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If you were unable to attend this year's Championships, or would like a recap of all the action, you can catch up on everything in this issue. We also posted hundreds of photos from the event on our Facebook page—facebook.com/poolplayers—so be sure to check them out.

Good luck and good shooting in the Fall Session!

Best Regards,

Terry Bell

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CALENDAR

2019-2020 APA EVENTS

Fall Session

Nov 6	2020 U.S. Amateur Championship	Entry Window Opens
Nov 6-10	U.S. Amateur Championship	Stroker's - Palm Harbor, FL
Nov 30	8-Ball Classic Season 2 & 9-Ball Shootout Season 2	Qualifying Window Closes (Qualifier winners advance to Regionals in Feb & March 2020)

Spring Session

Jan 1	8-Ball Classic Season 1 & 9-Ball Shootout Season 1	Qualifying Window Opens (Qualifier winners advance to Regionals in October 2020)
Feb 29 - March 1 & March 7 - 8	8-Ball Classic Spring Regionals & 9-Ball Shootout Spring Regionals	Locations TBD Locations TBD
April 29 - May 3	Poolplayer Championships 8-Ball Classic 9-Ball Shootout 8-Ball Doubles Championship (Showdown Series) 8-Ball Wheelchair Championship (Showdown Series) 9-Ball Doubles Championship (Showdown Series) MiniMania	Westgate Resort & Casino, Las Vegas, NV

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by Becky Rosner



Last year during 8-Ball World Qualifiers there were two spots. Both were won by teams whose Captain had their mother playing on their team. My team, Done Messed Up, with my mother Sharon Benton and Hoofhearted with Mike Rodgers and his mother, Elona. It really shows how much of a family sport APA is and speaking personally just wanted to say thank you. It's allowed me and my mom to spend so much more time together! APA rocks!

– Submitted by Aaron Tudor, APA Member, Waco, TX

I was certain that true love may have passed me by. Having been single for 8 years and playing pool 5-6 nights a week, I felt I would probably never meet the one. I worked the door at the pool hall where my team played in San Marcos, Texas, and spent most of my non-work hours there; if not working the door, then playing pool. On my normally scheduled league night, I showed up to the pool hall early to get some warm ups, as the team we were playing had my biggest rival on it and I really wanted to show up strong. I walk in the employee entrance and around the corner there is this gorgeous



woman shooting pool. She was dropping some very nice shots and had her own pool cue, but I had never seen her in the league before. We made momentary eye contact and went about our warm ups. Low and behold, she had found the team we were playing that very night! I was chatting up some other league members and saw that she was keeping score for the other team. I went to my captain and asked him for the scoresheet (he looked at me like I was crazy, because I rarely keep the score). I was quite a bit nervous, and didn't really know what to say, but I sat down next to her and shot my shot. I don't remember what we talked about but I remember that my head was in the clouds almost from the first moment we started talking. I left the table for a few minutes and when I came back...she was gone! I didn't really know how to get ahold of her, so I took a chance. I looked up the team we were playing on the APA app and messaged her online to see if she would like to shoot some pool with me some time. It worked...I was super nervous, and she still gives me butterflies in my stomach every time I see her. Fast forward to today, we have a beautiful 10-month-old baby boy, Jonny! We just got back from our second year out at the World Pool Championships in Las Vegas and we would likely never have met each other without the APA! Thank you, APA, for bringing people together to do something they all love!

– Submitted by Jonathan Tanksley, APA Member, Burleson, TX

My wife and I became acquaintances while she played on another team. She then became a team member of the teams that I captained. As time progressed, we became closer and closer. She became my support system and I became hers. Over time, we dated, then we moved in with each other and shortly after that we got engaged. On October 14, 2017 we became husband and wife. We are Captain and Co-



Captain of several teams in the Tri-Cities APA; we have awesome teams together. We are each other's lucky charm. As we continue our journey through life together with me being a respected and respectful Division Rep for the Tri-Cities APA she walks right beside me and we both remain loyal members of the APA as we chase the ultimate goal of doing what we love in Vegas together.

– Submitted by Mark Presley, APA member, Bristol, TN

I met my now husband playing pool. We met at a small-town bar playing in a local tournament. Skip ahead a year...he got me on an APA team. We played in a Doubles event and won to play in Vegas. It was my first time EVER in Vegas and I was playing pool. We were out there for 5 days. I cried 4 out of 5. Met Jeanette Lee... bawled...met Mike Massey...bawled...he bought me my first Jacoby cue...bawled...and then on the last night there...he proposed. That was in 2016. We've been there two more times for APA events. Until I met him, I didn't know how much more there was with billiards. I grew up watching Jeannette Lee. Meeting her, interacting with her and even playing against her, has been a lifelong dream come true.

To say our lives are connected by APA is an understatement. It has been the most enjoyable experience these last 4 years and it will continue. Promoting this game is what he does, teaching is what he enjoys, seeing everyone have fun is icing on the cake.

PS – at our wedding I incorporated our APA patches into my speech. I love this game, love the people, love the experience.

– Submitted by Nancy Sand, APA member, Louisville, NE



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2019



A record 506 young poolplayers made their way to the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel in St. Louis, Mo., for the Junior Championships June 27-30, 2019. After four days of competition, four kids returned home junior champions!



RESULTS

Green Tier (SL 1-2)

In the Green Tier, **Giovanni Gambone** (SL2) of Gloucester City, N.J., defeated **Robert Randall** (SL2) of Red Bud, Ill., 19-12. The Green Tier featured 225 participants.



