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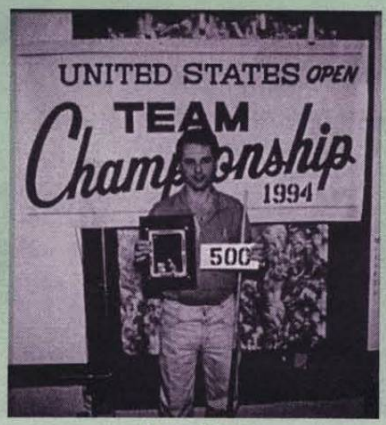

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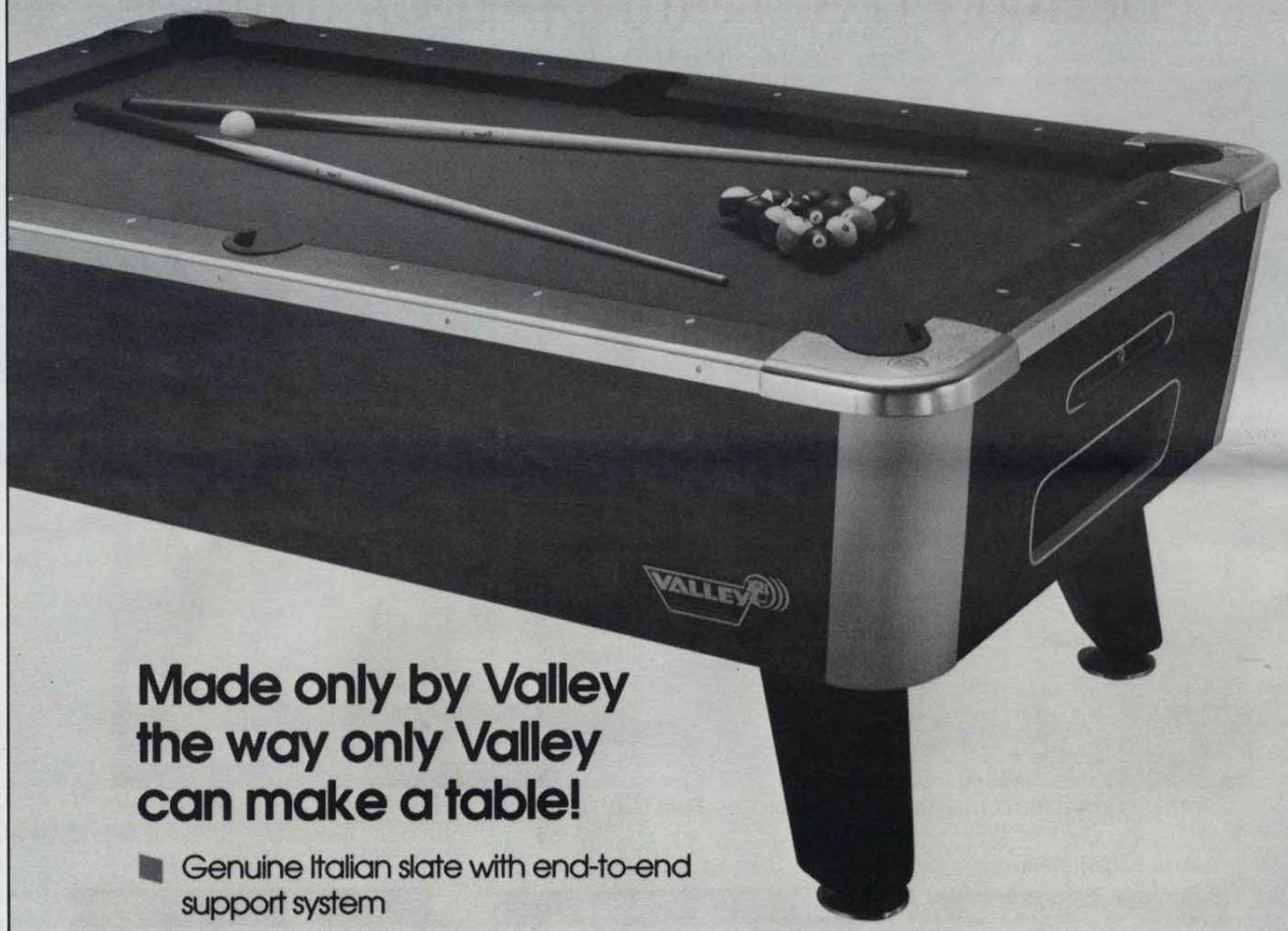

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Blakeman Wins Andy Mercer Memorial

By ANDY HUGHES
NBN Staff

LAS VEGAS, NV—Former Southern Nevada pocket billiards league partner and local favorite Jim Blakeman captured his first *Andy Mercer Memorial 9-Ball Classic*, collecting the $2,600 first-place prize in the $8,600 fourth annual event held at *The Rum Runner Bar* March 25-27, 1994.

