

THE AMERICAN POOLPLAYER

SPRING 2019

Lisa Cossette
2018 Womens U.S.
Amateur Champion

Abrin Schaad
2018 U.S. Amateur
Champion

American Poolplayers Association
1000 Lake Saint Louis Boulevard, Suite 325
Lake Saint Louis, Missouri 63367

inside:

U.S. Amateur Championship Results

Renew Your Membership

Regional Tournament Results



OMEGA

THE ALPHA OF BILLIARDS

FREE SHIPPING - No Minimum Required

www.OmegaBilliards.com

817-280-9902



ALPINE CASE





Happy New Year from APA!

Want to spend more time with your friends and family this year? Encourage them to get involved in APA Leagues with you!

Be sure to renew your membership if you haven't already— we've got lots of excitement planned in 2019! Visit poolplayers.com to easily renew your membership through your Member Services account. You can also download our free app on your Apple or Android device to renew your membership, view your membership card, standings, schedules and much more!

We hosted our 25th Annual U.S. Amateur Championship in Tampa, Fla., in November. It was an exceptional display by some of the very best amateur poolplayers. Be sure to read about the winners, Abrin Schaad and Lisa Cossette, in this issue. You can also check out our online coverage on our Facebook page and at poolplayers.com/usam.

Good luck and good shooting in the Spring Session!

Sincerely,

Renee Lyle

CONTENTS

- | | | | |
|----|---|----|--|
| 4 | 2019 Poolplayer Championships | 16 | 2019 Wall Calendar |
| 5 | 2019 World Pool Championships | 19 | League Operator Spotlight |
| 6 | 2019 Junior Championships | 20 | Regional Tournaments |
| | 2019 U.S. Amateur Championships | 22 | Good Sportsmanship |
| 7 | Top 10 Reasons to Renew Your Membership | 23 | 9-Ball Scorekeeping |
| | Membership Materials | 24 | Improving Your Game With Bruce Barthelette |
| 8 | Let's Get Social | 25 | 8-Ball Scorekeeping |
| 9 | Claim Your Member Account | 26 | Trick Shots By Dr. Cue |
| 10 | APA National Discounts | 28 | Home By 11 |
| 11 | U.S. Amateur Championships Results | 30 | Instruction By Ewa Laurance |

APA OFFICIAL SPONSORS



Official Ball of the APA
and its Championships



Official Online Billiards Retailer of APA
Official Table Spot Sponsor of the APA
Poolplayer and World Pool Championships



Official Pool Table of the APA
and the APA Championships



Official Cues and Cases
of the APA

APA
POOLPLAYER
CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nearly \$700,000 Total Payout!

MAY 1-5, 2019

WESTGATE LAS VEGAS RESORT & CASINO



- May 1-4
- Mini tournaments conducted nearly round-the-clock.
- **100% payback** of entry fees.
- Any current member with **minimum of 20** League match scores in one format in the last two years by April 15 may compete.

8-Ball Classic

- May 1-3
- Total prize payout of over **\$360,000!**
- Five Skill Level Tiers—Blue (SLs 2-3), Yellow (SL4), Red (SL5), Orange (SL6) and Purple (SL7).
- Five Champions—one in each Skill Level Tier.
- **\$15,000** in cash and prizes awarded to the Champion in **each Tier!**

9-Ball Shootout

- May 3-5
- Total prize payout of over **\$175,000!**
- **NEW in 2019** – Gray Tier for skill levels 6-7!!
- Four Skill Level Tiers—Green (SL 1-3), White (SL 4-5), Gray (SL 6-7) and Black (SL 8-9).
- Four Champions—one in each Skill Level Tier.
- **\$10,000** in cash and prizes awarded to the Champion in **each Tier!**

SHOWDOWN SERIES

9-Ball Doubles Championship

- May 1-2
- Any combination of players with a combined Skill Level Limit of 10.
- **\$3,500** awarded to the Champion team!

Wheelchair Championship

- May 2-3
- 8-Ball singles event.
- **\$2,000** awarded to the Champion!

8-Ball Doubles Championship

- May 2-5
- Any combination of players with a combined Skill Level Limit of 10.
- **\$5,000** awarded to the Champion team!

Contact your Local League Operator today to find out about getting involved with the Singles Program in your area! Visit poolplayers.com/playppc for more information on the Poolplayer Championships.



APA 9-BALL WORLD POOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Over \$1 Million Total Payout!

AUGUST 8-17, 2019 **WESTGATE LAS VEGAS RESORT & CASINO**

Thousands of poolplayers from the U.S., Canada and Japan converge in Las Vegas to compete in the coveted World Pool Championships each summer. More than **\$1 Million** is up-for-grabs this year! Here's what's in store:

8-Ball World Championship

- August 8-13
- **\$25,000** cash prize for 1st Place!
- In 2018, **713** teams competed.
- To qualify, your team must compete in weekly 8-Ball League play.

9-Ball World Championship

- August 13-17
- **\$15,000** cash prize for 1st Place!
- In 2018, **500** teams competed.
- To qualify, your team must compete in weekly 9-Ball League play.



- August 8-16
- 100% payback of entry fees.
- Entry fees vary from \$10 to \$50.
- Any current member with **at least 20** League match scores in one format in the last two years may compete.
- Register onsite.

SHOWDOWN SERIES

Jack & Jill Championship

- August 8-11
- **\$3,500** cash prize for 1st Place!
- Teams consist of one lady and one gentleman.
- Skill Level Limit of 10.

Ladies 8-Ball Championship

- August 11-14
- **\$10,000** cash prize for 1st Place!
- Teams consist of a maximum of five ladies, with three competing in each team match.
- Skill Level Limit of 13.

Masters Championship

- August 11-15
- **\$10,000** cash prize for 1st Place!
- Teams consist of a maximum of four players, with three competing in each team match.
- No Skill Level Limit.

Team Captains Championship

- August 13-16
- **\$10,000** in cash for 1st Place!
- Teams consist of a maximum of five players, with three competing in each team match.
- Alternate between 8-Ball and 9-Ball racks.
- Skill Level Limit of 15.

Contact your Local League Operator to find out about qualifying for any of these events.
Visit poolplayers.com/wpc for more information about the World Pool Championships.

2019



June 27-30

**Renaissance Airport Hotel in
St. Louis, MO**

- **9-Ball Singles Format**
- **Skill Level Tiers**
- All players receive lots of goodies including an APA gift bag and event t-shirt!
- Trophies and prizes are awarded to the top finishers in each Tier!
- Academic recognition for students with good grades.



MiniMania events take place throughout the tournament.

**Contact your Local League Operator
today for more info about the Juniors
Program in your area.**

U.S. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP[®]

Nov. 6-10, 2019

Stroker's in Tampa, FL

- Preliminary Rounds take place Sept. 20-22 at locations around the country.
- Combination of 8-Ball and 9-Ball.
- Winner of lag chooses break or format.
- Race-to-7 for the U.S. Amateur Championship.
- Race-to-5 for the Womens U.S. Amateur Championship.
- APA and pro rules apply.
- Champions receive paid entry into a pro event in 2020.