Champion – Giovanni Gambone of Gloucester City, NJ



Runner-Up – Robert Randall of Red Bud, IL



3rd Place – Evan Sneed of Elgin, OK



3rd Place – Rayshard Buwalda of Des Moines, IA

Red Tier (SL 3)

In the Red Tier, **Zachary Hemendinger** (SL3) of Esperance, N.Y., defeated **Ava Lucas** (SL3) of Syracuse, N.Y., 25-10. The Red Tier featured 140 players.



Champion – Zachary Hemendinger of Esperance, NY



Runner-Up – Ava Lucas of Syracuse, NY



3rd Place – Blaine Gilmore of Walker, LA



3rd Place – Philip Albert of Barrie, ON

White Tier (SL 4-5)

In the White Tier, **Wyatt Neeley** (SL5) of Dalton, Ga., defeated **Jaden Bolyard** (SL4) of Decatur, Ill., 38-21. The White Tier featured 101 participants.



Champion – Wyatt Neeley of Dalton, GA



Runner-Up – Jaden Bolyard of Decatur, IL



3rd Place – Benjamin Gonzales of Normal, IL



3rd Place – Jaden Oglesby of Harrisburg, IL

Black Tier (SL 6-9)

In the Black Tier, **Beck Matthews** (SL7) of Louisville, Ky., defeated **Kodi Allen** (SL9) of Tampa, Fla., 55-71. The Black Tier featured 40 players.



Champion – Beck Matthews of Louisville, KY



Runner-Up – Kodi Allen of Tampa, FL



3rd Place – Alice Adams of Eau Claire, WI



3rd Place – Travis Criblez of Mantua, OH

For more info on the Juniors Program, visit poolplayers.com/playjuniors.

Go back and relive all the Championship matches by watching them on our YouTube channel (youtube.com/apaleagues).



PREVIEW 2020

by Becky Rosner

The 2020 Poolplayer Championships are Calling YOU!

If you don't think you have what it takes to compete in the Poolplayer Championships, think again! The lower skilled tiers receive less entrants. This makes your chances of qualifying, and winning a piece of the more than \$600,000 purse, even better!

There are five Skill Level Tiers in the 8-Ball Classic—Blue (SL 2-3), Yellow (SL4), Red (SL5), Orange (SL6) and Purple (SL7). The winner in each tier receives a cash and prize package worth \$15,000!

The 9-Ball Shootout consists of four Skill Level Tiers—Green (SL 1-3), White (SL 4-5), Gray (SL 6-7) and Black (SL 8-9). The

champion in each tier earns a cash and prize package worth \$10,000!

To qualify for the Poolplayer Championships, a player must first compete on a Local Qualifier Board. Winners at the Local Level then advance to the Regional Level. Regional winners advance to the Poolplayer Championships in Las Vegas! All Vegas qualified players receive single occupancy rooming and travel assistance courtesy of the APA.

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APA Members Take Center Stage in Vegas

Vegas has long been a hot-bed for some of the most famous names in entertainment. Names like Sinatra, Elvis, Celine, Britney.

But this past August, it was APA members, from all walks of life, taking center stage in Sin City.

Nearly 14,000 people from across the globe came to Las Vegas to compete on amateur pool's biggest stage at the APA World Pool Championships. This year's poolplaying paradise offered nearly \$1.3 Million in cash to top finishers.

Finalists battled their hearts out in six different championship events that were live streamed in a completely redesigned PoolDawg Championship Arena.

In addition to 10 days of nearly round-the-clock tournament excitement, APA members had the chance to rub elbows with the likes of "The Black Widow" Jeanette Lee, Internet Trick Shot Sensation Florian "Venom" Kohler and billiard Hall of Famer "Dr. Cue" Tom Rossman. Other pro players spotted at the APA World Championships included Mosconi Cup MVP Skyler Woodward and Team USA teammates Shane Van Boening, Billy Thorpe and Corey Deuel.

Competitors capped off the experience of a lifetime with APA's always epic poolside bash at the Westgate Pool overlooking the Vegas strip.





8-Ball World Championship

by Jason Bowman



Champion: K-9 of Kansas City, MO

Front Row (L to R): Nick Kluge, Chris Kluge, Kara Ridihalgh-Allen; Back Row (L to R) Austin Gotch, Greg Grillot, Jamie Hardin, Joshua Nienhueser; Not Pictured: Saige Holmes

After turning the tide in the match, and pulling slightly ahead, K-9 Team Captain Chris Kluge came to the table to try and dispatch No Excuses' Steve Hughes.

Match #3

Team	Player	Skill Level	Games Needed To Win	Games Won	Match Points	Match Point Total
K-9	Chris Kluge	6	4	4	2	5
No Excuses	Steve Hughes	7	5	3	0	2

In the fourth match, No Excuses Team Captain Adam Wheeler tried to stave off elimination against K-9's Austin Gotch.

Match #4

Team	Player	Skill Level	Games Needed To Win	Games Won	Match Points	Match Point Total
K-9	Austin Gotch	6	5	3	0	5
No Excuses	Adam Wheeler	4	3	3	2	4

With K-9 holding the slightest of leads, the championship would come down to one final match for all the glory. The combination of both teams' skill level limit was at 21, with a cap of 23. This meant Dawn Good of No Excuses and K-9's Kara Allen, both skill level 2s, would determine the outcome of the match.