Blakeman, who at one time was a partner with the late Mercer in the *Southern Nevada 9-Ball Tavern Owners Association*, came from the losers' bracket in the double-elimination event to twice defeat Robert LeBlanc of Corona, CA by identical scores of 6-2.

LeBlanc's runner-up portion was $1,500 in the $2,500-added tournament.

Blakeman also pocketed $2,030 from the special $6,765 *Calcutta Pool* for total earnings of $4,630, while LeBlanc's second-place share amounted to $1,353 for an overall total of $2,853.

A full field of 64 players representing nine states including host Nevada, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Kansas, Utah and even as far away as *RHODE ISLAND* competed in the event.

The tournament is dedicated to the memory of Mercer, who was very active in the Southern Nevada pocket billiards scene, having served as head referee in the *World Series of Tavern Pool* tournaments and also officiating in other various pocket billiards events until his death in December 1990.

The tournament has become one of the premier bar table events in the Western Region of the United States the past three years, with the annual 64-player field filling early. This year there was an equal mix of 32 local and 32 out-of-town players comprising the field.

The *Calcutta* kicked off the night before the tournament began in front of a big crowd of eager bidders wanting a piece of their favorite player to *sweat* throughout the event.

Some of the more notable players included Jose Parica, Jimmy Reid, Ismael *Morro* Paez and former Andy Mercer Memorial winners Dave Nottingham and Joe Alvarez.

When the smoke literally had cleared, *Calcutta* wagering (legal in Nevada) had reached an *Andy Mercer Memorial* record, with the entire $6,765 pool paid to the bidders of the top eight tournament finishers.

The format for the $100 entry fee tournament was double-elimination, all races-to-6, *Texas Express* rules player on *Valley* bar tables using *Red Circle* cue balls.

Geno Hill, owner of *The Rum Runner* and sponsor of the annual event, donated the added prize money.

The three-day tournament started on Friday, March 25, with the No. 1 pick in the Calcutta, The Philippines professional star Jose Parica, now residing in Los Angeles, surprised by Roy Yamane of Garden Grove, CA, who sent him to the losers' bracket, 6-3.

Joe Alvarez of Las Vegas, NV, the No. 2 choice, suffered the same fate from fellow Las Vegan Jim Harris, 6-1.

During the second day, Blakeman sent notable professional of the past Reid, of West Palm Beach, FL to the one-loss side with a commanding 6-0 whitewash.

The 16 remaining players in the field were determined that second day.

Hard Luck Roll of the Tournament label belonged to Denver *SHARPshooter* Melvin Sharp during the second day.

With he and Las Vegan Walter Glass both *on-the-hill*, Melvin was shooting the 4-ball and had a clear run out. As he shot the 4-ball it disappeared in the corner pocket, only to reappear a split-second later by spinning out!

As a stunned Sharp watched, Glass ran the table and advanced in the losers' bracket, leaving Melvin with another *Pool Story*.

LeBlanc advanced to the final spot on the winners' side of the chart the third and final day of play to wait for an opponent for the overall finals.

Meanwhile, the final two players on the one-loss side were matching up for the chance to oppose LeBlanc.

The two players were Las Vegans Blakeman and Nottingham. Nottingham was looking to become the first *Andy Mercer Memorial* repeat champion and Blakeman, who has a previous third-place finish, also was eyeing the No. 1 spot.

With the score in their match knotted at 3, Blakeman made the 9-ball on the break and then ran out the next rack to take a 5-3 lead.

After Nottingham missed a 4-ball in rack No. 9, Blakeman ran out to leave Nottingham a third-place finish and himself a place in the finals and a rematch with LeBlanc.