**The entry window for
the 2019 U.S. Amateur
Championship closes
June 15.**

Visit poolplayers.com/usam for more info.
Register today at usam.poolplayers.com.

TOP 10

Reasons to Renew Your Membership

by Becky Rosner

10. Save money with national discounts.

9. Become a better team player.

8. Learn more about the game—we provide pro instruction on our website, Facebook page and in *The American Poolplayer* magazine!

5. Improve your game—playing every week is sure to sharpen your skills!

6. Your kids can play too! We offer Junior Leagues in many areas.

7. Chances to travel—we host two tournaments a year in Vegas baby!

4. Spend more time with friends, family and/or co-workers.

3. Meet new people.

2. Play more of your favorite sport!

1. HAVE FUN!

2019 Membership Kit

After renewing your membership, you'll receive a membership kit in the mail containing your 2019 membership patch, pocket-sized Game Rules Booklet and informational brochure.

Your membership card is available exclusively through your Member Services account—that's right, you have instant access to it! In addition, you'll be able to view your team's stats, standings, schedules and more.

If you don't already have a Member Services account you can register at join.poolplayers.com.





Let's Get Social!



Facebook – facebook.com/poolplayers



Instagram – [@poolplayers](https://instagram.com/poolplayers)



Twitter – twitter.com/poolplayers



YouTube – youtube.com/apaleagues

APA Buzz – Our e-newsletter delivered straight to your inbox with all the latest news, pro instruction and more! Sign up to receive the Buzz at poolplayers.com.

poolplayers.com – Your go-to place for everything APA! View the latest news, tournament results and player features, as well as check your stats, standings, schedules and more.



Claim Your Member Account

If you haven't already registered for your FREE Member Services account, do so today! You can claim your account on **poolplayers.com**. Once logged in, and as long as you're on an active team, you'll enjoy the following features:

- Lots of Statistics
- Standings
- Schedules
- Division Rosters
- View and Update Contact Information
- Print Scoresheets
- Renew Your Membership
- League History
- View/Print Membership Card



Tips for Creating an Account:

- You'll need your membership number.
- You must enter your first and last name exactly as it appears on your membership card.
- Use a unique email address and password. The password must be at least six characters and include at least one number. Family members cannot share an email address.
- After signing up, check your email for a confirmation. You must click the activation link in the email for your account to become active. Check your Spam folder if you don't see it.

Download the FREE APA App!

FREE Digital Rules Materials Available!

You can download the Official Team Manual and Game Rules Booklet FREE on iTunes! Search for them in the iTunes store or visit poolplayers.com under the Membership tab for a link to the materials as well as free e-reader versions for other devices. They're great reference tools on League night!

APA MEMBERSHIP Saves You Money!

by Becky Rosner

Your yearly membership fee is paid for just by using a few national discounts! Currently, there are nearly 50 discounts available, providing you with lots of money-saving options. We've partnered with hotels, rental car companies, billiard retailers, satellite providers, gift retailers and much more! Be sure you get the most out of your membership by taking advantage of these great discounts. After all, who doesn't like saving money?!

Visit poolplayers.com for a complete listing of all the discounts available. We continually add new discount providers, so be sure to check back to the website often! Your Local League Operator may also offer local discounts, making your membership even more valuable.

Discounts

General

Nationwide Insurance
ADT
DIRECTV
Dish Network
Granite Transformations
Liberty Tax Service
Working Advantage

Gifts & Shopping

Fannie May
Shoeguy.com
1-800-flowers.com
Cheryl's
FromYouFlowers.com
FruitBouquets.com
JoS. A. Bank
Omaha Steaks
The Popcorn Factory

Health

TLC Laser Eye Centers
VPI – Veterinary Pet Insurance

Hotels & Resorts

Americas, Canadas Best Value Inns, & Lexington Inn
Cove Haven Entertainment Resort
HotelStorm
Motel 6
Red Roof Inn
Wyndham Hotels and Resorts
BookingCommunity.com

Billiards

89Billiardz.com
Frank's Center (FCI)
Monster Break Billiards
Seybert's Billiard Supply

Travel & Leisure

Las Vegas Monorail
ParkingSpot Club Exec Program
Avis Car Rental
Daytona International Speedway
Enterprise and National Car Rental
FlightLinez Vegas
Grand Canyon Railway
Hertz Car Rental
Rhodes Ranch Golf Club, Las Vegas
Sun Buggy Fun Rentals, Las Vegas



For a complete list of all national discounts visit poolplayers.com/discounts.



U.S. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP®

by Jason Bowman

The U.S. Amateur Championship is all about legacy, leaving your mark in a tournament contested by some of the best amateur players to ever pick up a cue stick - names like Parks, Brodt, Chen and Jones.

Pool tournaments come and go, but securing the title of U.S. Amateur Champion is something you carry with you forever, literally. Not only does it stand out on an amateur billiard resume, but your name is forever added to the Trophy of Champions for generations to come.

Legacy is what drove more than 2,100 of North America's top amateur players to try and qualify for the 25th Annual event. That's what brought 128 men and 41 women to Stroker's in Palm Harbor, Fla., in early November to compete in the 2018 U.S. Amateur Championship.

Of course there were some great perks too. Like a getaway to the Tampa area, one of the premier vacation destinations in the world, at a time when most of the country is experiencing their first taste of winter.

An all-expenses paid trip to a pro event, courtesy of the APA, for the winners of each division.

Oh, and did we mention the championship trophy - a combination of marble and bronze that more closely resembles a piece of art than something won in a pool tournament.

Hurricane Abe Takes U.S. Amateur Championship by Storm

There's a new kid in town, and his name is Abrin Schaad. The 26-year-old from Peoria, Ill., took the 2018 U.S. Amateur Championship field by storm, earning the nickname "Hurricane Abe" in the process. Schaad went undefeated, winning seven matches, and knocking five-time champion Brian Parks to the one-loss bracket along the way.

He defeated fellow "young gun" Mike Leigh of Barrie, Ontario in the final round, 11-3, after handing Leigh his first loss of the tournament just two rounds prior.

In the championship match, Schaad opened up an 8-0 lead in the 8-Ball set before Leigh finally got on the board in the first game of the 9-Ball set. By then, though, the outcome seemed but a mere formality. Schaad ultimately closed out one of the most dominating finals performances in U.S. Amateur Championship history with a 9-On-the-Snap to cap the victory.

Schaad will move on to compete in a 2019 pro event, courtesy of APA, and, more importantly, his name will be added to the Larry Hubbart Trophy, forever cementing his legacy as a U.S. Amateur Champion.

Leigh finished as the Runner-Up, his highest finish in the U.S. Amateur Championship.