Match #5

Team	Player	Skill Level	Games Needed To Win	Games Won	Match Points	Match Point Total
No Excuses	Dawn Good	2	2	0	0	4
K-9	Kara Allen	2	2	2	3	8

With hundreds of people gathered in PoolDawg Championship Arena, and nearly 3,000 more watching online, Dawn Good managed to control much of the first rack, looking like the more comfortable of the two players.

But, once on the 8-ball, she failed to pocket it on several attempts. On her final attempt, she was unable to pocket the 8 with ball-in-

Everyone Can Play—Anyone Can Win. It's a slogan APA's used for more than two decades to communicate that lower skilled players can have tremendous success competing in our leagues.

Rarely is it illustrated as well as it was during the final of this year's 8-Ball World Championship when the championship title and \$25,000 in prize money would come down to a pair of skill level 2s competing for the crown.

Competing in the championship round for the 8-Ball World title were **No Excuses** of Hickory, N.C., and **K-9** of Kansas City, Mo.

The finale opened with Matthew Harrell of No Excuses pitted against K-9's Nick Kluge.

Match #1

Team	Player	Skill Level	Games Needed To Win	Games Won	Match Points	Match Point Total
No Excuses	Matthew Harrell	7	5	5	2	2
K-9	Nick Kluge	5	3	1	0	0

With an early lead, No Excuses' Paige Sigmon squared-off against Greg Grillot of K-9.

Match #2

Team	Player	Skill Level	Games Needed To Win	Games Won	Match Points	Match Point Total
No Excuses	Paige Sigmon	3	2	0	0	2
K-9	Greg Grillot	4	3	3	3	3

hand, leaving it just inches from the pocket. Allen capitalized on the opportunity and took a 1-0 lead.

In the second game, Good again looked as though she'd dominate the rack, but unfortunately again struggled on the 8-ball, at one point inadvertently making contact with the cue ball while sizing up what appeared to be a makeable cut shot in the corner.

Despite giving up the ball-in-hand foul, she'd have one more shot on the 8-ball. As she attempted to send it into the top corner pocket to extend the match, she missed the shot and hit the 8-ball hard enough to bring it back down table where it dropped in the opposite corner for an 8-ball wrong pocket.

Just like that, the match was over, and Kara Allen and the K-9's were champions.

In a show of exceptional sportsmanship, they immediately surrounded Good to console her and congratulate her on an outstanding tournament.

Shortly thereafter, the party was on for K-9 as they celebrated their victory with their family and friends.

As Runners-Up, No Excuses was rewarded for a strong championship performance with \$15,000 and the Runner-Up trophy.

K-9 advanced to the championship round with a win over **The Steel That Glistens** of San Diego, Calif., in the semifinals. No Excuses defeated **Vegas Shots** of Blue Springs, Mo., to advance to the finals. Both The Steel That Glistens and Vegas Shots tied for 3rd Place and each received \$7,500 in prize money.

Delegators of Mishawaka, Ind., received the Sportsmanship Award in the 8-Ball World Championship.

This year's 8-Ball World Championship featured 720 teams.

\$595,400 Prize Money Breakdown

Place	Award	Qualifier Money Received at Registration	Remaining Prize Money Received at Cash Payout
1st	\$25,000	\$350	\$24,650
2nd	15,000	350	14,650
3rd	7,500	350	7,150
5th	5,500	350	5,150
9th	3,500	350	3,150
17th	2,500	350	2,150
33rd	2,000	350	1,650
65th	1,500	350	1,150
129th	1,000	350	650
257th-On	350	350	0



Runner-Up: No Excuses of Hickory, NC

Front Row (L to R): Marilyn Clark, Dawn Good, Paige Sigmon; Back Row (L to R): Eric Boliek, Richard Robinson III, Adam Wheeler, Matthew Harrell, Steven Hughes



3rd Place: The Steel That Glistens

Front Row (L to R): Veera Dasari, Jeffrey Kaplan, Johnny Robinson, Josh Winkelman; Back Row (L to R): Jacob Rexius, Mark Kackstetter, Nathan Pierce, Chad Austin



3rd Place: Vegas Shots of Blue Springs, MO

Front Row (L to R): Wendy O'Bryan, Tracy Large, Deborah Jones; Back Row (L to R): Dexter Carter, Jon Jones, Matt Jerram; Not Pictured: Shelby Miller, Shaun Jones



Sportsmanship Winner: Delegators of Mishawaka, IN

Thomas Ford, Timothy Kaczmarek, Tim Kluszczynski, Daniel Marshall, Cory Mason, Nathan Lewis, Emily Jones, Edward Smith



9-Ball World Championship

by Jason Bowman



Champion: Seven and a Timmaay of Hiram, GA

Front Row: (L to R) Sabrina Campbell, Bradley Gregory, Ralph Janis, Timothy Heath; Back Row: (L to R) Laura Cantrell, Heather Clough, Lisa Meeks, Stephanie Prewett

This year's 9-Ball World Championship served as the final act of the World Pool Championships. With so many tightly contested final matches throughout the event, it was fair to wonder if the 9-Ball match could live up to the excitement of its predecessors. Rest assured, it did not disappoint!

A record 520 teams qualified for this year's 9-Ball World Championship. After five days of competition **Seven and a Timmaay** of Hiram, Ga., found themselves in a showdown with the team of **Burn It Down** of Joliet, Ill., with \$15,000 at stake.

