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

July 2001

Last month we looked at a draw shot that is often misplayed with too much speed to produce the required cue-ball action. Let's continue examining the same principle with a shot that lives on the flipside of the same coin. The adventurous spirits among you might have already begun exploring this month's shot after asking yourselves what might be possible if a draw shot were hit with added speed.

Look at the shot in the diagram and observe how the striped nine ball blocks the direct path from the five ball to the six. Any attempts to use the top rail with follow are also blocked. So, how do we pocket the five and get position for the six to continue the run?

Note that the shot on the five is not straight in but requires a slight cut to the left. So we know that the cue ball will rebound initially from the five along the dotted tangent line. You

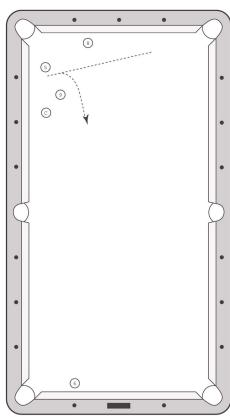


one in the diagram.

line before any spin takes effect. Now is the time to use that knowledge to play a draw shot with enough speed to move the cue ball along the tangent line, past the obstructing nine ball and down the right side of the table. The cue ball will trace an arc like the

Set up the shot at first without the obstructing ball and play it a few times until you feel comfortable with drawing the cue ball down table. Now, with the nine ball in place, hit the shot firmly enough to make your cue ball move past the obstruction before it draws back. The shot will require some practice to get a feel for the amount of speed needed to move the cue ball just far enough to the right before drawing it back

may want to hit the shot once or twice as a stop shot to find that line for yourself. Remember last month's shot and how it established that more speed moves the cue ball farther down the tangent line before any spin takes effect. Now is the time



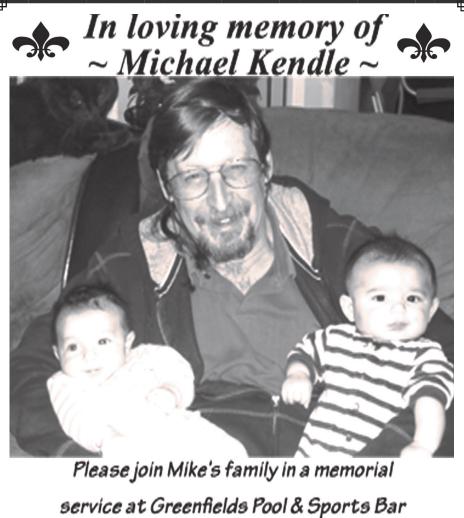
down table. Keep in mind that enough speed does not mean all you can muster; hit the shot firmly, not brutally hard. Also, there is a technique for executing this shot effectively. To make the cue ball move laterally along the tangent line and then backwards hit the shot with a long and complete follow through. Since the cue ball will move to the right after hitting the five ball there is no danger of it snapping directly back to hit your tip again, so be sure to follow through completely without pulling your

cue back. Finally, straight draw, with no right or left-hand english, works best for the intended outcome.

Although this shot may appear somewhat tricky and the thought of attempting it in competition a little daunting, there is no magic involved or special talent required for its execution. It's likely in fact that you already hit a lot of shots with an arcing cue ball but may not observe the phenomenon if you are not intentionally curving around obstructions. In this situation you are merely employing the physics of pool for a desired result. Here is a perfect opportunity for you to take something that appears amazing and make it look easy.







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4 Reasons to Regroup by Samm Diep March 2011 ©

It's always good practice to take a deep breath and relax before you shoot. However, there are certain times when it's especially important to take a moment to regroup and calm yourself before your next shot. High pres-

sure situations can get your adrenaline pumping, which can ultimately result in an assortment of bad outcomes.

Though adrenal hormones help the body cope with stress, among other vital bodily functions, they are also known for increasing your heart rate and constricting blood vessels. Too much adrenaline can cause you to miss a shot or over or under stroke a ball and miss position. When your palms are sweaty, your hands are shaking, and your heart is beating faster than normal, you are feeling the effects of the adrenaline and it's a good idea to take a moment to regroup and settle down.

Here are four instances of when it's important to regroup prior to shooting again:

After a lucky shot

Luck happens. Maybe you caught a lucky roll or slopped something in playing 9-ball. Whatever the case may be, the surprise of the unexpected fortune might be just enough to raise the adrenaline level. When this happens there's no need to feel guilty. It's part of the game. Luck happens to you and it will happen to your opponent as well. Accept the shot, regroup, and focus on the next shot.

After a great shot

Have you ever come with the shot of your life, only to turn around and miss the easy one that follows up? This happens to everyone. It's very common that when so much focus and energy was needed for a heroic effort, the subsequent shot is taken for granted. A fantastic shot can cause excitement and elevate your heart rate. In these cases, step away from the table and take a sip of water or do something to break the tension. Refocus and approach the next shot.

After your opponent's lock up safety

Not getting a shot, alone can be frustrating, but when you finally receive an opportunity and your opponent just put you in jail, it can be quite discouraging. When your opponent is not giving an inch and the only chance you're getting is not even a chance at all, it might seem easier to throw in the towel and just give up. This is one time when it's critical to regroup and do your very best with what you're faced with. Do not give up or rush your decision. Your opponent can sense your weakness and it only makes them stronger.

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After your opponent sits you for a while

A similar circumstance occurs if your opponent is dominating the match and you've been sitting in your chair for some time. The anticipation of finally getting a shot after your opponent puts a five-pack on you can cause some restlessness. But, unless you have Ralf Souquet's nerves of steel, don't expect to return the favor with a package of your own. As much as you may want to, do not charge the table. It's good to be eager but racing to the table right now can elevate the excitement and again, your adrenaline level. Calmly approach the table with a clear plan of attack.

These are four examples of when it's easy to get overexcited and allow your enthusiasm or impatience to take over. Don't let your adrenaline get the best of you.

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BCAPL / USAPL Players Take Center Stage at the Antique Billiard Museum in Colorado

The 2012 BCAPL / USAPL Colorado State Championships were held November 9-11 at the Antique Billiard Museum in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The \$2,000 added inaugural event was comprised of Scotch Doubles, Men's Singles and Women's Singles divisions. All three divisions were handicapped based on the BCAPL national player ratings: Open, Advanced, Master and Grand Master.

CueSports International would like to thank Jim Barber and his staff at the Antique Billiard Museum for their hospitality to tournament directors Bill Stock, Mark Griffin and all of the players. We all had a great time and Jim and staff bent over backwards to accommodate all of our needs. CueSports International plans to hold two events per year at the Antique Billiard Museum.