Former champions Henry Brodt and Brian Parks finished



Runner-Up – Mike Leigh of Barrie, ON



3rd Place – Henry Brodt of Laguna Beach, CA



4th Place – Brian Parks of Bakersfield, CA



5th Place – James Adams of Brooksville, FL



5th Place – John Mitcheltree of Grafton, VA

in 3rd and 4th Place respectively. James Adams and John Mitcheltree tied for 5th Place.

One hundred-twenty eight players competed in the U.S. Amateur Championship including eight former champions.



Champion – Abrin Schaad of Peoria, IL





Champion – Lisa Cossette of Rockwell, NC

Cossette Takes Down Reigning Champ in Epic Hill-Hill Battle

Lisa Cossette of Rockwell, N.C., defeated reigning champion Melinda Huang of Los Angeles in a hill-hill battle by a score of 9-8. She advances to a 2019 pro event.

That's how the story ends. But, how it unfolded is a tale that will go down as one of the most epic showdowns in U.S. Amateur Championship history.

The opening act begins late on the final day of competition in the hot-seat match, with both players undefeated and the winner heading to the championship match, while the loser would have to square-off in a play-in semifinal.

Huang, the defending champion, and savvy veteran of many U.S. Amateur Championship matches, outlasted Cossette 5-4 in a hill-hill battle that would serve as the opening act for what was to come.

Cossette then battled her way back by ousting Tina Hess in the semifinal round, setting up a rematch between herself and Huang.

In the finale, Huang jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in the extended race-

to-9. Cossette then found her stroke and took the next four games and a 4-3 lead. That lead was short-lived as Huang quickly won the next three games, regaining the lead 6-4. Then it was once again Cossette's turn to go on a run, winning the next four games to go on-the-hill. Like a true champion, Huang wasn't going down without a fight. She took the next two games, to force one final game, where the winner would take all.

In the final game, Huang was at the table with no clear shot on the 4-ball which was blocked by the 9-ball and the 5-ball. Rather than give her opponent ball-in-hand, Huang attempted an aggressive shot that would have been remarkable if she could execute it. Unfortunately, however, she fouled. With ball-in-hand, and the 4-ball no longer tied up, Cossette ran out the table for the victory.

After nearly four hours, Cossette had avenged the earlier loss to Huang and captured her first Womens U.S. Amateur Championship title.

Huang finished as the Runner-Up while Tina Hess of Huntsville, Ala., finished in 3rd Place.

Forty-one ladies competed in the Womens U.S. Amateur Championship, including three former champions.



Runner-Up – Melinda Huang of Los Angeles, CA



3rd Place – Tina Hess of Huntsville, AL

U.S. Amateur Championship Matches

Available Now on YouTube

Both championship matches can be viewed for free on the APA YouTube channel at youtube.com/apaleagues, in addition to 41 other matches that were live streamed from the U.S. Amateur Championship.



U.S. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

U.S. Amateur Championship Standings

1st	ABRIN SCHAAD	49th	JEREMY BELL
2nd	MIKE LEIGH	49th	HUMBERTO CAVAZOS
3rd	HENRY BRODT	49th	LUIS CHAVEZ
4th	BRIAN PARKS	49th	BRUCE CHOYCE
5th	JAMES ADAMS	49th	JOSEPH COLEMAN
5th	JOHN MITCHELTREE	49th	BOBBY CONNER
7th	KENNETH BRISBON	49th	KIM DYER JR
7th	JONATHAN STRZEZEWSKI	49th	ROBERT HALL
9th	HENDRIK DROST	49th	JEFFREY HOWELL
9th	JEREMY EDWARDS	49th	JASON JONES
9th	KENNETH LUDY	49th	DOUG JOHNSON
9th	RAYMOND MCBRIDE	49th	JOE KEITH
13th	JOHNNY GRIFFIN	49th	BILLE MILLER
13th	MIKE MULLINS	49th	JAMES MILLER
13th	AVINASH PANDEY	49th	STEWART WARNOCK
13th	ALLEN SMART	49th	MARK WATHEN
17th	TERRY EDWARDS	65th	FREDRICK BABCOCK
17th	JOSEPH EVOLA	65th	BRAD BARTON
17th	MARVIN GUSS	65th	JOEL BETANCOURTH
17th	RYAN HOLLINGSWORTH	65th	SHANE BIRCHFIELD
17th	DREW JORDAN	65th	BRYAN BURDETT
17th	MICHAEL PICKERING	65th	AMOS BUSH
17th	SCOTT ROHLEDER	65th	SHAWN DAY
17th	MARK WISEMAN	65th	SHAWN DAY
25th	ERNESTO BAYAU	65th	CRISTOBAL DE BARROS
25th	CLINT CLARK	65th	JOSEPH FARMER
25th	GERALD DUNNE	65th	JAMES FAUCHEUX
25th	DERRICK GARNER	65th	MICHAEL GLASS
25th	JEFFREY GEORGES	65th	DAVID GORHAM
25th	JOHNNY NGUYEN	65th	JASON GRAY
25th	JASON RICHKO	65th	MATHIAS GRUEB
25th	DAVID SINGLETON	65th	SHANE HVAMSTAD
33rd	PAUL ADOLINI	65th	MEHDI HARRAQ
33rd	DAVID BARNES	65th	DONALD HUET
33rd	TIM BARON	65th	BRIAN IRWIN
33rd	CURTIS CARDWELL	65th	CARLTON JOHNSON
33rd	RYAN CULLEN	65th	GEORGE JONES
33rd	BRIAN DIETZENBACH	65th	DAN KOSTE
33rd	SAJAL GHIMIRE	65th	DARYL LANE JR
33rd	ADILSON GOMES	65th	PAUL LANGLEY
33rd	RICHARD HOURIHAN	65th	MATT MARSHALL
33rd	SETH KRAFCZIK	65th	JONATHON MESA II
33rd	WILLIAM REYNOLDS	65th	FRANK RICE
33rd	DAVID RICCI	65th	ALEC SAPUTO
33rd	CHUCK ROTH	65th	NICHOLAS SERPAS
33rd	DAVID ROWELL	65th	TRACY SPURRIER
33rd	CHARLES THURNALL II	65th	LAURENCE STOCK
33rd	JACOB WATSON	65th	DANIEL WALLACE
		65th	JONATHAN WILLIAMS
		97th	THOMAS ACCIAVATTI
		97th	SHAWN ARMSTRONG