The match opened with a battle of Team Captains, as Stephanie Prewett of Seven and a Timmaay competed against Burn It Down's Mike Maher.

Match #1

Team	Player	Skill Level	Ball Count Needed	Total Points	Match Points Earned
Burn It Down	Mike Maher	5	38	30	7
Seven and a Timmaay	Stephanie Prewett	6	46	46	13

Trailing early on in the match, it was Burn It Down's Jessica Maher taking on Sabrina Campbell from Seven and a Timmaay.

Match #2

Team	Player	Skill Level	Ball Count Needed	Total Points	Match Points Earned
Seven and a Timmaay	Sabrina Campbell	2	19	11	5
Burn It Down	Jessica Maher	2	19	19	15

Taking a slim 22-18 lead in team points, Burn It Down posted Chris Kuk to face Seven and a Timmaay's Bradley Gregory.

Match #3

Team	Player	Skill Level	Ball Count Needed	Total Points	Match Points Earned
Burn It Down	Chris Kuk	7	55	41	6
Seven and a Timmaay	Gregory Bradley	4	31	31	14

Ahead once in the match 32-28, Seven and a Timmaay went "all-in" by throwing their top shooter Timothy Heath, a skill level 9, against Nicole Brinkman, a skill level 3. The move came with some risk due to the skill level differential, and the fact that it would leave Seven and a Timmaay with a skill level 2 to face a skill level 5 if the match went hill-hill.

Match #4

Team	Player	Skill Level	Ball Count Needed	Total Points	Match Points Earned
Seven and a Timmaay	Timothy Heath	9	75	75	17
Burn It Down	Nicole Brinkman	3	25	10	3



The move looked questionable through the first three racks as Brinkman had already secured 8 points (of 25 needed) to Heath's 21. But it was all Heath from there, giving up only two points over the next six racks.

Leading 49-31 and needing just 1 team point and 5 points (balls pocketed) to secure the match, Seven and a Timmaaay sent Lisa Meeks to the table versus Burn It Down's John Aversa.

Match #5

Team	Player	Skill Level	Ball Count Needed	Total Points	Match Points Earned
Seven and a Timmaaay	Lisa Meeks	2	19	5*	DNF
Burn It Down	John Aversa	5	38	25	DNF

*Needed to only earn 5 points to clinch the 1 team point for the win.
DNF - Did Not Finish

Aversa did everything he could to pull off a miracle for his team, but the deficit was ultimately too great to overcome.

Meeks picked up the final point she needed, and the members of Seven and a Timmaaay erupted in celebration as the 9-Ball World Championship was going back to Georgia.

Another skill level 2 pocketing the final shot to secure the title seemed to be a fitting end to this year's championships.

As Runners-Up, Burn It Down headed home \$7,000 richer after an impressive run in the tournament.

Burn It Down ousted **Strokers** of Palm Harbor, Fla., in the semifinals. Seven and a Timmaaay advanced to the final round as a result of a disqualification following their semifinal round. Strokers received \$3,500 in prize money for making it to the final four.

Who's Next of Pismo Beach, Calif., were awarded the Sportsmanship Award in the 9-Ball Division.



Runner Up: Burn It Down of Joliet, IL
Front Row: (L to R) Mike Maher, Jeff Sergent, William Raddatz, Chris Kuk;
Back Row: (L to R) Jessica Maher, John Aversa, Nicole Brinkman; Not Picture: Robert Casarez

\$258,200 Prize Money Breakdown			
Place	Award	Qualifier Money Received at Registration	Remaining Prize Money Received at Cash Payout
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2nd	7,000	350	6,650
3rd	3,500	350	3,150
5th	2,000	350	1,650
9th	1,500	350	1,150
17th	1,000	350	650
33rd	750	350	400
65th	500	350	150
129th-On	350	350	0



3rd Place: Strokers of Palm Harbor, FL
Gregory Wolach, Marvin Coon, Roger Ibbitson, Robert Wright, Edward Kawczak; Not Pictured: Tyson Kunnen, Jennifer Pettis, Vernon Cannon



Sportsmanship Winner: Who's Next of Pismo Beach, CA
Front Row: (L to R) Travis Smith, Edson Ribiero, Tim Esmay, Michael Almodova; Back Row (L to R): Robert Bouse, Lynda Basil, Kimberly Hopkins, Donald Armstrong

2019 Ladies Champion APOCALYPSTICKS



Champion: Apocalypsticks of Chicago, IL
(L to R): Courtney Glascoe, Darlene Dantes, Silva McDermott, Crystal Banks, Nicole Riggio

\$51,200 Prize Money Breakdown

Place	Number	\$/Team	Total
1st	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
2nd	1	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
3rd	2	\$ 2,800	\$ 5,600
5th	4	\$ 1,750	\$ 7,000
9th	8	\$ 850	\$ 6,800
17th	16	\$ 550	\$ 8,800
33rd	32	\$ 250	\$ 8,000

100% Payback of Entry Fees Top 25%
Prize Money Based on Total Entries

The finals of the Ladies 8-Ball Championship pitted **Apocalypsticks** of Chicago, Ill., against **Femmes Fatales** of Commack, N.Y.

The first match paired Apocalypsticks' Silva McDermott (SL5) against Femmes Fatales' Michelle Pacheco (SL4). Apocalypsticks started out strong with McDermott winning 3-0.