LeBlanc's road to the finals included wins against Steven Bailey (Los Angeles) 6-1, Gerald Anderson (Downey, CA) 6-4, Dave Dattilo (Downey, CA) 6-1, Bernardo Chavez (Colton, CA) 6-3, Nottingham 6-3 and Blakeman 6-5.

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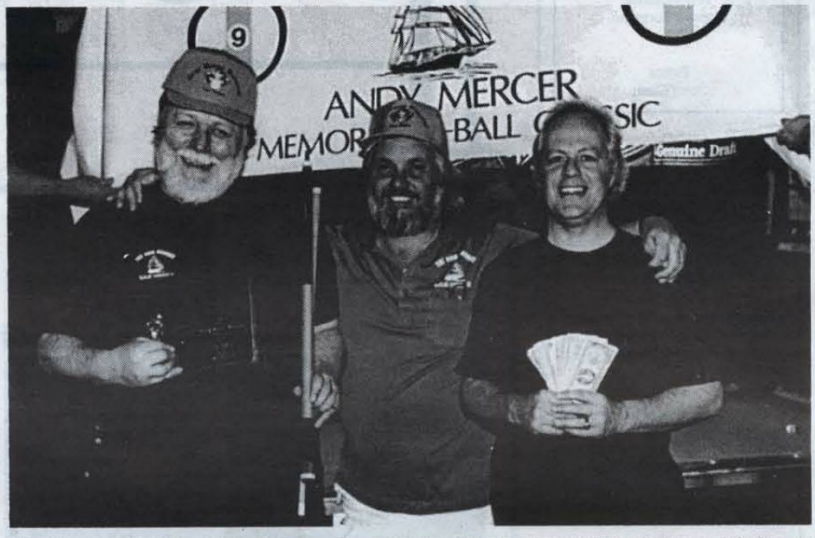

MEMORIAL MOMENT—4th Andy Mercer Memorial 9-Ball Classic Champion Jim Blakeman, left, Sponsor Geno Hill and runner-up Robert LeBlanc.

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Pos.	Name	Prize
1	Jim Blakeman, Las Vegas, NV	$2,600
2	Robert LeBlanc, Corona, CA	1,500
3	Dave Nottingham, Las Vegas, NV	1,000
4	Ismael *Morro* Paez, Colton, CA	700
5-6	Jose Parica, Los Angeles	400
5-6	Toby Fleharty, Las Vegas, NV	400
7-8	Tres Kane, Glendale, AZ	300
7-8	Bernardo Chavez, Colton, CA	300
9-12	Jim Harris, Las Vegas, NV	200
9-12	Blair Martin, Santa Barbara, CA	200
9-12	Rick White, Las Vegas, NV	200
9-12	Walter Glass, Las Vegas, NV	200
13-16	Dave Dattilo, Downey, CA	150
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13-16	Jimmy Reid, West Palm Beach, FL	150
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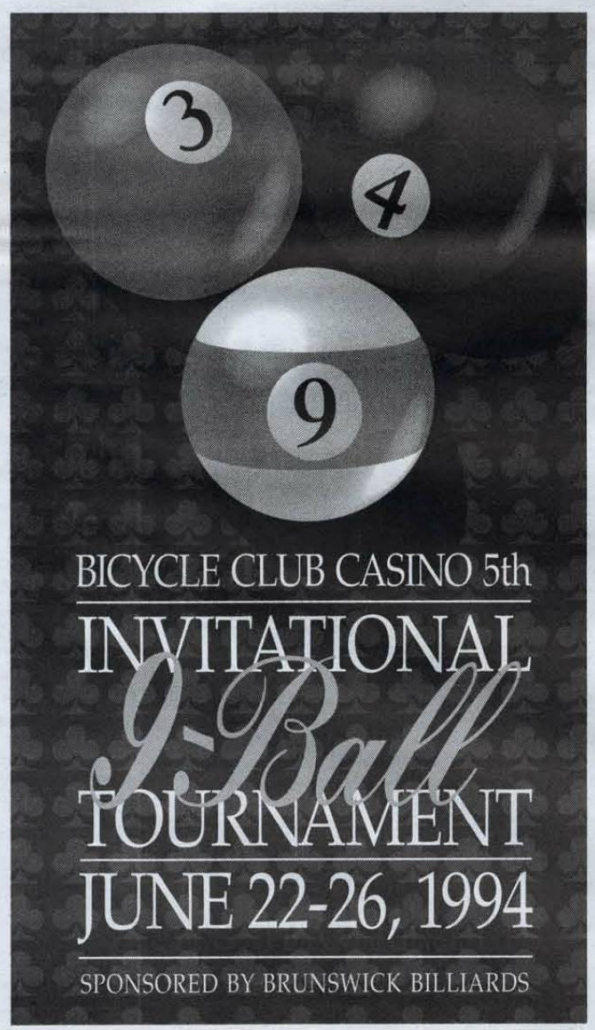