The Scotch Doubles event kicked off Friday evening with \$500 added. Twelve teams vied for the \$450 first place prize. Ruben Silva

and Shannon Shoemake of Colorado Springs took home the bonus nice for their excellent play in the finals defeating John Sandifer and Debbi Worcester of

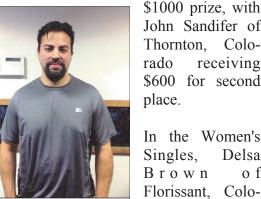


Ruben Silva and Shannon Shoemake Scotch Doubles Champs

Thornton, Colorado.

The singles divisions started Saturday and finished on Sunday. The Men's Singles division had a total purse of \$2,800 and the Women's Singles division a total purse of \$1000.

In the men's group, 36 players focused their efforts to pocket the tidy \$1,000 first place prize. The last man standing was Ruben Silva of Colorado Springs, pocketing the



Ruben Silva Colorado BCA Champ

John Sandifer of Thornton, Coloreceiving rado \$600 for second place.

In the Women's Delsa Singles, Brown o f Florissant, Colorado prevailed as the top woman shooter of the

weekend, taking home an impressive \$450 first place for her efforts, with Terry Duncan of Englewood, Colorado receiving \$250 for second place.

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CSI also produces independent events such as the US Bar Table Championships, the Jay Swanson Memorial, the US Open One Pocket Championship, the US Open 8-Ball Championship and the US Open 10-Ball Championship. Visit www.playcsipool.com, www.playbca.com, a n d www.playusapool.com for more information about CSI and its divisions.

Full Results and Payouts for the Colorado State Championships:

Scotch Doubles

	1^{st}	Ruben Silva, Colo Spgs, CO/Shannon Shoemake, Colo Spgs, CO	\$450
	2^{nd}	John Sandifer, Thornton, CO/Debbi Worcester, Thornton, CO	\$250
	3 rd	John Baylor, Colorado Springs, CO/Delsa Brown, Florissant, CO	\$160
	4^{th}	Mark Morgan, Denver, CO/Aimee Peterson, Aurora, CO	\$80
	5-6 th	Mike Thompson, Colo Spgs, CO/Laura Walnofer, Colo Spgs, CO	\$40
	5-6 th	Woody Quezada, Longmont, CO/Tonya Haselbush, Longmont, CO	\$40
Men's Singles			

1^{st}	Ruben Silva, Colorado Springs, CO	\$1000		
2^{nd}	John Sandifer, Thornton, CO	\$600		
3 rd	Frank Urbaniak, Colorado Springs, CO	\$400		
4^{th}	Ben Merton, Boulder, CO	\$200		
5-6 th	Jim Calderon, Pueblo, CO	\$125		
5-6 th	Doug James, Lakewood, CO	\$125		
7-8 th	Wayne Arde, Simia, CO	\$75		
7-8 th	Marc Vidal, Aurora, CO	\$75		
9-12 th	Cecil Monge, Colorado Springs, CO	\$50		
9-12 th	Mark Morgan, Denver, CO	\$50		
9-12 th	Joe Ross, Colorado Springs, CO	\$50		
9-12 th	Mike Willeford, Aurora, CO	\$50		
Women's Singles				
1^{st}	Delsa Brown, Florissant, CO	\$450		
2^{nd}	Terry Duncan, Englewood, CO	\$250		
3 rd	Carol James, Lakewood, CO	\$150		
4^{th}	Shannon Shoemake, Colorado Springs, CO	\$70		
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An Interview with Legendary Professional Player Keith McCready

The Interview:

Viper: Where were you born? Keith: I was born in 1957, in Elmhurst, Illinois - a Chicago suburb.

Viper: Where and when did you first start playing pool?

Keith: I was 8-years-old when my dad introduced me to the sport of billiards at a local poolroom called Linbrook family billiards in Anaheim, CA. At that time, my dad and my older brothers were regulars and had become pretty good players.

A short time later, my brothers and I proceeded to our neighborhood friends' houses where they had a pool table. As kids we competed for hours playing 9-ball ring games, 5 cents paid on the 5ball pocketed and 10-cents on the winning 9ball. My little gambling career really started when the games got up to 25 cents and 50 cents a game and the rest truly became history.

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

Keith: I started off winning a lot of smaller events and then in 1979 at the age of 22, I won my first 9-ball title at the Jointed Cue in Sacramento, CA. I beat Larry Hubbard in the finals.

A few years later in 1985, I won my first major; the \$25,000 first place prize at the BCA Open 9ball Championships in Binghamton, NY beating Mike LeBron in the finals.

VIPER: Did you ever play in a pool league? Keith: *No... not really, I tried it for a year and that was the end of that.*

VIPER: Are you good at any other sports?

Keith: Oh yea... I am good at golf, baseball, football, and most other sports. I do all things well so its like I was born a natural and I could even run fast. In high school I was scouted out for baseball, but I turned it down. VIPER: Describe yourself in three words? Keith: Cool, calm, and deserving

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

Keith: If I had gone by the book... then I wouldn't have gotten as far as I did in my professional career, so I wouldn't have changed a

thing.

VIPER: Who influenced you the most in pool?

Keith: My father encouraged me the most. He took me to the pool hall at a really young age and he didn't mind if I played pool all day. As a matter of fact, he taught and inspired me to win

and today I am very grateful for that.

VIPER: Who were/ are your favorite professionals?

Keith: When I was younger it was Larry Lisciotti and Cole Dickson. They were just really fun guys to be around. They had the best pool stories and they both played extremely well. When I was younger I had an

opportunity to hang out with them a lot. I would watch how they played and on my own time try to imitate all there different strokes. I wasn't the type of player to ask for any advice.

As years went on, I learned the most from Ronny Allen because good or bad he could perform magic with the cue ball, especially in One-Pocket. And then later in my career, I was inspired by Buddy Hall's smooth stroke and phenomenal mechanics.

Wimpy Lassiter, I had a lot of respect for his game and he reminded me of what true legends are about. Oh and I can't for about Minnesota Fats, every time he was around he made me laugh – he was truly hilarious and definitely one of a kind.

VIPER: How did you prepare for events?

Keith: Remember Melissa; I was a money player so I didn't have much time for preparation because I was always in action. Tournaments were secondary to me. Sometimes, I would have to postpone a money game to play in a tournament match and then afterwards I would continue gambling.