In the second match, Apocalypsticks put up Courtney Glascoe (SL5), while Femmes Fatales threw Alexis Zilletto (SL4). In a back and forth battle, Zilletto came out winning 3-2, pushing the Championship into a third match.

For the third match Apocalypsticks put up Crystal Banks (SL3) and Femmes Fatales played Caroline Casagrande (SL5). Banks needed to win two matches to Casagrande's four. The match did not disappoint and was fitting for a Championship title, taking it hill-hill. In the end, Banks was able to secure the title and \$10,000 for the Apocalypsticks! Femmes Fatales took home \$5,000 for their Runner-Up finish.

The Sportsmanship Award winner in the Ladies 8-Ball Championship was **Magically Delicious** of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for the second consecutive year.



Runner-Up: Femmes Fatales of Commack, NY
(L to R): Caroline Casagrande, Michelle Pacheco, Kay Lambertus, Sarah Dolley, Alexis Zilletto

Sportsmanship Winner

Sportsmanship Winner: Magically Delicious of Fort Lauderdale, FL
(L to R): Linda Vasquez, Susan Weimann, Kelly Errair, Rosemary Booze; Not Pictured: Michelle Cegelarek

2019 Team Captains Champion SUSPECT & BAD DECISIONS



Champion: Suspect & Bad Decisions of Shreveport, LA
(L to R): Jeri Little, Jonathan Grant, Pam Allen

\$57,600 Prize Money Breakdown

Place	Number	\$/Team	Total
1st	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
2nd	1	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
3rd	2	\$ 3,000	\$ 6,000
5th	4	\$ 1,550	\$ 6,200
9th	8	\$ 800	\$ 6,400
17th	16	\$ 400	\$ 8,000
33rd	32	\$ 250	\$ 8,000
65th	64	\$ 150	\$ 9,600

100% Payback of Entry Fees Top 25%
Prize Money Based on Total Entries

The final match of the Team Captains Championship featured **Suspect & Bad Decisions** of Shreveport, La., and **Make It Happen Cap'N** of Fort Worth, Texas. In this unique format, players decide their line-up before the match starts. Teams play lowest skill level to highest and alternate racks between 8-Ball and 9-Ball. Rosters can have up to five players, with three competing in a match.

Kicking it off was Pam Allen (SL4) of Suspect & Bad Decisions and Nicole Hall (SL4) of Make It Happen Cap'N. Second in the line-up was Jeri Little (SL4) of Suspect & Bad Decisions and Angie Kirkpatrick (SL4) of Make It Happen Cap'N. Third was Jonathan

Grant (SL7) of Suspect & Bad Decisions and Keith Aikens (SL7) of Make It Happen Cap'N.

In the end, it would be Suspect & Bad Decisions taking home the Team Captains Championship title and \$10,000! Make It Happen Cap'N earned \$5,000 for their stellar Runner-Up finish.

Last Minute of San Diego, Calif., were the Sportsmanship Award winners.



Runner-Up: Make It Happen Cap'N of Fort Worth, TX
(L to R): Jesus Jaime, Nicole Hall, Aden Pirie, Angie Kirkpatrick, Keith Aikens

Sportsmanship Winner



Sportsmanship Winner: Last Minute of San Diego, CA
(L to R): Julio Casarrubias, Marakai Fellows, Angela Elliott, Garrett Ives; Not Pictured: Kathleen Nelson

2019 Jack & Jill Champion DOUBLE TROUBLE



Champion: Double Trouble of Poconos, PA
(L to R): Kimberly Horowitz, Trevor Kunkle

On Sunday, Aug. 11, **Double Trouble** of Poconos, Penn. – Kimberly Horowitz (SL5) and Trevor Kunkle (SL5) – were crowned Champions in the Jack & Jill Championship in a nail-biter hill-hill match! What’s even more impressive is that Horowitz played the entire tournament with a broken leg! They defeated **Lucky Slice** of Miami, Fla. – Felipe Caraballo (SL6) and Nicole Jaen (SL4) – in the finals 4-3.

The match started out in Double Trouble’s favor, winning the first two games. Lucky Slice then came back to win game 3. Double Trouble captured game 4, putting them on the hill, but Lucky Slice was not out yet, winning game 6 after an unfortunate scratch on the 8 and taking the match hill-hill. It was a fight to the end for both teams, with Double Trouble ultimately taking home the title.

Double Trouble took home \$3,500 for their win, while Lucky Slice earned \$2,300 for their Runner-Up finish.

Trophy Collectors of Chesterfield, Va. – Kenneth & Carol Swindell – earned the Sportsmanship Award.



Runner-Up: Lucky Slice of Miami, FL
(L to R): Nicole Jaen, Felipe Caraballo

\$25,600 Prize Money Breakdown

Place	Number	\$/Team	Total
1st	1	\$3,500	\$3,500
2nd	1	\$2,300	\$2,300
3rd	2	\$1,300	\$2,600
5th	4	\$ 900	\$3,600
9th	8	\$ 500	\$4,000
17th	16	\$ 300	\$4,800
33rd	32	\$ 150	\$4,800

100% Payback of Entry Fees Top 25%
Prize Money Based on Total Entries



Sportsmanship Winner



Sportsmanship Winner: Trophy Collectors of Chesterfield, VA
(L to R): Carol Swindell, Kenneth Swindell

2019 Masters Champion HUGH & THE HUSTLERS



Champion: Hugh & the Hustlers of Wallingford, CT
(L to R): Robert Hilton, Robert Piersa, Phil Davis, David Gavrish

The 2019 Masters Championship took place Thursday, Aug. 15. Defending champions **Hugh & the Hustlers** of Wallingford, Conn., are the 2019 Masters Champions! They walked away with \$10,000 for the win! Runners-Up, Who's Who of Saginaw, Mich., didn't leave empty-handed earning \$5,000.