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Date	Division	Event/City, State	Added-$	Entry Fee	Promoter	Phone
May 13, 1994	Open (AAA)	Don Willis Memorial Open 9-Ball Academy Billiards, Canton, OH	$5,000	$125	Lisa Stoetzer	
May 14-15, 1994	Open	Playground 9-Ball Shootout Billiards Playground, Kalamazoo, MI	$1,000	$35/$45	Billiards Playground	616-372-7611
May 14-15, 1994	Open	New York State 9-Ball Championship Pocket Billiard Lounge, Binghamton, NY	$1,000	$80	Pocket Billiard Lounge	607-724-9861
May 19-22, 1994	Women's Pro	Pool & Billiard Magazine Detroit Classic Shark Club, Waterford, MI	$25,000	$400		
May 19-22, 1994	Open (AAA)	Roanoke One Pocket Championship Friendship Inn	$7,000	$100	Julian Robertson Guys & Dolls Billiards	703-366-2714 703-982-9730
May 25-30, 1994	Men's Pro	Florida Flare-Up Twin Towers, Orlando, FL	$25,000	$400	PBTA Scott Smith	904-688-5837
June 4-5, 1994	Open	Last Chance 9-Ball Open Paul's Pocket Billiards, Auburn, NY	$1,000	$80	Paul's Pocket Billiards	315-252-9875
June 5, 1994	Open	Little David's Bimonthly 9-Ball Little David's, Jacksonville, FL	$200	$25/$35	Brandon W. Jack Ralph Deffenbaugh	904-468-2121 904-495-3549
June 6-9, 1994	Men's Pro	Sands Regency XIX Sands Regency Hotel, Reno, NV	$20,000	$400	Barbara Woodward Scott Smith	708-348-2200 800-648-3553
June 12, 1994	Open (A)	Chalkie's 9-Ball Open Chalkie's Billiards, Columbus, OH	$100	$25	Scott Dunning Chalkie's Billiards	614-268-4008
June 17-21, 1994	Open AAA	California State 9-Ball Championship Bicycle Club Casino, Bell Gardens, CA	$26,200	$400	Bicycle Club Casino	310-606-4646
June 22-26, 1994	Men's Pro	Bicycle Club 5th Invitational 9-Ball	TBA	TBA	Bicycle Club Casino	310-606-4646
June 23-26, 1994	Women's Pro	BCA San Francisco Classic Chalkers Billiards, San Francisco	$25,000	$400		
June 26-27, 1994	Open	Grand Masters Championship Pocket Billiard Lounge, Binghamton, NY	$3,000	$80	Pocket Billiard Lounge	607-724-9861
July 5-10, 1994	Women's Pro	McDermott Masters (Heritage) Classic Sahara Hotel, Las Vegas, NV	$25,000	$400		
July 5-10, 1994	Open	McDermott Masters X Sahara Hotel, Las Vegas, NV	$25,000	$235	Texas Express Promo.	214-520-8065
July 10, 1994	Open (A)	Chalkie's 9-Ball Open Chalkie's Billiards, Columbus, OH	$100	$25	Scott Dunning Chalkie's Billiards	614-268-4008
July 10, 1994	Open	Panama Joe's Bimonthly 9-Ball Panama Joe's, Gainesville, FL	$200	$25/$35	Brandon W. Jack Ralph Deffenbaugh	904-468-2121 904-495-3549