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

Keith: I never really accepted advice from others, and believe me a lot of them gave me sug-

gestions but as a young kid those recommendations seemed impossible to me. I guess I was just too stubborn to listen. The best ways for me to learn were to watch the techniques of the better players and then try to imitate them on my own time.

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

Keith: My favorite thing I enjoyed the most was watching my opponents sit like statues as I ran over them. I loved to watch their facial expressions. They give you a certain look when your giving them a pounding- its like as if they're about to be drowned.

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

Keith: I would tell <u>him</u> to work real hard and dedicate his time to watching other great players like I did. I would suggest learning all of the different kind of strokes that pool has to offer, including the finesse stroke. I firmly believe that pool is a total process.

Viper: I think its funny that you say "He" what if it was a 12-year-old girl wanting help?

Keith: I guess you're right Melissa, I would teach <u>her</u> how to play the correct way. You know there are a lot of knowledgeable players out there but they really don't know how to explain how to play the correct way.

It would take some time, but after a while of working with me I guarantee she would be playing real well. And the main thing is, all players need to learn to be comfortable with what ever comes most natural to them and then we can go from there. – It's a work in progress. I like to teach plus I think everyone needs a good mentor.

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

Keith: I lost my mom to Cancer when I was 10 or 11 so I was basically on my own after that. Being so young I had to figure out a quick way to win. So I became a good all-around gambler. Whether it was poker, flipping coins, pool, basically anything and everything I could do to make money. And in the long run, it worked out for me. \bigcirc

Viper: What's your Favorite game?

Keith: I like the more skillful games like banks, One-Pocket, and pay-ball. 9-ball is my least favorite, because I don't like to sit around and watch my opponents run-out all the time. Today's players are way too methodical and with their bogus routines it's boring and drives me nuts to watch them slowly run out. Yuck!!!



James Fortin Earns a Third Title in the November Stay in Stroke Event

James Fortin and Joshua Ramey

ran out and then James broke and

ran. In the next game, Ed broke

and scratched handing the opportu-

nity to James to run out again. An-

other break and run by James made

the score 6-5 and after trading a

few safeties, James prevailed 7-5

to capture his 3rd singles title in a

row. He also had 20 consecutive

matches without a loss. After the

tournament, he was 21-1. Con-

Thank you to all who participated

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way, bought all new balls, recov-

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cloth and rearranged all his tables.

Thanks goes out as well to Larry

Sposato and Karen & Tina at the

gratulations James!!

Results by Richard Montoya

Yes, James takes another title, but not without a fight from Joshua Ramey and Ed Borrego. Joshua played for the hot seat and had his opportunities to send James packing. But as we all know, growing pains often get in the way and he lost 7-4. Joshua had a very hard day as he went hill/hill in three consecutive matches. To his credit, he prevailed in all three. Joshua, a "9" in the Stay in Stroke handicap system, was a happy camper.

Ed Borrego, the veteran that he is, came back after losing early to none other than James Fortin with a final score of 7-6. But then he caught a gear and managed wins over Richard Montoya 7-5, then Larry Sposato 7-2 and Ricardo Bonillo 7-5. He then got the better of ATM Andrew Pettinger 7-4, John Pariker 7-5 and in the semifinals, he took Joshua Back to School (101) beating him in high fashion 7-2. In the first set of the finals, Ed beat James 7-2 and was up 5-2 in the final set when it all started crumbling down. He scratched on the break and James

Here's how they finished:

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2^{nd}	Ed Borrego	\$300.00	\$250.00
3^{rd}	Joshua Ramey	\$200.00	\$200.00
4^{th}	John Pakiser	\$125.00	\$100.00
5^{th}	Joe Robles	\$60.00	\$60.00
6^{th}	Bill Helner	\$60.00	\$60.00
7^{th}	Eddie Garcia	\$40.00	\$35.00
8^{th}	ATM	\$40.00	\$35.00

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WOMENS B FINAL 8

1st	TINA PAYNE
2nd	Rebecca Thunstrom
3rd	SHAROL SANCHEZ
4th	DEE DELLEMONACHE
5/ 6th	DENISE TENORIO
	LORI HOLLAND
7/8th	LESLIE MC CASKILL
	PATTY WIGLEY

WOMENS C FINAL 8

1st	Sarah Dobler		
2nd	LYDIA LOMBARDO		
3rd	Lynn Huey		
4th	Sandra Kermoade		
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The 27th Annual Rocky Mountain VNEA Singles held in Cheyenne Wyoming was a great success this year. This tournament featured the Compusport software system for running of the brackets, making possible live online viewing of the brackets as players advanced.

Over 470 players attend this event. Taking the 1st place spot in the tough Open AAA/AA division was James Fortin who dedicated his win to Gilbert Lovato. James also received a beautiful belt buckle and decorative box that was donated by Roland Lucero and Rich Montoya.

For those that lost out in 4 rounds or less was a 2nd chance tournament. Over 125 players participated in the 2nd chance tournament. Then for those who lost out before the finals and not in the money was a Hard Luck tournament with 95 players.

On Sunday was the Junior's event with over 35 players under 21 participating. Thanks to John Gilbert for donating cues to this event. There was a sportsmanship awarded to each age group. Congratulations to the best sportsmen and women, majors William Rogers, minors Rachel Sobott, youth Brandon Krapes.

Thanks to all players and supporters for a successful tournament.

For full color photos of the top finishers... Go to back page!



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PLAYER PROFILE

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Date: November 5, 2012

AzBilliards.com Announces NEW Junior Forum

The popular AzBilliards.com pool/ billiard forum (http:// forums.azbilliards.com/) has recently added a new category, among their regularly viewed posts, to support the Billiard Education Foundation (BEF). You can now find an area designated solely for all things related to youth and billiards under the "BEF Juniors Pool" category.

Many of the frequent posters already share news about their local junior players in the main forum, including proactive pool-in-school program director Earl Munson from Dallas. Now, forum members will know exactly where to look for the latest news and announcements for juniors. "Between our revamped website and newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, Google+, and now this forum, we hope to reach as many eyes as possible," said BEF Executive Director, Samm Diep-Vidal.

AzBilliards Webmaster Mike Howerton added, "We have to be able to look to the juniors as the future of this game, and we are always happy to help with the efforts of the Billiards Education Foundation."

If you are not already a member of this active forum, sign up today and learn all the latest community and industry news about pool. While Az-Billiards.com continues to provide all the latest updates, their forum currently has nearly 4,000,000 posts from their 40,000+ members and the numbers continue to grow each week along with the enthusiasm for our sport.