Hugh & the Hustler's David Gavrish played against Who's Who's Brandon Ashcraft in the first match. Ashcraft put his team on top first, winning 7-4.

The second match paired Hugh & the Hustler's Robert Piersa and Who's Who's Lupe Rosas. Piersa was able to keep Hugh & the Hustlers in the running, pushing the championship to a third match, with a 7-1 win.

In the third match, Hugh & the Hustlers played Phil Davis while Who's Who countered with Richard Schmiegel, Jr. In the end, Davis was able to defend their Championship title with a 7-4 win.

Hugh & the Hustlers also earned the Sportsmanship Award!



Runner-Up: Who's Who of Saginaw, MI
(L to R): Brandon Ashcraft, Richard Schmiegel, Jr., Lupe Rosas, Nicholas Thompson

\$38,400 Prize Money Breakdown

Place	Number	\$/Team	Total
1st	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
2nd	1	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
3rd	2	\$ 2,400	\$ 4,800
5th	4	\$ 1,200	\$ 4,800
9th	8	\$ 575	\$ 4,600
17th	16	\$ 275	\$ 4,400
33rd	32	\$ 150	\$ 4,800

100% Payback of Entry Fees Top 25% Prize Money Based on Total Entries



Sportsmanship Winner



Sportsmanship Winner: Hugh & the Hustlers of Wallingford, CT
(L to R): Robert Hilton, Robert Piersa, Phil Davis, David Gavrish

Team Shirt Contest Winners

CONGRATULATIONS

to this year's Team Shirt Contest winners! They were selected based on online voting.

1st Place

Darkside of the Cue of Tacoma, WA



Dionne Alston, Robert Alston, Theresa Alston, Nic Broadbeut, Ryan Slater, Pat Foster, Rachel Guill, Drew Tuck

2nd Place

Just Rack 'Em of Deerfield Beach, FL



Herbert Weinbaum, Lisa Castro, Douglas Cooke, William Reyes, Deborah Dubey, Jeffrey Sanon, Richard Zappulla, Brandt Zeigler

3rd Place

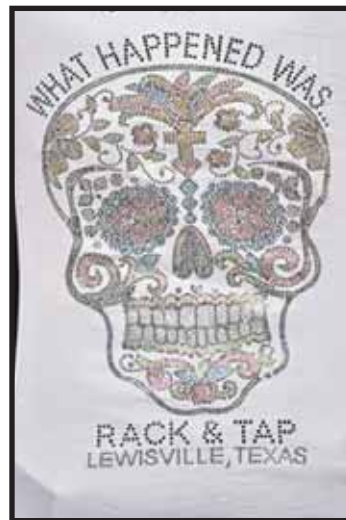
Bad News Babes of Riverside, CA



Michele Huff, Regina Robinson, Meagan Uribe, Jenna Wilson, Vicky Robles

4th Place

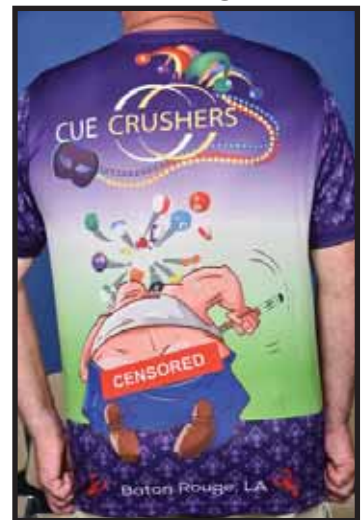
What Happened Was of Denton, TX



Jennifer Lu, Tracey Bramblett, Brenda Noriega, Terri Toda, Candice Hughes

5th Place

Cue Crushers of Baton Rouge, LA



Terry Orillion, Ray Broussard, Malcolm Bourgeois, Danny Dupree, Charlie Purcell, Jeff Neal, Robert Wood, Olivia Bourgeois

Special Events



STAR-STUDDED SIGHTINGS

The biggest stars in the billiard world were out in full force at the World Pool Championships interacting with fans, taking on challengers and signing autographs!

“The Black Widow” Jeanette Lee, Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman and Florian “Venom” Kohler all spent the week in Sin City to ensure APA players had the experience of a lifetime.

In addition, Mosconi Cup team members Skyler Woodward, Billy Thorpe, Shane Van Boening and Corey Deuel were seen at vendor booths interacting with fans during the event.

For more trick shot and instructional videos from these pros, check out our YouTube Channel at youtube.com/apaleagues!

DR. CUE ARTISTIC LAG CHAMPIONSHIP

Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman once again held his Artistic Lag Championship during the World Pool Championships. The entry fee was \$5 per preliminary round and players could enter as many times as they liked.

Jason Kane of Henderson, Nev., took home the Champion plaque and \$300 cash. Tim MacRoberts of Summerville, S.C, finished as Runner-Up and earned \$200. Five players finished with the exact same score, tying for 3rd Place, so a tiebreaker was held. After the tiebreaker, Marc Murphy of Lee’s Summit, Mo., placed 3rd and earned \$100. Brian Jensen of Newman, Ga., took home 4th Place and \$50.