Womens U.S. Amateur Championship Standings

1st	LISA COSSETTE
2nd	MELINDA HUANG
3rd	TINA HESS
4th	TINA LARSEN
5th	MELISSA DURKIN
5th	TONI TUCKER
7th	SARAH ARCHER
7th	ROSEMARIE GUARNERO
9th	ANGELA CARRIGAN
9th	DEANNA FOSTER
9th	TERESA GARLAND
9th	CARRIE VETRONO
13th	SERAFINA CONCANNON
13th	HOLLY FIGUEROA
13th	LOUISIANA LE
13th	FARLA SALMANOVITCH
17th	DONNA BONFRANCESCO
17th	MICHELE BROWN
17th	SOMALA DEL CHIARO
17th	DANYELLE FIGUEROA
17th	BRANDI JAMES
17th	AMMIE LATHAM
17th	SHERI JONES
17th	SUE ORR
25th	KOSTANTINA CASTILLO
25th	KATIE FIFIELD
25th	SHAWN-KOREEN HARTUNG
25th	ERICA HE
25th	JULIA JORDAN
25th	KIENGCHAY PHOUTTHAVONG
25th	ALICIA ROUSSEAU
25th	BOBBIE SUMMERS
33rd	BJ GARFIELD
33rd	BETTY LEA
33rd	MELISSA LOVELL
33rd	SHANNON MATTINGLY
33rd	KATHIE RYBICKI
33rd	MARY SCHOENING
33rd	CHRISTI STEELE
33rd	JENNIFER SYLVESTER
NS	KATHERINE JUETT-AUTREY

GREAT PLAYERS TAKE **ACTION**®

100% GUARANTEED



DURABLE/DEPENDABLE/TRUSTED

800.645.9803

www.CUESTIX.com

Qualified Dealers Only



2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



JANUARY						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

FEBRUARY						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

MARCH						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

APRIL						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

MAY						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

JUNE						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29

JULY						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

AUGUST						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SEPTEMBER						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

OCTOBER						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

NOVEMBER						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

DECEMBER						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.



January
Jan 1

**Feb 23 - 24 &
March 2 - 3**

May 1-5

May 1-2

May 1-3
May 1-4
May 2-3

May 2-5

May 3-5

June
June 15

June 15

June 16

June 27-30

Aug 8 - 17

Aug 8 - 11

Aug 8 - 13
Aug 8 - 16
Aug 11 - 14

Aug 11 - 15

Aug 13 - 16

Aug 13 - 17

September
Sept 13 - 15 & 20 - 22

Oct 5 - 6 & 12 - 13

Nov 6 - 10

Nov 30

Spring Session Begins
**8-Ball Classic Season 1 &
9-Ball Shootout Season 1**
Qualifying Window Opens
(Qualifier winners advance to
Fall Regionals in October
2019)

**8-Ball Classic Spring Regionals &
9-Ball Shootout Spring Regionals**
Locations TBD

Poolplayer Championships
Westgate Resort & Casino,
Las Vegas, NV
9-Ball Doubles Championship
(Showdown Series)
8-Ball Classic
MiniMania
8-Ball Wheelchair Championship
(Showdown Series)
8-Ball Doubles Championship
(Showdown Series)
9-Ball Shootout

Summer Session Begins
U.S. Amateur Championships
Entry Window Closes

**8-Ball Classic Season 1 &
9-Ball Shootout Season 1**
Qualifying Window Closes
(Qualifier winners advance
to Fall Regionals in October
2019)

**9-Ball Shootout Season 2 &
8-Ball Classic Season 2**
Qualifying Window Opens
(Qualifier winners advance
to Spring Regionals in March
2020)

Junior Championships
St. Louis, MO
World Pool Championships
Westgate Resort & Casino,
Las Vegas, NV
Jack & Jill 8-Ball Doubles
Championship
(Showdown Series)
8-Ball World Championship
MiniMania
Ladies 8-Ball Championship
(Showdown Series)
Masters Championship
(Showdown Series)
Team Captains
Championship
(Showdown Series)
9-Ball World Championship

Fall Session Begins
**U.S. Amateur Preliminary
Rounds**
Locations TBD
**8-Ball Classic Fall Regionals &
9-Ball Shootout Fall Regionals**
Locations TBD

U.S. Amateur Championships
Stroker's, Tampa, FL
2020 Entry Window Opens
**8-Ball Classic Season 2 &
9-Ball Shootout Season 2**
Qualifying Window Closes
(Qualifier winners advance to
Spring Regionals in March
2020)

Love it? Then Live it!

If pool is
your passion,
make it your
profession!

*Learn more about becoming an APA League Operator today
at poolplayers.com/franchise!*



League Operator Spotlight

Nikki & Shannon Brown – Northeast Dallas APA



“We love the flexibility APA offers our schedules and the ability to work from home.”

How long were you APA members before deciding to become League Operators?

Shannon and I played in the APA for almost 15 years when the opportunity to become League Operators presented itself.

What made you decide to look into becoming League Operators? Was the process of becoming a League Operator difficult?

Shannon’s dad was a League Operator in Missouri, and we were both tired of working so hard for somebody else. When the APA League in Dallas became available, we knew we had to jump on it. The process wasn’t overly complicated. We were happy to go through the process as quickly as possible and make the move.

Briefly describe life as League Operators.

It’s hard work just like any business, but we also have down time that helps balance out what can sometimes be long hours. To be honest, we were both workaholics

anyway. We love the flexibility APA offers our schedules and the ability to work from home. We’re also both night owls who don’t mind working weekends. If I had to sum up the life as an APA League Operator, I guess I’d describe it as rush, relax, panic a little, relax...on permanent repeat!

What do you most enjoy about being a League Operator?

The people—always the people. I’ve never seen a group that’s so supportive of one another. It’s truly a community—a family. Like any family, you have moments where you don’t see eye to eye on something, but I tell you what, if anyone needs help, and somebody has the ability to provide it, they always do so! It’s truly amazing to be a part of.

If you’d like to learn more about franchising your own APA League, visit poolplayers.com/franchise today!



REGIONAL

4th Annual APA Illinois State TOURNAMENT

The 4th Annual Illinois State Invitational was held at the Lincoln Banquet Center in Lincoln, Ill., Nov. 9-11. Players from 16 League areas throughout Illinois came together to compete for a piece of the nearly \$19,000 in prize money.



Champions: Slobra of South Chicagoland APA – Mark Tomaska, Richard Ade, Jennifer Roat, Jason Krueger, Trinidad Arteaga, Nimah Ajaj, Tevin Curlee

Thirty-two teams competed in the 9-Ball team event, which had a \$10,240 payout. Taking home \$4,420 and the champion title was Slowbra from South Chicagoland APA. They defeated Katy T's from the Heart of Illinois APA in the final round. Katy T's earned \$2,000 for their Runner-Up finish.

In addition to the 9-Ball team event, a 32-team 9-Ball Doubles tournament, as well as Singles Boards, took place throughout the weekend.



Runners-Up: Katy T's of Heart of Illinois APA – Back Row (R to L): Phil Skinner, Mike Bolton, Ross Stoval, Jason Powers; Front Row (R to L): Shannon Cokel, Melissa Emery, Staphanie Edwards, Shaun Edwards



The 15th Annual 9-Ball Southwest Challenge was held Oct. 11-14, 2018 at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino. A record number of 183 teams from Arizona, California, Colorado and Nebraska participated in the action! Over \$26,000 in cash was up for grabs.