MEET: Evan Balogh Bruce





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Started playing: 8 years old

Titles/ Top Finishes: Qualified for 2012 BEF Junior National Championships

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Favorite band/music: Hank Williams, Jr / Country / Hip hop

Hobbies: Pool, Skateboarding Memorable pool moment: Junior National Championships in Milwaukee

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Ouschan is 2012 WPBA Tour Champion

Jasmin Ouschan, entering the 2012 WPBA Tour Championships at the Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City, Oregon on the weekend of November 8-11, was seeded at # 8. Her opponent in the finals, Karen Corr came in at #7. Together, in early rounds, and in the singleelimination semifinals, they had downed the #1 and #2 seeds in the tournament, Allison Fisher and Ga Young Kim, twice. Ouschan prevailed in the finals over Corr to claim the tour championship title that had drawn 48 entrants to the Chinook Winds Casino Resort.

In early double elimination rounds, Ouschan had defeated Vicki Paski 9-1, Jana Montour 9-3, and in their first of two meetings, downed Fisher 9-6. This put her in the last double elimination match against Jennifer Baretta, who'd survived an opening round, double hill match against Joanne Ashton and gone on to defeat Brittany Bryant 9-4, and Kim White-Newsome 9-2.

Corr, in the meantime, defeated Jessica Barnes 9-2, Xiaoting Pan 9-7 and in their first of two, Ga Young Kim 9-7. This set her up to face Kelly Fisher, who'd advanced past Melissa Little 9-3, Vivian Villarreal 9-2, and Nicole Keeney 9-3.

Ouschan sent Baretta to the loss side 9-1, advancing to the semifinals where she'd meet up again with Allison Fisher. Corr, in the meantime, survived a double hill battle against Kelly Fisher, also advancing to the semifinals and a second meeting against Ga Young Kim.

On the loss side, Ga Young Kim began her trip back to those semifinals with a 9-4 win over Line Kjorsvik, followed it with a 9-1 victory over Monica Webb and downed Barretta 9-5, for her second chance against Corr. Fisher (Allison) survived a double hill battle against Mary Rakin, and at 8 o'clock on Saturday night, squared off against a familiar face, Jeannette Lee. Two hours later, after eliminating Lee 9-

6, she faced another familiar face in fellow Fisher, Kelly. She shut Kelly out for her second shot at Ouschan.

On Sunday afternoon, just after one o'clock, Ouschan took her second set against Fisher (Allison) 7-3. Just after 3 p.m., Corr took her second set against Ga Young Kim 7-5, and the race-to-7 finals was on.

Ouschan chalked up four racks, including a first and fourth game break-and-run, before Corr got on the board. When Ouschan rattled a 5-ball in a hole in game five, Corr jumped on it, and ran the



Jasmin Ouschan

table. With an open look at the 1-ball on Corr's subsequent dry break, Ouschan re-established her four-game lead at 5-1. Corr would win two more, to pull within three at 6-3, but Ouschan was on the hill, and sunk the 9-ball, top corner, breaking the 10th rack to claim the event title.

At the event, Jana Montour was named as the WPBA's Rookie of the Year. Teruko Cuccelelli, who improved her ranking by 17 slots in the past year, was named as the association's Most Improved Player.

WPBA President Tamre Rogers expressed appreciation for all of the association's fans, venues, and sponsors, including the APA, Diamond Tables, Delta-13 Racks, Simonis and Aramith. While negotiations are ongoing for venue locations to host the WPBA's Regional Tour Championships, expected to be held in January of 2013, the site for the WPBA Masters is already set. That tournament will be held from February 6-10 at the Soaring Eagle Resort and Casino in Mount Pleasant, MI.

- Results provided by AzBilliards.com

Tammie Jones and Brian Parks Win the U.S. Amateur Championship Colorado Player Christine Honeman Takes 3rd in the Women's Division

The top amateur poolplayers in North America headed south to the Sunshine State in early-November to compete in the U.S. Amateur Championship. The 2012 version of the sport's most prestigious amateur tournament featured 128 men and 32 women all with the dream of adding the title "U.S. Amateur Champion" to their billiard resume.

The Men's Division began Fri., Nov. 9 at Stroker's in Palm Harbor, while the Women's Division got underway Sat., Nov. 10 at the Crooked Cue in Clearwater. Both divisions came together on Sun., Nov. 11 at Stroker's for the final rounds of competition. This year's event featured a strong mix of U.S. Amateur Championship veterans as well as a talented pool of newcomers. In all, more than 1,700 players attempted to qualify for this year's tournament.

In the finals the of the Women's Division, Tammie Jones of Muncie, Ind., defeated Asia Cycak of Raleigh, N.C., 9-4. "This is the tournament I've wanted to play in my entire career and to be able to come here and win this Championship means the world to me," said Jones after the match.

Jones relished the thought of knowing that wherever she goes, and whatever tournament she plays in, she'll forever be known as a U.S. Amateur Champion. "The title U.S. Amateur Champion lasts forever, and that was in my mind every single match. I wanted that title, and to be able to hold onto it forever," she added.



Jones moves on to compete in the WPBA U.S. Open next year. Cycak finished as the Runner-up in her first U.S. Amateur Championship competition. Finishing in 3rd Place was **Christine Honeman of Conifer, CO**, who was making her second U.S. Amateur Championship appearance. Her first appearance occurred in 2005 and in that event, she placed 5th.

In the Men's Division, former champion Brian Parks of Bakersfield, Calif., defeated Daniel Gordon of Marietta, Ga., 11-4. The victory was Parks second U.S. Amateur Championship title, having won the event in 2009 as well. "I'm just really happy. I played hard, I competed hard. I take my hat off to Dan (Gordon), he's a great competitor," said Parks after the victory.

Parks, a U.S. Amateur Championship regular, said the victory meant even more to him the second time around given the outstanding level of competition that the U.S. Amateur Championship offers. "The competition just gets better and better. There are so many top notch players here, and to go through the 128-player field that we do, it just seems to get harder and harder to win, but I can't wait to come back again next year," he added.

Parks will advance to the U.S. Open Championship next year. Gordon finished as the Runnerup in only his second U.S. Amateur Championship performance, and recorded two impressive wins over defending champion Ernesto Bayaua of Houston, Texas who finished in 3rd Place. In 4th Place was Troy Jones of Muncie, Ind. Stewart Warnock of Bardonia, N.Y., and Jeff Blattel of North Augusta, S.C., tied for 5th Place.