Champion: Jason Kane of Henderson, NV

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Thank You Referees & Floor Managers

Thank you to all the referees who donated their time at the World Pool Championships! The event wouldn't be possible without you!



Red Team: Front Row (L to R): John Duncan, Paul Hughes, Johnny Maricich, Robert Garcia, Crystal Barnes, Willie Bradley; Back Row (L to R): Rick Prokupek, Ron McLeroy, Jennifer Anderson, Derrick Morgado, Thomas Heller, Quentin Frick, Louis Randall



White Team: Front Row (L to R): Dean Bruschi, Eduardo Freyre, Jeff Howell, Michael Alexandria, Samuel Crowley, Kris DeBoer; Back Row (L to R) Joshua Crecelius, Nils Green, Carl Ollison, Jr., Christopher Riser, William Clark, Derrick Watson, Andrew Breslin



Green Team: Front Row (L to R): Scott Hanson, Cody Orban, Jason Dusel, Terry Ballent, Sr., Cody Whitehead; Back Row (L to R): Matthew Nealey, Mickey Farmer, Brian Bever, Jesse De Jesus, Randall Delphia, Jr.



Gray Team: Front Row (L to R): Michael Monsees, Damian Imhoff, Rob Ahne, Brian Lundquist, Donald Woolridge; Back Row (L to R): Raymond Travelstead, Rodney Kirkegaard, Skylar Gardner, Andrew Leppert



Black Team: Front Row (L to R): Lance Schulze, Randy Mattingly, Stacey Elliott, Jack Bass; Back Row (L to R): John Gechter, Charles Doyle, Geoffrey Adkins, Casey Betancur



Blue Team: Front Row (L to R): Darren Claughton, David Derrenberger, James Henry, Kevin Tesmacher, David Gosse, Robert Taylor, Jr.; Back Row (L to R): Andrew Lamingman, Steve Duncan, Michael Potter, Kevin Kratzer, Kevin McCarthy, John Blue, Michele Ricci



Floor Managers: Front Row (L to R): James Henry, Johnny Maricich, Jeff Howell, Dana Patton, Stacey Elliott; Back Row (L to R): Rob Ahne, Jason Dusel, Joe Bond, Mike Romita

Most Valuable Referees



Red Team:
Jennifer Anderson of Little Elm, TX



White Team:
Carl Ollison, Jr. of Carencro, LA



Black Team:
Charles Doyle of Phoenix, AZ



Green Team:
Scott Hanson of Angus, ON



Blue Team:
Robert Taylor, Jr. of Westwego, LA



Gray Team:
Michael Monsees of Newport News, VA

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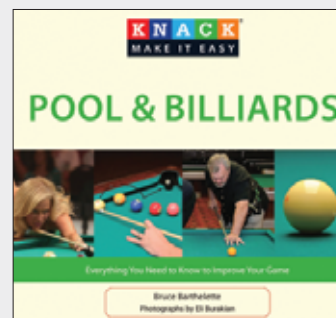
Improving Your Game with Bruce Barthelette



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 30 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.



Patterns In 9-Ball

You can visualize a pattern when you know which ball to shoot; learn to choose the right one.

Pattern play in 9-Ball is more difficult than in 8-Ball because you are playing position for one ball. In 8-Ball, if you get out of position, you may have another ball to shoot at. To become a good 9-Ball player, recognizing patterns is an important part of your game. The more you play, the easier it will be to find the correct patterns.

When playing 9-Ball, look for the patterns that are free of obstacles. When playing position on your next shot, avoid moving other balls around. Every time the cue ball goes into another ball, you run the risk of scratching or losing position. At times you have no choice but to hit into another ball, or you may have to break up a cluster. Many times players will let the cue ball run free into a small cluster of balls and have no position for the next shot. Instead, look at the cluster and check for a pocket that your object ball can go into. Play for the position rather than for the breakout.

When you first learn 9-Ball, you will find that you need to move the cue ball around the table more than in 8-Ball. Because you are playing position on only one ball each shot, at times you have to make the decision on whether to play safe or go for the shot. This decision will depend on your level of play. If you are a strong player and feel that the shot is very makable, then you would go for it. If you are a newer player to the game and have a safe that you can play, then play the safe. Always play within yourself.

Pattern Play



- Here you should shoot the 2-ball into the corner pocket and bring the cue ball up table.
- Play the 3-ball into the top right corner pocket with low left English to get position on the 4-ball.
- Shoot the 4-ball into the top left corner pocket and draw back for position on the 5-9-ball combination.
- Always look for the easiest way to get from one position area to another.

Play for Position



- It is better to play position for the 3-ball than to attempt to break it out.
- Shoot the 1-ball into the lower left corner pocket and bring the cue ball back to the middle of the table for position on the 2-ball.
- Make the 2-ball and get the proper angle so the cue ball can get position for the 3-ball.
- The 3-ball can then go into the corner pocket and you can continue your run out.

Breaking Up Clusters



- The 5, 6, and 9-balls are clustered and need to be broken out.
- Shoot the 1-ball into the corner pocket and let the cue ball roll forward toward the rail for an angle at the 2-ball.
- Shoot the 2-ball into the lower left corner pocket, leaving an angle to shoot the 3-ball into the same pocket.
- The cue ball will come off the rail and break open the cluster of balls, allowing the run to continue.

