1471
LOVE TO PLAY POKER -303-829-5742, Texas Hold’em Poker, www.lovetoplaypokertour.com
MILE HIGH TAP LEAGUE - Bill Davis, 303-817-6996, Adams & Arapahoe counties in Denver Area
PLAYERS CHOICE POOL LEAGUES - Deb & Bob Winter, 303-477-2333, www.vneapool.com or www.pc-pool.com, BCA, VNEA, ACS Pool Leagues
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