As champions, both Jones and Parks will return next year to defend their coveted titles.

The 2012 U.S. Amateur Championship was conducted by the APA, and is the only tournament produced by the APA open to both members

and non-members. Preliminary qualifying rounds were held throughout the country in mid-September.

The U.S. Amateur Championship is a double elimination tournament that offers the nation's top amateur players the opportunity to showcase their skills through a combination of 8-Ball and 9-Ball matches, in the only APA event that does not use The Equalizer® handicap system.

The APA, based in Lake Saint Louis, Mo., sanctions the world's largest amateur pool league, known as the APA Pool League throughout the United States, and as the Canadian Pool League in Canada. Nearly 270,000 members compete in weekly 8-Ball and 9-Ball league play. The APA is generally recognized as the Gov-



Top Finishers - Men's Division Jeff Blattell, Stewart Warnock, Daniel Gordon, Brian Parks, Ernesto Bayaua, and Troy Jones

erning Body of Amateur Pool, having established the official rules, championships, formats and handicap systems for the sport of amateur billiards.

The APA produces three major tournaments each year—the APA National Team Championships, the APA National Singles Championships and the U.S. Amateur Championship—that, together, pay out nearly \$1.5 Million in cash and prizes annually! In 2010, the APA National Team Championships were recognized by Guinness World Records as the "world's largest pool tournament."

For complete coverage of the U.S. Amateur C h a m p i o n s h i p v i s i t h t t p : // usamateurchampionship.com/coverage/2012/.



Q & A's by WPBA Pro **Melissa Little** Email your questions to: info@cuetimes.com

Keith McCready Interview Continued...

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Facebook questions:

Oscar Dominguez from Sylmar, CA asks: It's rumored that you always switched cues around. If you could start over, do you think you would have been better off sticking to one cue and mastering it?

Keith: That's hard to say... for me, I would play with a cue for a while and then try something else that seemed better for some reason or another. Back then, cues were a dime a dozen so it didn't really matter what I was playing with. But, I think in the long haul, yes it probably would have been better to stick to one cue.

Being a stubborn gambler, when you went broke, you got rid of it. It was always an automatic to pawn your cue to a friend to get some money and later buy it back. I was also known to lose a match and break my cue into a million pieces and then throw it into the fireplace.

Bart Mahoney from Sacramento, CA asks: If you hadn't ever played pool, what do you think you would be doing today?

Keith: I probably would have become a professional baseball player or golfer but then again, I was limited with my size so maybe a profes*sional poker player?*

Manny Talavera from New Castle, IN asks: Who was your toughest opponent? Longest session ever played? Best friend in pool? Players you went on the road with?

Keith: When I was playing full time on the circuit my toughest opponent was Earl Strickland. My longest session was playing for four-days, playing a game called pay ball on a snooker table against all the world champions at the Billiard Palace in Bellflower, CA. I ended up winning about \$6,000 that day.

I once played for three-days and decided to take a nap on a chair in the corner of the pool hall and I woke up with my pockets being cut out with scissors and ALL my money was gone! So the lesson I learned from that episode was to protect my stew by sleeping with my hands in my pockets. That is a true story.

I didn't really have a best pool friend to say, but I had a lot of pool-related friends. The first player I went on the road with was Hawaiian Brian, and from then on it's just too many to mention. But it's safe to say that I was always accompanied with a partner and rarely did I travel alone.

Bill Akers from Mediapolis, IA asks: Did you like working next to Paul Newman & Tom Cruise? What was the impact like on your game? Did the movie make you more famous in the pool world and/or in general? Keith: Yes... I really enjoyed working with the crew of the "Color of Money" especially Paul Newman and Tom Cruise. I could have had more opportunities with acting but I chose to compete on the pro circuit instead.

The movie didn't have much impact on my pool game, except for making the action a little bit tougher and me a little bit more noticeable. In other words it knocked my action with the suckers.

I was already pretty famous from the pool world but more normal people would approach me from being in the movie. As a mater of fact, I remember three-days after the movie debuted I was flying to my next pro event and fans noticed me as Grady from the movie.

Cory Wilcox from Largo, FL asks: Do you still have the T-shirt that says, "The World's got the 8."

Keith: No, that was a thing of the past. I wore it for a few years and then retired it.

Bryan Bell from Colorado Springs, CO asks: There are rumors of you coming out of retirement. Is it true?

Keith: Its possible ... I guess he's been reading the Internet lately.

Angel Levine from Chicago, IL asks: What are you doing now? Are you still playing pool?

Keith: I have not played in 6-7 years and I still continue to bet sports and play online poker. I met the love of my life Jenny, my angel in the year 2002 and she got me to quit all the negatives in my life and has truly been taking care of me ever since. She really has saved my life.

Marvin Reed from Georgetown, SC asks: In your prime, who was the player you did not want to play and why?

Keith: My answer would be no one because I was never really afraid of anyone!

Hunter Roberts from San Carlos, CA asks: How tough was life on the road? When were you in your prime? Why do you shoot sidewinder?

Keith: Being a road player had its good

times and rough times but I always had a great time. Back then; it was easy to get a hold of money because there were always money games around. But these days, if you go broke you might end up in the streets.

The reason why I play pool sidewinder is because I learned to play pool at a very young age. My arms could barely reach the table and I had to learn by standing on boxes to reach the table.

Bobby Martinez from Mesquite, TX asks: What is your biggest comeback from behind victory (gambling & tournament)? Were you afraid of anyone? Did anyone consistently beat you?

Keith: My biggest comeback was once playing a 9-ball tournament and being down 10-0 playing Jimmy Mataya and I came back to win the set 11-10. And wouldn't you know it, the very next tournament I had him down 10-0 playing 9-ball and he came back to beat me 11-10. *Grrr*... pool is funny game.

Nobody ever consistently beat me but I would have to say at times Mike Segal and Earl Strickland were my toughest opponents.

A special "Thank-you" to Keith McCready for sharing his thoughts on his personal life and pool career. 😳

Till next month you can find me on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wpbaviper.

Viper 😳

Melissa "The Viper" Little has been a WPBA Touring Professional for over 10-years, she has represented the USA in six WPA World Championships, is the current USA Bar Table Champion for 8-Ball and 9-Ball and has over 20 top-10 WPBA career finishes. Melissa is the house-pro at the Wynkoop Brewing Company located in Downtown Denver and is sponsored by The Wynkoop, Jacoby Custom Cues, www.str8-shots.com and the Cue Times Billiard News. She teaches monthly clinics, gives private lessons, and has created a juniors program that promotes billiards education to the local youth.