Finishing as Champions and taking home \$3,000 was San Gabriel Valley #6. They defeated South Orange County #4 in the finals. South Orange County #4 earned \$2,100 for their Runner-Up finish. San Gabriel Valley #9 and San Bernardino #13 tied for 3rd Place and each went home \$1,440 richer.

MiniMania tournaments took place throughout the event. The Southwest Challenge returns to the Westgate March 28-31, 2019 for the 8-Ball version of the event.



Champions: San Gabriel Valley #6
(L to R) Alysia Granados, Jim Frutos, Jacob Sauer



Runners-Up: South Orange County #4
(L to R) Sarah Gallardo, Grace Cho, Jonathan Haydt

TOURNAMENTS

by Becky Rosner



Champions – 9-Ball: Pot Luck of Mississauga, ON

Mike Donaubauer, Gerald Vanlieshout, Harrison Lin, Jim Wilson, Nathan Martis, Robert Fisher, Tena Oxtan, Tyler Allan



Champions – 8-Ball: Unpredictables of Albany, NY

Peter Hemendinger, Billie Joe Hemendinger, Dale Thomson, David Alexander, Frank Mastan, Joella Thomson, Joshua Hemendinger, Terri Beebe



Runners-Up – 9-Ball: Veterans of Burlington, ON

Kyle Smith, Gary Smith, Jane Gebhardt, John Ford, Kerry Dugan, Kevin Farmer, Sydney Evans



Runners-Up – 8-Ball: Snookered Again of Whitby, ON

Brian Reddick, Barren Whitlock, Manny Singh, Robert Salick, Terry Mossman, Tony Rytta, Tracy McKeating

The 2018 APA/CPA Border Battle took place Nov. 2-4 at the Americana Resort & Waterpark in Niagara Falls, Ont. The field consisted of 64 8-Ball teams and 32 9-Ball teams from two Canadian provinces and six U.S. states. The total prize payout was over \$37,500!

In the 8-Ball event, it was the Unpredictables of Albany, N.Y., taking home \$7,000 in 1st Place prize money. They defeated Snookered Again from Whitby, Ont., in the finals. Snookered Again earned \$3,500 for their Runner-Up finish.

In the 9-Ball event, it was Pot Luck from Mississauga, Ont., earning \$4,500 for their top finish. They defeated Veterans from Burlington, Ont., who took home \$2,500 for their Runner-Up finish.

Winning the second chance board and \$2,000 was Broken Stix from Whitby, Ont. Colby's Stix from Brantford, Ont., finished as Runner-Up.

In addition to the tournament action, the event featured a performance by world famous internet trick shot sensation Florian Kohler.

• T-Shirts
• Outerwear
• Sportswear
• Pet Apparel
• Office Products
• i Phone cases
• Drinkware
& More

Hundreds of items to "Personalize"

SHOP FOR YOUR TEAM!

"OFFICIAL" APA MERCHANDISE

Official Licensed Apparel from Khamsin Designs

For the Love of the Game...

Win or Lose – Always Be a Good Sportsman!

What does it mean to be a good sportsman?

Merriam-Webster defines “sportsman” as, “a person who shows sportsmanship”. Fair enough, but what does it mean to show sportsmanship? Another glance at Merriam-Webster and we see that “sportsmanship” is defined as, “conduct (as fairness, respect for one’s opponent and graciousness in winning or losing) becoming to one participating in a sport”.

“One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than a hundred teaching it.”

—Knut Rockne

THE COUNTER-WEIGHT
THE ONLY WEIGHT YOU'LL EVER NEED

RUBBER O-RINGS PROTECT YOUR SHAFT!

\$29.95
FREE SHPG

STEADIES YOUR **STROKE** FOR DIFFICULT SHOTS

SHOOTING OVER A BALL??

SHOOTING OFF THE RAIL??

SLIDE ON THE COUNTER-WEIGHT Pat. Pending

GUARANTEED TO IMPROVE YOUR GAME IMMEDIATELY!!

Order Online at:
www.Accu-Stats.com
Or call: 1-800-828-0397

ACCU-STATS

MADE IN THE USA - 30-day money back guarantee



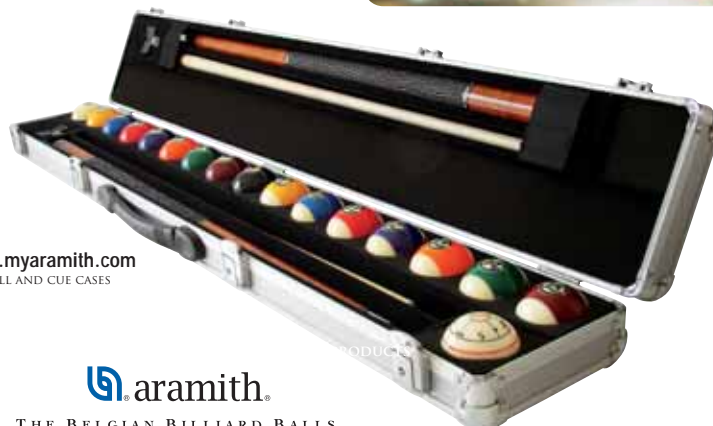
In most sports, we choose to play and train with our own personal equipment.

Billiards is no exception.
Why not play with the best equipment at your local pool room ?

A personal quality ball-set makes a huge difference.



www.myrarith.com
BALL AND CUE CASES



aramith

THE BELGIAN BILLIARD BALLS



Using the line of numbers, keep track of the balls (points) as the shooter is making them.

Skill level points this player needs

9-Ball Break – Break & Runs should be marked in this column.

The score sheet is a table with the following structure:

Player #	Name	Score	Innings	Dead Balls	9-Ball Break	9-Ball Run	9-Ball Total	Defensive Shots	Total Points	Match Points Earned
6	xxxxx	5	III	3	38		13	III	38	13
5	xxxxx	3	I	4	39			II	21	7

Red annotations include arrows pointing to the 'Score' column (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9), the 'Innings' column (III, I), and the 'Dead Balls' column (3, 4). Red circles highlight the values 38, 39, and 7.