July 28-31, 1994	Open (AAA)	21st Annual Texas State Open Erich's Billiards, Austin, TX	$3,000	$125	Lynn Aderhold Erich's Billiards	512-834-7738 512-454-1986
Aug. 1-6, 1994	Men's Pro	World 9-Ball Championships Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, NV	TBA	$400	PBTA Scott Smith	904-688-5837 702-734-5110
Aug. 18-21, 1994	Women's Pro	Cuetec Cues Charlotte Classic Mother's Billiards, Charlotte, NC	$25,000	$400		
Sept. 11, 1994	Open (A)	Chalkie's 9-Ball Open Chalkie's Billiards, Columbus, OH	$100	$25	Scott Dunning Chalkie's Billiards	614-268-4008
Sept. 14-18, 1994	Women's Pro	U.S. Open 9-Ball Championship (Heritage) Holiday Inn, Chesapeake, VA	TBA	TBA		
Sept. 15-18, 1994	Men's AAA	Captial City Open Brass Tap & Billiards, Raleigh, NC	$4,000	$140	Al Seeley Brass Tap & Billiards	919-876-2382 919-881-4612
Sept. 21-25, 1994	Men's Pro	U.S. Open 9-Ball Championship Holiday Inn, Chesapeake, VA	TBA	$500	Barry Behrman Pat Fleming	904-688-5837 803-523-1500
Sept. 22-25, 1994	Women's Pro	Brunswick Billiards Atlanta Classic Castlegate Hotel, Atlanta, GA	$25,000	$400		
Oct. 7-9, 1994	Open	3rd Michigan State 9-Ball Championship Golden 8-Ball, Holland, MI	$1,000	$80	Golden 8-Ball	616-394-5830
Oct. 12-16, 1994	Women's Pro	U.S. Open 14.1 Championship (Heritage) Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City	TBA	TBA		
Oct. 20-23, 1994	Women's Pro	Viking Cues Milwaukee Romine's Classic Romine's Hi-Pockets, Milwaukee, WI	$25,000	$400		
Nov. 2-6, 1994	Men's Pro	Lexington All-Stars Continental Inn, Lexington, KY	TBA	TBA		
Nov. 3-6, 1994	Women's Pro	Leisure Bay Orlando Classic Rec. Factory Warehouse, Orlando, FL	$25,000	$400		
Nov. 17-20, 1994	Women's Pro	Connelly Billiards Denver Classic Denver Taber Center, Denver, CO	$25,000	$400		
Nov. 23-27, 1994	Men's Pro	Pro Tour 9-Ball Championshp Exective Inn Rivermont, Owensboro, KY	$85,000	$400	Executive Inn Rivermont	
Nov. 24-27, 1994	Men's AAA	National Billiards Club Championship Execuive Inn Rivermont, Owensboro, KY	$10,000	TBA	Executive Inn Rivermont	
Nov. 25-27, 1994	Open	Bluegrass Open 9-Ball Championship	$5,000	TBA	Executive Inn Rivermont	
Nov. 30-Dec. 4	Men's Pro	Bicycle Club Casino Classic Bicycle Club Casino, Bell Gardens, CA	$26,200	$400		
Dec. 1-4, 1994	Women's Pro	WPBA National Championship TBA	TBA	TBA		
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Don Willis Event Held