Pattern Tips in 9-Ball

Here are some tips for selecting patterns:

- Identify routes that use natural angles to set up for the next ball and high-percentage shots.
- Play a combination shot on the 9-ball only if (1) it is hanging near a pocket or is a dead-in combination, (2) clusters are on the table, and the run-out is difficult, or (3) you are playing a two-way shot.
- Take the path of least resistance. Avoid moving balls around.

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League Operator Spotlight

Erin Lacy - McAllen, TX



“It’s a full-time job but because you get to make your own schedule you get to choose the times you work.”

How long were you an APA member before deciding to become a League Operator?

I was a poolplayer for about 7 years and an APA player for a year. Our then League Operator started talking to me about being an LO and I KNEW it was something I would love to do.

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

I LOVE POOL! So, the idea of getting to be around pool everyday sounded like heaven to me. The process isn't difficult at all but, just remember this is a job interview. The APA is dedicated to finding the best League Operator for each area.

Briefly describe life as a League Operator.

Busy. There's ALWAYS something going on in my League area. Whether it's regular league during the week or tournaments and Singles Boards on the weekends. It's a full-time job but because you get to make your own schedule you get to choose the times you work.

What do you most enjoy about being a League Operator?

My schedule. I'm a mom of two awesome kids. When I first became a League Operator my son was 1 and my daughter was 4. This job allowed me to spend days with my kids and work nights while they were sleeping. Now that they are 10 and 13, I can pick them up most days from school, help them with their homework and really have the time to be there for them. It's extremely hard to find a job that can offer you that.

What advice would you give to someone considering becoming a League Operator?

Know your area. Really look into everything in the county(s) you are wanting to buy and set realistic goals for yourself.

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



TRICK SHOTS

BY DR. CUE

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.

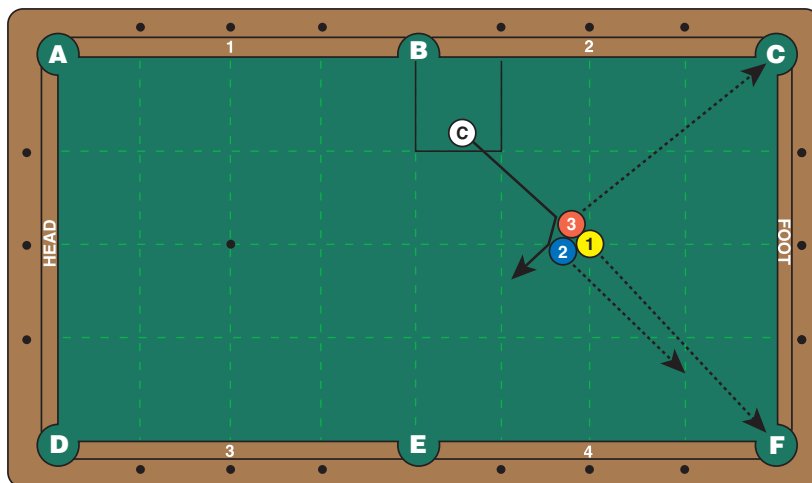
Trick and Fancy Shot #1

DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY: 4.0

CUE BALL(S) PLACEMENT: In hand - anywhere in marked box zone.

OBJECT BALL(S) PLACEMENT: 1-ball on foot spot, 3-ball and 2-ball frozen to each other, and both balls frozen to 1-ball.

OBJECTIVE: Shoot cue ball to 3-ball. Then, cue ball caroms to 2-ball. Make 3 object balls as pocket letters designate.



Ⓢ = Cue Ball ————— = Cue Ball Travel ● = Object Ball = Object Ball Travel

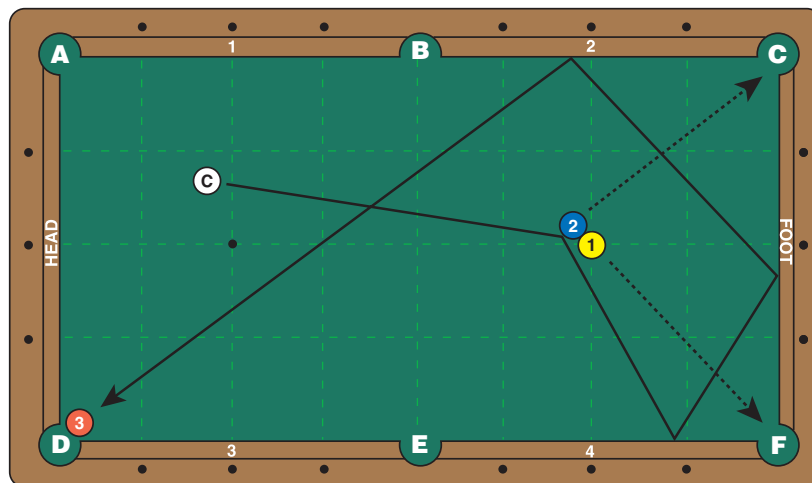
Trick and Fancy Shot #2

DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY: 5.0

CUE BALL(S) PLACEMENT: In hand - anywhere behind head string line.

OBJECT BALL(S) PLACEMENT: 1-ball on foot spot, 2-ball frozen to 1-ball and 3-ball at or near pocket D.

OBJECTIVE: Shoot cue ball to 2-ball. Then, cue ball travels at least 3 cushions around table to 3-ball. Make 3 object balls as pocket letters designate.



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