Loser's S/L	SCORE OF MATCH									
	20-0	19-1	18-2	17-3	16-4	15-5	14-6	13-7	12-8	
1	less than 3	3	4	5&6	7	8	9&10	11	12&13	
2	less than 4	4&5	6&7	8	9&10	11&12	13&14	15&16	17&18	
3	less than 5	5&6	7-9	10&11	12-14	15&16	17-19	20&21	22-24	
4	less than 6	6-8	9-11	12-14	15-18	19-21	22-24	25-27	28-30	
5	less than 7	7-10	11-14	15-18	19-22	23-26	27-29	30-33	34-37	
6	less than 9	9-12	13-17	18-22	23-27	28-31	32-36	37-40	41-45	
7	less than 11	11-15	16-21	22-26	27-32	33-37	38-43	44-49	50-54	
8	less than 14	14-19	20-26	27-32	33-39	40-45	46-52	53-58	59-64	
9	less than 18	18-24	25-31	32-38	39-46	47-53	54-60	61-67	68-74	

Improving Your Game with Bruce Barthelette



Bruce Barthelette, “The Big Guy”, is a professional poolplayer, and one of the top 10 trick shot players in the world. He has appeared on ESPN over 10 times, including the most recent World Cup of Trickshots tournament. He has played with Jeanette Lee, aka “The Black Widow”, Mike Massey, Andy Segal, and Tom Rossman, among other top professionals in the game. He also played with Ewa Laurance and Allison Fisher, two members of the BCA Billiard Hall of Fame.

Bruce, along with his wife Ann, has run the second largest APA Pool League for over 20 years. With more than 6,000 players in the League, the APA of Connecticut is second only to Maryland.

Bruce Barthelette’s book, “Pool & Billiards,” is available on Amazon.com.



Grip

Players often overlook this part of the mechanics.

How you grip the cue can make a big difference in the amount of action applied to the cue ball. Only a few basic grips are used in holding a cue. After all, it is your back hand holding the butt of the cue. Not many grips are available.

On normal shots you want to grip your cue in the same place every time. Players have a tendency to move their hand forward when they are in a pressure situation. Doing this will cause you to change your normal stroke. When you do this, making the shot and playing position will be more difficult.

Another bad habit is to twist the wrist during the shot. You want your grip to remain in the same position throughout the shot. Doing this will help to ensure a straight follow-through. If you find yourself twisting the wrist during the shot, you may want to use a wrist strap, similar to what bowlers use. This strap helps to keep your wrist straight on all of your shots.

The most important aspects of a grip are being comfortable and relaxed. If your grip is comfortable, then it will be easier to keep it relaxed all the way through the shot. It does no good to have your grip relaxed if just before you strike the cue ball the tension builds up and you tighten your grip. Stay in a relaxed position until you hear the ball go into the pocket.

Almost all professionals make their stroke look effortless because they are relaxed. After you are able to control this part of your game, you will quickly become a better player.

Where to Hold the Cue



- Your hand placement on the cue is generally about 4 to 8 inches from the end of the butt.
- This placement, of course, depends on the length of the cue, your size, and the type of shot.
- Be careful to not let your grip hand choke up too far on the stick.
- You should grip the cue in the same spot every time unless a specialty shot dictates otherwise.

Gripping Too Loosely



- Holding the cue too loosely is a much better problem than holding it too tightly. It is also much easier to correct.
- The danger of holding the cue too loosely is that it may slip out of your hands after you hit a shot.
- Also, your hand may move during the shot, sliding along the butt of the cue and causing you to lose some control.

Gripping Too Tightly



- Gripping too tightly on the cue will cause you to lose action on the cue ball. This grip is sometimes referred to as the “white knuckler.”
- This type of grip will most likely happen when you are in a pressure or game winning situation.
- Don’t worry. It commonly happens to inexperienced players. You will now be better prepared the next time a situation comes up in which you feel your grip getting tighter.

Just Right



- The best way to describe the perfect grip in pool is to pretend that you have a bird in your hand; you don’t want to hurt it, but you don’t want it to get away.
- This will help you produce the proper tension.
- When the pressure is on, you should think back to this analogy.
- You will become a more consistent player when using the proper grip.

8-Ball Scorekeeping



This sample diagram describes the information printed on scoresheets and illustrate how to properly score your match. Inaccurate scorekeeping affects the entire League, so keep play fun and fair! Remember to accurately mark defensive shots for your team and your opponent.

Fill in the actual match start time and end time (at right *)

Shows that this is the second week of play and the session is 13 weeks.

Shows the date this match is scheduled to play.

This scoresheet is for Division 043 Team 6.

If you have questions, the Team Captain will need to contact the Division Rep.

This player's Membership Number.

This player's Matches Played for this session.

This player owes money to the League Office.

Player made an Early 8 (E-8, 8OT, 8WP). Mark Scratch on 8 (8S).

An inning is not over therefore, not marked until the player who lost the initial lag misses or otherwise completes his/her turn.

A defensive shot must be marked for a player on any shot where there is no INTENT to legally pocket a ball of his category. At the end of the match, total and circle the number of defensive shots for each player. If there are no defensive shots by a player write "No DS" in the block.

A T is marked in the game box when the player takes a time out. In the first game, the player listed first in this match had a time out. In the second game of the match, both players had a time out.

Update the overall Team score in the Running Total box.

Indicates table size.

Reminder: Roster changes must be made during the first four weeks of the session, unless you get prior approval from the League Office.

This scoresheet is for Team 04306 and they will play Team Shooters at Slicks Billiards next week.

Scorekeeping & Defensive Shots Videos Available at youtube.com/apaleagues!



TRICK SHOTS

BY DR. CUE

Hall of Famer Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman has been performing trick-shot exhibitions for over 30 years. He has won numerous awards, including the World Masters Trick Shot Competition, the North American Professional Trick and Fancy Championship, the World Artistic Championship, the ESPN Trick Shot Magic Event, and the WPA World Draw Shots Discipline. He is known as the Doctor of Billiardology. He currently does trick-shot exhibitions throughout the U.S., performing in college, military, corporate, mall, prison, billiard and special event arenas. Dr. Cue has agreed to give APA members a special look at how he performs some of his favorite trick-shots.

Cue Ball — Away

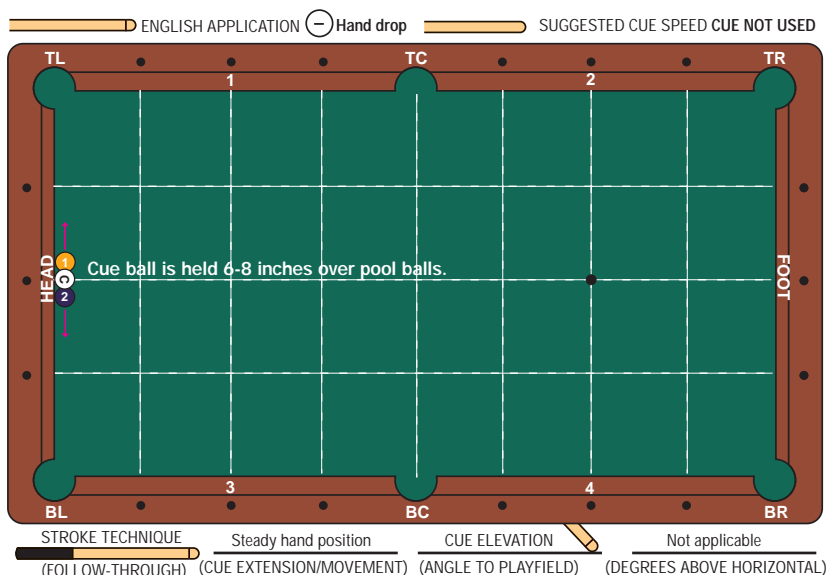
DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY: 1.1

CONFIDENCE FACTOR: 2 minutes, 12 seconds per day for 3 days

SETUP/POSITION: Place 1-ball and 2-ball 2 inches apart and each ball 1/8-inch away from head cushion. Center near name plate of middle diamond of rail the entire setup. Cue ball over edge of two balls from above and head (eye) over cue ball aiming downward at ball edges. Body should be rock solid stance and head motionless, with hold on (c). DOUBLE CHECK SETUP!