PBTA Newsletter

CANTON, OH—The first *Don Willis Memorial 9-Ball Championship* will be held May 13-15, 1994 at *Academy Billiards* in Canton, OH.

This will be the first *Professional Billiards Tour Association (PBTA)*-recognized regional event held at the *Academy* since it first opened in 1992.

Academy Billiards houses 10 *Brunswick Gold Crowns* with *860 Simonis* cloth in its massive 6,000 square-foot facility.

Academy Billiards hosts several leagues and private functions for some of the local corporations.

The reason for naming the event in honor of Don Willis is because he was a native Cantonian and was known by many of the locals.

Even the ones who are too young or never had the great fortune of meeting or seeing him in person, speak of him with great admiration.

There are several of his moves and trick shots the area locals often practice to see if they can obtain the same results as he had.

Willis is said to be the greatest wing shot artist the game has ever know—his record 42 without a miss!

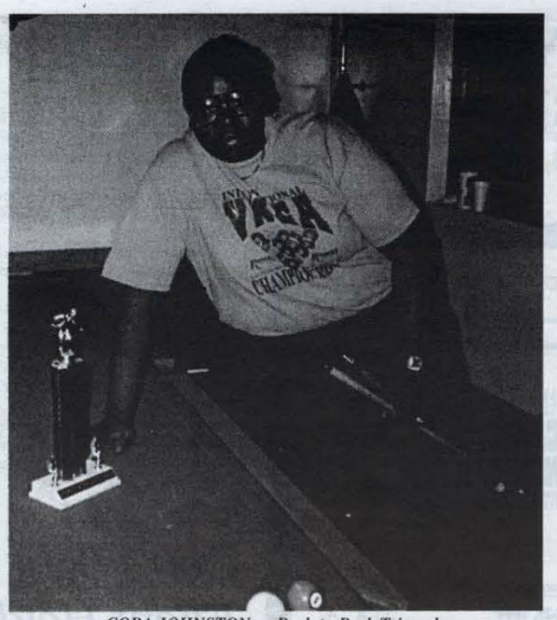
He traveled for 15 years with Luther *Wimpy* Lassiter from coast-to-coast, playing the best towns had to offer.

It is said if he would have played professional tournament pocket billiards, he would have been a world champion. Many authorities believe he was the greatest ever to play the game of 9-ball.

With Willis, pocket billiards was a necessity, not a game. It was his lifestyle.

Willis, a legend in his time, died at the age of 74 in 1984.

For further information regarding the tournament, contact Lisa Hanthorn at *Academy Billiards, 216-453-7777.*



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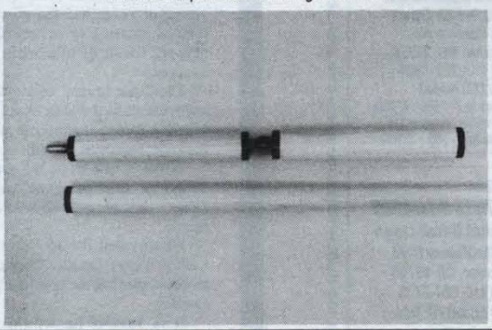

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Johnston Repeats Women's Motor City Monthly Victory

By MILT 'M-16' HARDIN
NBN Staff

LIVONIA, MI—Cora Johnston displayed her championship mettle to successfully post her brilliant repeat victories in the *Women's Motor City Monthly Open* held April 10 at suburban Detroit's *House of Billiards* in Livonia, MI.

After suffering a 5-1 setback to a very game Connie Boguth in the very first round of the tournament, Johnston, of Lansing, MI, painstakingly battled through the brutal one-loss side the entire route.

In the overall finale—a sudden-death, race-to-7 match-up, Johnston defeated winners' bracket champ Pam Carravallah, the lady-professional player from *Bogart's Billiards Cafe*, 7-5, to collect the first-place prize of $100, while Carravallah received $65 for her runner-up effort.

Cora is one of those no-nonsense, get-down-to business players who knows just how to take full advantage of her opponent's mistakes and then stroke out when the chips are down.

She successfully performed in that exact manner to capture her second *Women's Motor City Monthly Open* title in as many attempts.

Johnston won the inaugural event in March and came back as strongly as a player could hope to achieve her second consecutive crown.

The April tournament was a near sell-out, with a large crowd. The ladies are really turning out to fully support their tournament.

Any players interested are urged to phone early to reserve a spot in the field for the June 5 event that promises to be a real blockbuster.

This writer serves as tournament director and may be contacted for entry into any *Women's Motor City Monthly Open* event by phoning *313-477-5320.*

These 9-ball tournaments consist of the following format: double-elimination, races-to-5 for all preliminary matches, including winners' and losers' bracket finals and an overall final consisting of one race-to-7 games.

The *House of Billiards* gives all the lady players free table time before, during and after the tournament. The $15 player entries are returned in full to the players' fund, plus an engraved trophy for first-place finishers is provided.

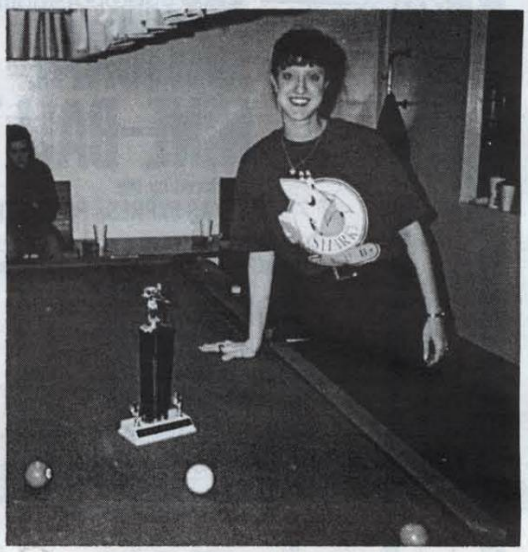
These factors are part of the reason the new *Women's Motor City Monthly Open* has lured large fields for just two events so far and is fast becoming one of the premier tournaments for the ladies in the area.