Best Pyramid Scheme Ever

by OMG

November 19th, 2012

Okay.

I've been busy with this new concept called Life Outside of Billiards, and boy is it a doozy. I haven't had a chance to write about some of the smaller events I've played in, so we'll be playing a bit of catch-up this time.

I did not do so well in my last women's tournament. Even going into the tournament, I just felt *off.* In my first match, I fell behind and had to play catch up. I won, but everything about my movements, my decisions, even the air I was breathing felt heavy and slow. It didn't help that temperatures in the pool room were around the high 80s and the air conditioning was not turned on. I'm usually pretty good about heat, but I never expected to play in a damn rainforest.

I trudged through the rest of the day's matches to an unremarkable finish. And things didn't get better on the second day (I don't even know how I made it to the second day). The two losses I suffered were very bad. Horrible really.

This tournament was one of those times when I questioned my decision to continue playing pool. Everything sucked. I played like sh#t in sh#t conditions and really, it wasn't even that I was frustrated about things — the overwhelming feeling I suffered from was one of extreme tiredness. Just the feeling of having to slog through a tournament, having to fade my own sh#tty play, the insane humidity, the sweat running into my eyes on a crucial shot, the neverending chatter of railbirds, and the people who deserved a boot-heel to the jaw prancing around and not getting that boot-heel to the jaw.



You said it best, Charlie Brown.

In this fun maelstrom of despair and general grouchiness, my primitive

lizard brain kicked into gear and began to repair things by doing what many of us do: remembering the good times.

I had one redeeming match in this entire craptacular tournament. In this one match, my opponent got the vast majority of the rolls and it did not bother me. I had to outplay the rolls and — for possibly the first time in my life — I did. The final score was very close although the ratio of effort that went into the games I won versus the games my opponent won were disproportionate. Unless someone knowledgeable had seen the match, they would never know the true "value" of play that had gone down, and that gave me a little twinge of grrr. We all want a little recognition. We like people to know how well we played even though what is important is only that we knew how well we played.

And that, my friends, is the crux of the matter with me.

Most of the time, I'm pretty hard on myself. I'm a realist and I take the paper value of wins and losses quite seriously. A win is a win, a loss is a loss. 9-0 and 9-8 are the same to me. In this tournament, I played like a drunk donkey in every match except one. How much is one miniscule blip of good play in the endless void of inconsistency worth?



Everyone has a name for that one blip: hope, improvement, a step down the path of dreams — whatever. You know what it really is? The tip of the greatest pyramid scheme, ever. One well-played match forgives a massive number of drunk-donkey losses. You know what I mean, and I know that you know. It is why we keep playing.



What Would a Sucker Do? If you look around and don't see any suckers ... YOU are the sucker! (Part 4)



Provided by guest contributor Jackie Karol

You have stripes here. You each only have one ball left and the 8-ball. Your opponent's ball, the solid, is sitting in the jaws and is directly blocking your corner pocket shot. What do you do?

1) "Bank your stripe in the corner!"

2) "Slowly roll the your ball up in on front of their solid to prevent them from hitting their ball!"

3) "Replace their ball with yours by softly shooting yours directly into theirs!"

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you miss, your opponent will most surely run out and win.

• Slow rolling your stripe in front of theirs with accurate speed control is very hard to do and the cost is high if you miss.

• Softly shooting your ball into theirs will leave your ball in the jaws but you probably won't get another shot because you will leave them an easy shot on the 8-ball.

<u>Answer:</u> Use draw to put forward spin on your stripe and call it in the corner. This will likely result either one of two positive outcomes:

A: If you pocket your stripe, you can now shoot the 8-ball to win the game.

B: If your ball does not follow it in and instead, stays in the jaws, you have now blocked their pocket with your stripe because you used a draw speed to set your 8-ball shot in that same corner.

By planning more than one shot ahead and assessing the possible outcomes, you will tremendously increases your odds of winning.

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SoRewarding.com Raises \$1,000 for the Billiard Education Foundation Big Success for "Chalk up for a Cause" Fundraiser Event at Felt

Many of the BEF junior

players were present to

challenge the adults on the

pool tables and the event

also introduced a lot of new

faces to Felt and to the bil-

liard community. SoRe-

warding kicked off the

spirit of giving with a gen-

On Saturday, November 3 the SoRewarding Crew arrived at Felt Billiards in Englewood, Colorado setting up decorations, raffle prizes and t-shirts to prepare for a fun day fundraising. Chalkboard signs throughout the room with sayings like, "Party for a Purpose," set the tone for the 4-hour event. The crew

Education Foundation (BEF) and that's exactly what they did.

The company's unique business model combines party-goers and venues with nonprofits to create a win-win-win situation for everyone. At this event, a \$15 ticket got patrons two drinks, chips & dips, free pool, a pair of complimentary movie passes (courtesy of Southglenn Stadium 14 in South Denver), and a chance at some exclusive drawings. The profit from the ticket sales is then shared between the venue, SoRewarding, and the nonprofit.



Event participants accept \$500 check from the SoRewarding crew

was on a mission to raise money for the Billiard erous donation of \$500. Between the ticket sales, raffle sales, and donations, the day brought in \$1,000.

> "On behalf of Felt and the Billiard Education Foundation, we're thrilled with the event's turnout and everyone's kindness. SoRewarding.com is doing some really amazing things in the Denver metro area and I hope more people get involved," said Samm Diep-Vidal, Executive Director for the BEF.

> "SoRewarding is dedicated to giving back to local non-profit organizations like the Billiard Education

Foundation and we love being able to do this through our RewardingCrew events! This event could not have been possible without the helpfulness of the Felt staff and the generous patrons who came out for this wonderful event! This event was just another great way to meet new people in Denver and raise money for great local cause," said Kerstan B. Saylor, SoRewarding Event Coordinator.

Established in 2011, SoRewarding.com is a causefocused social network that integrates giving with daily activities. The company has created a technology platform where users can request discounts, plan events, sell tickets and create and support fundraisers. For every action on SoRewarding, the company donates to a local non-profit of the user's choice. Call (303) 339-3710 or visit SoRewarding.com to learn more about ways you can get involved.

Visit billiardeducation.org or call (303) 926-1039 to learn more about junior billiard programs.