BALL(S) POCKETED/OBJECTIVE: With the thumb on one side of the cue ball and the index on the other, hold the cue ball over the two object balls below... 6-8 inches from cue ball. Sighting with eye over cue ball to balls below, drop cue ball and make (1) in TL and (2) in BL.

ADJUSTMENT ANALYSIS: A perfect drop is required in being successful on this challenge. If object balls hit cushion and bounce out missing pockets, move sighting and cue ball back slightly toward your body. If object balls hit side cushions #1 and #3 without hitting head cushion and therefore missing again, move head and sighting with cue ball out away from your body more. If one ball moves more quickly than the other or one moves and the other doesn't adjust right or left of the aim view from above. Try not to throw cue ball downward—just let go and drop cue ball. This is a great little challenge for all. ENJOY!



The Move Rule!

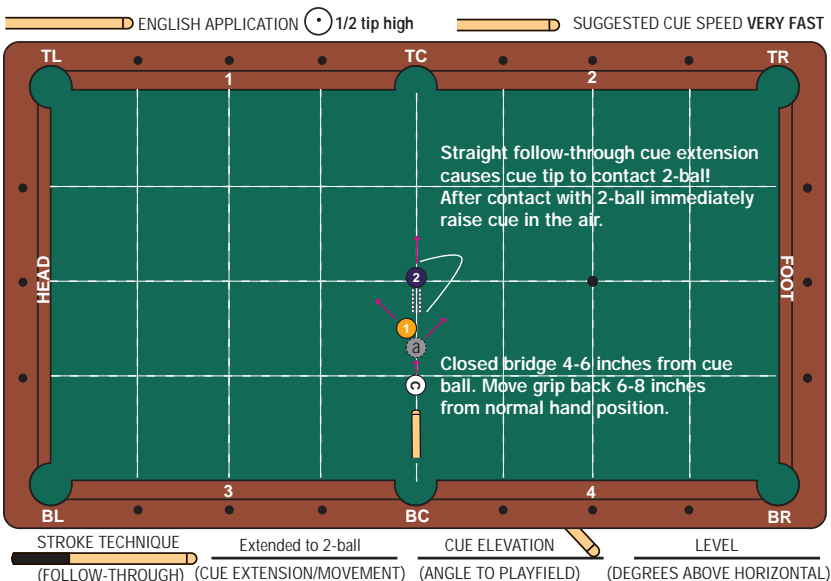
DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY: 1.2

CONFIDENCE FACTOR: 2 minutes, 24 seconds per day for 3 days

SETUP/POSITION: 1-ball as diagrammed; Cue ball 4 inches from the 1-ball and placed so that it is aimed (A) at 1/3 of the 1-ball straight on line. The 2-ball is set straight in line with the cue ball on the TC-BC center line. The 2-ball is also 4 inches from the 1-ball. Maintain sound fundamental form and concentrate. DOUBLE CHECK SETUP!

BALL(S) POCKETED/OBJECTIVE: Hitting cue ball at aim point (a) on 1-ball, the 1-ball goes left and the cue ball deflects to the right, leaving an open path for the cue stick to follow through to the 2-ball. The cue actually contacts the 2-ball for its make at TC!

ADJUSTMENT ANALYSIS: When striking the cue ball, if the contacted 1-ball hits the 2-ball, then your aim was faulty—adjust to the right slightly. If the 1-ball contacts the 2-ball again, you may not have the four inch spacing needed to be successful. Assuming all goes well with the cue ball and 1-ball getting out of the way and the 2-ball doesn't move, extend more on follow-through. If you hit the 2-ball, but miscue off it or make a non-straight hit, then firm up that bridge! Raise your cue immediately and prepare to "move" out of town as you have just done the unthinkable. WARNING: FOR TRICK SHOT PURPOSES ONLY!





CROWN

Limited

Available With



SEYBERTS.COM

AVAILABLE WITH STACKED LEATHER WRAPS



TOLL FREE: 1.877.314.2837

Is your team home by 11 on league night?

If not, we'd like to introduce you to

HARRY THE POOL FAIRY

HE'S HERE
TO HELP
YOU GET

HOME BY
11

Here's some tips from Harry to ensure you're out the door before the clock strikes 11:

BE READY FOR YOUR MATCH

Hit the bathroom and grab a drink BEFORE!

2 MINUTES OR LESS

Try to put a player up 2 minutes or less after your opponent declares.

FOCUS ON YOUR MATCH

Try to be at the table 10 seconds after your opponent completes their turn.

20 SECONDS PER SHOT

5 seconds more per shot means 9 minutes longer each match.

1 MINUTE TIME OUTS

SPLIT TABLES

Whenever possible, this can cut match times nearly in half.

TO WATCH THE STORY OF CINDY RELLA AND HARRY THE POOL FAIRY,
VISIT POOLPLAYERS.COM





Featuring...
New Highland Maple finish



Official Table of the



poolplayers.com

American Poolplayers Association



7115 Belton St.
Richland Hills, TX 76118
972.595.5300

sales@valley-dynamo.com

For International Sales:
international@valley-dynamo.com

See the full Valley Dynamo product line at
www.valley-dynamo.com



Valley-Dynamo Companies





Ewa Mataya Laurance "The Striking Viking"

Ewa is the current International and World Cup Trick Shot Champion, the holder of multiple World and U.S. Open 9-Ball titles and has also won the Swedish, European and U.S. National Championships in her incredible career. In 2012, she won the prestigious ESPN Masters Championship, a major on the Classic Tour. A former #1 ranked player in the world, Ewa has received Player of the Year honors, been named WPBA Sportsperson of the Year, in 2004 was inducted into the prestigious Billiard Congress of America Hall of Fame, and is also a member of the Women's Professional Billiards Hall of Fame.

This dynamic champion made a historic appearance on the cover of The New York Times magazine and has been featured in numerous national publications including People magazine, Sports Illustrated, Forbes and Glamour magazine. Ewa is also a frequent guest on television shows such as Late Night with David Letterman, The Today Show, LIVE with Kelly and Michael, Entertainment Tonight and The Best Damned Sports Show, Period.