This writer especially took pleasure in witnessing a gutsy little gal play one super tournament, despite her personal handicaps and inconveniences.

Cassie Kern finished third in a very tough field of sharpshooting competitors; however, she finished a *flat first* in this writer's heart in the April *Motor City Monthly Open.*

Kern's share of the prize money was $40. She was followed by fourth-place finisher Marrianne Barrett, who earned $20 as the final in-the-money performer.

Until next time. . .*M-16* will be saving you a front-row seat at tournament side, and as always very *VIP* just for you. . .right here in the *National Billiard News (NBN).*



PAM CARRAVALLAH. . .Runner-up Recipient

WCBS Aids Olympic Billiard Effort

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IOWA CITY, IA—The continuing efforts of the *World Confederation of Billiard Sports (WCBS)* during the past two years in lobbying for recognition of cue sports by international sports federations such as the *International Olympic Committee (IOC)* and the *General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF)* is beginning to bear fruit.

Following the *GAISF Council* meeting held in Lausanne, Switzerland April 8, 1994, the *Council* decided to propose the *WCBS* as a candidate for *GAISF Provisional Member* to its next *General Assembly* to be held Oct. 22.

The *GAISF* promotes the *World Games* held every four years for many sports such as bowling and beach volleyball not currently involved in the *Olympic Games.*

Gaining acceptance from this prestigious organization gives more credibility to billiard sports in gaining future Olympic recognition by establishing the fact the sport has finally proven it has organized in many national federations under a properly recognizable international body—the *WCBS.*

The *WCBS* was officially founded in Yverdon-les-Bains, Switzerland Jan. 25, 1992 by the world governing bodies of the three major cue disciplines—the *Union Mondiale de Billiard* (carom billiards), the *World Pool-Billiard Association* [pool (pocket) billiards] and the *World Snooker Federation* (representing the amateur *IBSF* and professional *WPBSA* bodies for international snooker).

International sports federations such as the *GAISF* and the *IOC* necessarily communicate with only one international body for a sport they deem to be a proper world governing organization.

Billiard sports in past decades have lacked this organizing among all three major disciplines.

The strength in organizing national federations from bodies such as the *UMB, WPA* and *IBSF* in recent years has made the dream of a true world body to represent the major cue sports—the *World Confederation of Billiard Sports*—possible.

It is through the *WCBS* success is finally appearing in gaining recognition from important international sports federations.

Plans are now being made to send an appropriate contingent of *WCBS* representatives to Monte Carlo in October to attend the *GAISF General Assembly.*

For further information on the future evolvement of global cue sports and their relations with the various international sports federations, interested individuals may contact the *Billiard Congress of America (BCA),* the North American affiliate to the *World Pool-Billiard Association* at *319-351-2112.*

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Wroldson Wins Northeastern 9-Ball Title

By DAVE PONTBRIAND and NADINE BOROFSKY
Special to NBN

WORCESTER, MA—Young Kara Wroldson, playing before the largest crowd at *Elite Billiards* in 10 years, did not wilt under the pressure of newcomer Suzanne Bosselman, capturing the *1994 Northeastern U.S. Women's Open 9-Ball Championship* with a 9-3 victory.

The triumph by Wroldson earned the *1993 Billiard Congress of America (BCA) National Junior Women's Champion* the $650 first-place prize from a record prize fund of $1,660.

Bosselman, sponsored by *The Monk Billiard Academy*, collected $300 for her runner-up finish.

In the overall finale, Wroldson pulled away early and was never threatened.

Bosselman arrived in the finals undefeated with races-to-7 wins over Stacy Borbeau (7-2), Susan Serra (7-2), Kim Walsh (7-4), Nadine Borofsky (7-2) and Wroldson (7-4).

Wroldson's route to the finals in the double-elimination event included victories against Linsey Bayer (7-3), Grace Nakamura (7-6), Bonnie Teske (7-2) and Allison Mosimann (7-3) prior to the initial setback by Bosselman.