Benefit for Buck Smith Reels in Much Needed Support



Results provided by Rich Montoya

Thanks to the hard work of Miguel Martinez (a close friend of the family) and other countless friends, \$5,000 was

raised to help support long-time Denver pool player Buck Smith in a time of need. Buck is very grateful to all who donated prizes (like two

42" flat screens with DVD players & two benches built by Fred Morales which featured the Broncos) and countless cash donations.

The Stay in Stroke team of Larry Sposato, Tina Payne, Al Montour and Rich Montoya was happy to donate their time to run the pool tournament. Forty players from the Denver area, Brighton, and Ft. Lupton showed up to do battle. It was a race to 2 on both sides. Bob Kelly won the winner's side defeating one of Buck's sons Alex Smith along the way. Alex, by the way, played a great match in defeating Rich Montoya 2-0. The cool thing about that was his father was right there to cheer him on. Rich Montoya ended up winning the tournament by avenging his loss to Alex and then defeating Bob Kelly twice for the champi-

onship match.

Buck was a great player in his heyday. I personally was very grateful for his friendship and quiet demeanor.

All players paid an entry fee of \$25 (\$15 of which went to Buck and his family). This tournament was really not about pool -- it was about helping a friend and showing that we all care!

The Station Three Bar opened the pool tables. Thank you for that -- you are a great host! Again thanks to all who came, played, participated and enjoyed the great food made by Miguel's wife Suzie Martinez and her family. Thank You, Thank you, Thank You!!!!!

Here is how they finished:

	1^{st}	Richard Montoya	\$120.00
	2^{nd}	Bob Kelly	\$80.00
	3^{rd}	Alex Smith	\$60.00
	4^{th}	Jose Barrragon	\$40.00
	5^{th}	Chuey Luna	\$30.00
	6^{th}	Tino Duran	\$30.00
	7^{th}	Louie Sandoval	\$20.00
	8^{th}	Carlos Correa	\$20.00
Top Woman: Tina Payne			\$20.00