When not competing, Ewa serves as the ESPN Color Commentator, and she also co-hosted GSN's popular game show "Ball Breakers." She is the author of "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Pool & Billiards" and writes a monthly column for Pool & Billiard magazine. In addition to performing trick shot shows around the world, Ewa also operates the APA Leagues in Myrtle Beach, Wilmington and Brunswick County in South Carolina. On tour, Ewa is sponsored by Brunswick Billiards.

StrikingViking.com

STROKIN' IT!

We all have different styles when playing the game that may depend on a myriad of things. And, that's okay. There's no perfect cookie-cutter stance, stroke or setup that you must adhere to. Some of us were self-taught from the very beginning, feel comfortable with our stroke and don't want to make any major changes. Some started at a very early age, and by not being able to reach the table, developed some unorthodox traits. I've seen dozens of styles that work, both by amateurs and pros. But, one thing that you may want to pay attention to is giving yourself the best chance to deliver the follow-through correctly by verifying where you hold the cue with your shooting hand.

My best advice to you is to think of the shooting arm as if it were a pendulum. You want the forearm to be close to straight up and down when you're at address. Then, bring the arm back a distance that will mirror the follow-through needed to deliver the shot you're faced with. In other words, if it's just a little tap, or a very slow shot, you only need to bring the arm back slightly. If a power stroke is needed, then you would need more of a takeback.

Holding the cue too far forward can result in dropping the elbow at delivery, or resulting in the not-so-popular "chicken wing" or grabbing the cue too tightly during the follow-through. Too far back and it may cause you to lose accuracy of the shot.

The forearm is close to perpendicular to the cue (1). This way, you can comfortably move the cue back the length needed to set up for the shot, (2) and also be in the perfect position to follow-through to complete the stroke (3).

Making this slight change can have a huge impact on your stroke and shot making accuracy.



Tournaments Come and Go... the Title
"U.S. Amateur Champion"
LASTS FOREVER



 **U.S.
AMATEUR
CHAMPIONSHIP®**

COMPETE IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2019

Visit poolplayers.com/usam for participating locations across North America

register online at USAM.POOLPLAYERS.COM

1-800-3-RACK-EM

Sign up by June 15, 2019

Open to all amateur players—APA Members and non-APA members—age 18 or older.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS:

 **WOMENS
U.S. AMATEUR
CHAMPIONSHIP.**
November 6-7

 **U.S.
AMATEUR
CHAMPIONSHIP.**
November 8-10

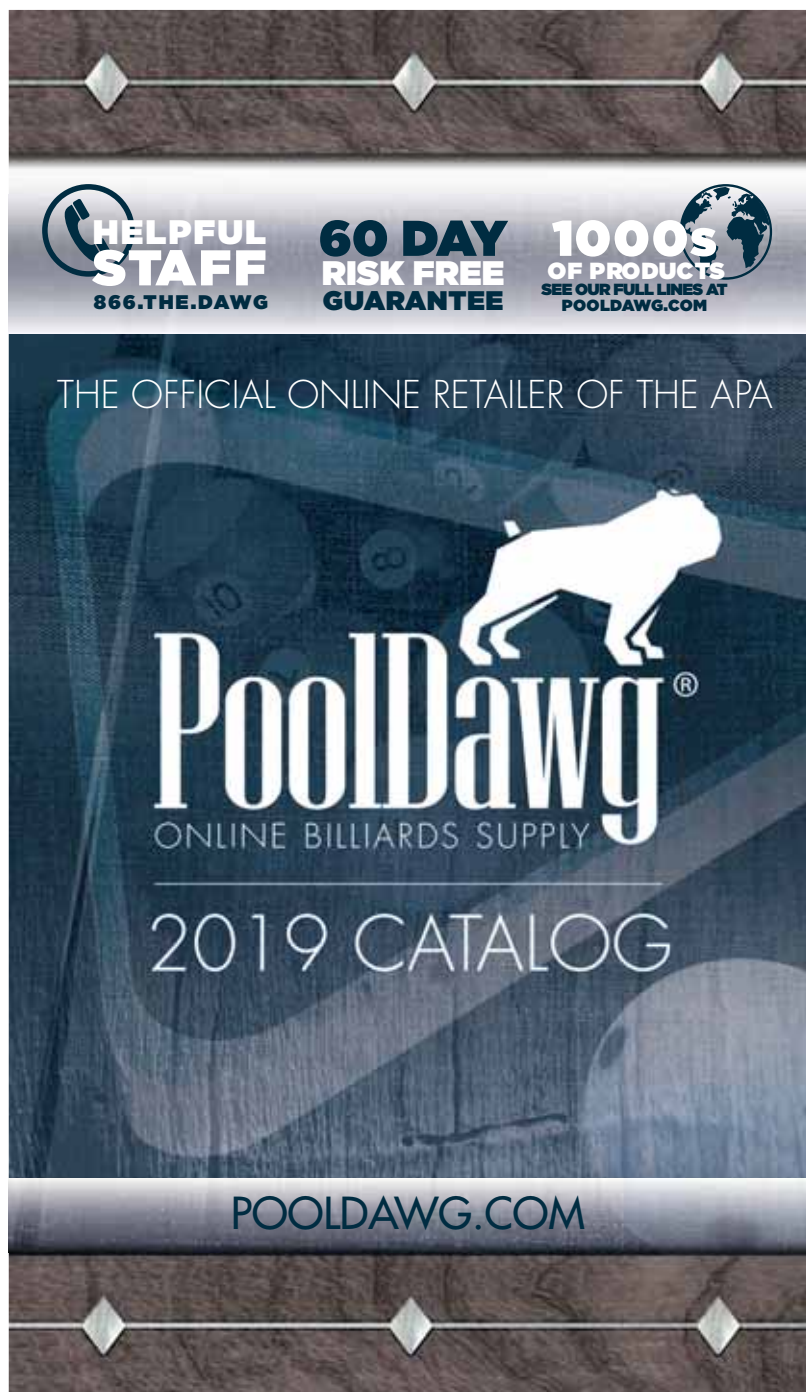
ORDER YOUR
FREE
2019 CATALOG TODAY!

CHECK OUT
POOLDAWG.COM
FOR THE LATEST...

- **NEW PRODUCTS!**
- **100'S OF TRAINING ARTICLES & VIDEOS!**
- **APA DISCOUNTS!**



1.866.THE DAWG



Our brand **NEW 2019 Catalog** is here and will start shipping in early January! If you want to receive your copy go to our site and **get signed up today!** Ready to shop now? No problem. You can always check out our full selection of pool cues, accessories and hundreds of free training articles anytime at Pooldawg.com Use **Code: APARULES** to receive an additional 5% off of your purchase!

5% DISCOUNT
USE CODE: APARULES

*Some restrictions may apply.