Top Finishers (left to right): Alex Smith, Richard Montoya, Bob Kelly



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Places to Play **ROCKET LOUNGE** - 2950 W Evans Ave. 303-934-9729 *** Denver Metro Area *** WHITEHORSE LOUNGE - 5130 W Alameda, 303-935-2656 **ENGLEWOOD** ARAP'S OLD GUN SHOP - 3866 S Broadway, 303-761-7823 **12 VOLT TAVERN** - 7514 Grandview Ave, 303-432-7463 **BALLOON INN** - 6440 Wadsworth Blvd, 720-533-4822 AUSSIE PUB - 4386 S Broadway, 303-781-1192 BROADWAYS SPORTS TAVERN - 3978 S Broadway, 303-781-5755 BRICK HOUSE – 9262 W 58th, 303-421-2986 ENGLENOOK - 3470 S Broadway, 303-788-1770 JAKE'S ROADHOUSE – 5980 Lamar St, 303-424-7266 FELT-101 W Floyd Ave, 720-266-6190 **OLD TOWN TAVERN & GRILL** – 7355 Ralston Rd, 303-467-1472 MAGNET INN - 2893 S Broadway, 303-781-5262 RALSTON LOUNGE - 6420 Ward Rd, 303-423-2828 ERIE/FRED<u>ERICK</u> RED JACKS SALOON - 5707 Olde Wadsworth Blvd, 303-593-1661, Tournaments, leagues MINER'S TAVERN - 524 Briggs St, 303-828-9997 SUSIE CUES CORNER POCKET - 513 Oak Street, 303-833-5518 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 FEDERAL HEIGHTS WOODY'S PIZZA & POOL - 7995 Sheridan, 303-650-5500 DAVIE'S LOCKER - 8855 Lowell Blvd, 303-429-0096 ROADHOUSE SPORTS BAR - 8980 Federal Blvd, 303-487-1933 AMERICA'S BAR & GRILLE - 2340 S Chambers Rd, 303-337-3721 THE WRECK ROOM SALOON - 2695 W 92nd Ave, 303-412-0257, Pool Tournaments & Leagues, Poker BD WOLFS SPORTS BAR - 15162 E Hampden Ave, 303-699-2222 GOLDEN BQ'S - 16961 E Quincy, 303-693-1915 300 CLUB / GOLDEN BOWL - 525 24th St. 303-279-9083 CHALLENGERS-12161E Iliff Ave, 303-750-5558 BUFFALO ROSE SALOON - 12th & Washington, 303-279-5190 DOC'S PUB - 10890 E. Dartmouth, 303-671-5324 **HENDERSON** DYLAN'S BAR & GRILL-2627 S Parker Rd., 303-755-2874 FAMOUS DOOR - 15220 E Hampden Ave, 720-870-3236, 16 Pool Tables, Leagues, Tourneys, Darts (Steel) TAILFEATHERS - 11010 120th Ave, 303-286-1475 FAT BOYS BAR & GRILL - 10660 E Alameda Ave, 303-344-1905 LAKEWOOD FRIENDS BAR & LOUNGE - 1470 Jamaica St, 303-366-2566 AMERICAN LEGION POST #178 - 1655 Simms St, 303-233-9758 FRONTIER CLUB - 18881 E. Colfax, 303-367-8637 BC'S SPORTS PUB - 6501 W Mississippi Ave, 303-936-8513, In-House & Traveling Pool Leagues, KASBAH NIGHT CLUB - 15373 E.6th Ave, 303-367-0591 CORDIAL LOUNGE - 1521 Pierce St, 303-233-9621 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 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 MCCARTHY'S - 15350 Smoky Hill, 303-693-4500 MONTVIEW BAR & GRILLE - 11680 Montview Blvd, 303-366-3132 FRONTIER TAVERN - 1195 S Sheridan Blvd, 303-936-9896 GREENFIELDS SPORTS BAR - 3355 S Yarrow St, 303-989-9820, In-House & Traveling Pool Leagues, PITCHERS - 1670 S Chambers Rd, 303-751-7115 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 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 LAKEWOOD GRILL & BAR - 8100 W Colfax Ave, 303-237-8051, Pool Leagues SAND CREEK LOUNGE - 16893 E Iliff Ave, 303-337-4984 MS T's CIGAR BAR - 8529 W. Colfax, 303-233-3304 SCOOTERS - 13698 E Alameda Ave, 303-366-0019 NITE OWL BAR & GRILL - 1050 S Wadsworth, 303-922-0797 SHEABEEN PUB - 2300 S Chambers Rd, 303-696-6131 PENALTY BOX BAR & GRILL - 1862 S Wadsworth, 303-980-4020, Pool Leagues SPORTS STATION - 850 Dayton, 303-343-2950 ROADHOUSE - 2035 S Sheridan, 303-980-5614, STARDUST CLUB & RESTAURANT, 1770 S. Buckley Rd, 303-632-8761, Pool Leagues SHARK'S SALOON & GRILL - 11475 W Colfax, 303-239-8859 TABLE STEAKS EAST-3253 S Parker Rd, 303-743-8888 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 BUENOS TIEMPOS - 1000 Depot Hill Rd, 303-466-6386, Pool Leagues, Great Mexican Food LITTLETON NIGHT OWL LOUNGE - 2000 Midway, 303-460-8928 ALIBI'S GRILL - 7983 S Broadway, 303-730-0123 ZOOSTERS - 300 Nickel St, 303-465-9298, www.zoopool.com, In-House & Traveling Pool Leagues BREAK ROOM - 5151 S Federal Blvd, 303-797-1155, Leagues, Wkly Pool Tournaments, Texas Hold'em COMMERCE CITY HIDEAWAY TAVERN - 6171 Olive, 303-289-2194 DUBB'S PUB - 5301 S Broadway, 303-798-6711 FOX AND HOUND - 5170 E Arapahoe Rd, 720-493-0111 HALFTIME SPORTS BAR - 6051 Quebec, 303-286-1122 FOX AND HOUND - 8996 W Bowles, 720-922-0400 SHARP'S ROADHOUSE - 6496 Highway 2, 303-227-0430 FUGGLIES SPORTS BAR -11614 W Belleview, 303-933-7761, In-House & Traveling Pool Leagues MIRAGE SPORTS BAR - 8340 W Coal Mine, 303-979-9220, Pool Leagues, Darts, Texas Hold'em POCKETS BAR & GRILL, 5935 S. 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K's - 8830 N Washington St, 303-288-7118 SKYLARK LOUNGE - 140 S Broadway, 303-722-7844 PRIME TIME - 10280 Washington St, 303-457-1902 SOBO 151 - 151 S Broadway SILVER BULLET SALOON - 3734 E 120th Ave, 303-457-4470 WYNKOOP BREWING CO - 1634 18th St, 303-297-2700, www.wynkoop.com, Weekly Pool Tournaments TAFOLINO'S - 524 Malley Dr, 303-452-6172 THIRSTY'S SPORTS PUB - 1294 E 104th Ave, 303-451-9918 **DENVER NORTH** TRAILSIDE - 10360 Colorado Blvd, 303-920-9852 BEER DEPOT - 4231 W 38th Ave, 303-477-0903 TWO DOORS DOWN - 8880 N Washington St, 303-287-9167 GRIZZLY ROSE - 5450 N Valley Hwy, 303-295-1330 VILLAGE PUB - 9150 Huron St, 303-427-7745, Pool Tournaments LIL'S PLACE - 7575 N Broadway, 303-430-7176, Pool Leagues, Full Kitchen PARKER LOS POTREROS - 5880 N Broadway, 303-292-4548 BUFFALO BOYDS - 12543 N Highway 83, 303-841-6782 LOVE'S SHACK - 7290 N Pecos, 303-426-6420, Pool Leagues, Texas Hold'em, Weekly Pool Tournaments MUSIC BAR - 4586 Tennyson, 303-458-5360 FUNUGYS - 17785 E Cottonwood Dr, 303-699-5999 TAILGATE TAVERN - 19552 E Main Street, 303-841-7179 WELCOME INN - 3759 Chestnut Pl, 303-296-7229, Pool Leagues WESTMINSTER **92ND AVENUE TAVERN** - 7701 W 92nd Ave, 303-422-6353 **BLITZ SPORTS BAR** - 8468 Federal Blvd, 303-426-0260, Pool Leagues CITY PUB - 3575 S Yosemite, 303-694-0454 DEVON'S PUB - 4992 E Hampden, 303-756-5507 CHARLIE'S WEB - 8364 Sheridan Blvd, 303-412-8120 DIRTY DUCK BAR-4780 E Evans, 303-758-3667 DR. 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Murray Blvd, (719) 471-4424 PAUL'S BAR - 310 S. 8th St #B, (719) 520-9737 PHANTOM CANVON REFWINC CO 2 E Pikes Peak Ava, 719 6 **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 PHANTOM CANYON BREWING CO-2 E Pikes Peak Ave, 719-635-2800 RIVERCITY BAR - 910 S Federal Blvd, 307-856-4652 RASCALS - 1785 B St, 719-576-2238 **RAPID CITY, SD** RILEA'S PUB - 5672 Union Blvd, 719-598-6622 BREAKROOM BILLIARDS - 355 11th St, 605-716-7676 THIRSTY'S - 2028 Sheldon Ave, 719-444-8515 TIME OUT LOUNGE - 3721 Brennan Rd, 719-390-7257 *** Where To Buy *** STUDEBAKERS BAR & GRILL - 1840 N. 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Elkhorn St. 970-586-4346 COLORADO BILLIARDS & SPAS - 9140 E Westview Rd, Lonetree, 303-721-8181 FIERCE EAGLE CUE CO - 4014 Tennyson St, Denver, 303-455-1412 EVERGREEN FODOR BILLIARDS - 9030 E Philips Pl Ste 100, Centennial, 303-770-777 CACTUS JACK'S TAVERN - Evergreen Pkwy, 303-674-1564 FODOR BILLIARDS - 9030 E Finings Fi Ste 100, Centennia, 503-770-7771 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 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 GAME EXCHANGE OF COLORADO - 2650 W 6th Ave, Denver, 303-893-4300 PITCHERS! 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E. 14th St., 970-663-6133 CHAMPION POOL LEAGUES - Richie Cunningham & Angela Jackson, 303-647-4282, BCA, VNEA, NIGHT SHOTZ - 3329 Garfield Ave, 970-669-3727 USAPL, richie.angela@championpoolplayers.com DENVER POOLPLAYERS ASSOCIATION, Charlie Ray, BCA, 303-902-3014, playdpa@gmail.com PUEBLO GAMES PEOPLE PLAY– Cindy Plank, 720-289-1471 BIG DADDY'S SPORTS BAR - 4111 Club Manor Dr, 719-546-3636 MILE HIGH TAP LEAGUE - Bill Davis, 303-817-6996, Adams & Arapahoe counties in Denver Area STAY IN STROKE BILLIARDS - Rich Montoya, 303-748-6653, offering leagues and tournaments

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Logan Camp (2nd), Shane Wertz (3rd), and

Pom Rai (4th)

From Left: James Fortin (1st),