Playing on the one-loss side, Wroldson defeated Candi Rego, 7-2, to earn her opportunity to avenge the earlier Bosselman defeat.

Both winner and runner-up received trophies custom made for the *New England Women's All About Pool League (WAAPT)* by *All Seasons Screenprinting and Awards* in Pelham, NH.

The third-place trophy and $200 went to Rego, sponsored by *Accu Billiards*.

After losing her first-round match to Teske (4-7), Rego rebounded to win seven matches in succession, defeating Marlo Fuller (7-0), Jill Jodice (7-6), Bayer (7-0), Donna Alborano (7-6), Borofsky (7-5) and Kim Walsh (7-2) before receiving her second loss, against Wroldson.

Fourth-place finisher Walsh earned $100 for her tournament effort.

Tournament sponsor-free lance writer Pontbriand and NE *WAAPT* president Borofsky were so taken by the record turnout of both spectators and players they created the following dialogue concerning the event:

WAAPT WINNER—Kara Wroldson, second left, receives congratulations for Northeastern U.S. Open 9-Ball Championship victory from third-place finisher Candi Rego, left, Elite Billiards Owner Dave Pontbriand and runner-up Suzanne Bosselman.

". . .9-ball tourney draws record crowd. . ."

That was the headline in the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette* Monday, March 14.

That's right, the third annual event sported the highest attendance record of participants to date. In the wake of a double blizzard limiting the field to 13 incredibly devoted aspirants in '93, this room owner was forced to use *Chapstick* on the corners of his mouth to stop his lips from splitting into a wide-open grin.

(What's this guy doing?)

That's the first time the *WAAPT* had to break out the 52-player chart! (OK, 33 ain't *MUCH* more'n 32, but it *IS* a bigger chart! And it's a first! And it leaves room for the record to be broken! And here's hoping it is! Every tournament for the rest of the year!)

(What, is he bragging?)

And the spectators! Four deep across the 50-foot front of the tournament area, three deep down the 70-foot side! And boy, did they eat!

"*Elite Billiards*, where the Elite meet to eat." We had to send out for more food! And you known, since the day of the tournament, we've had quite a few return visits from those *first-time* spectators. We've even gotten some new regulars.

(So whaddya want! A medal!)

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Borofsky, *WAAP Tour* president and Jerry Mazzola, *WAAP Tour* public relations manager, have been running the tour for five years.

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BIGGER, BETTER—Northeastern U.S. Open 9-Ball Championship drew 33-player field, largest ever for New England Women's All About Pool League (WAAPT) event. Also pictured, Samsara Cues Sponsors Dave Doucette, first row far left and Jim Stadum, first row far right.

When Pontbriand calls the *Gazette*, the newspaper *MAYBE* runs a short article.

When *THEY* call the *Gazette*, listing the tour's sponsors and all, the paper runs a good-sized article *BEFORE* the tournament, shows up with a cameraman *DURING* the tournament, leaves early to meet the Monday deadline with a second feature half-page article complete with pictures, and then publishes the results Tuesday, *AFTER* the tournament.

Three days, three large articles.

(Yeah, so what's the point?)

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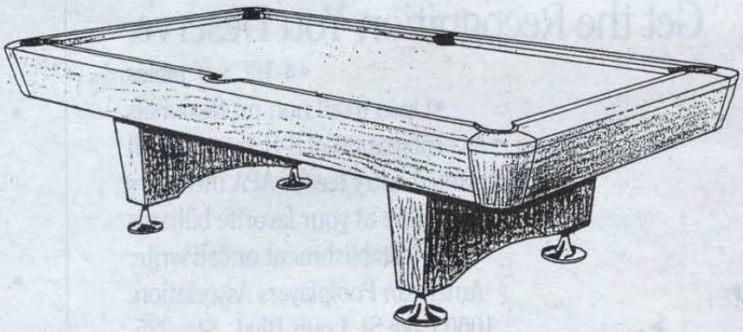

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By *ACA*
Special to NBN

HOUSTON—For hundreds (perhaps thousands) of years, there have been counterfeits of just about anything of value.

There have been counterfeit paintings, counterfeit coins, counterfeit watches, counterfeit designer clothes. The list goes on and on.

Pool cues are no exception.

"With *Balabushkas, Szambotis, Paradises. . .*selling for thousands of dollars," *American Cuemakers Association (ACA) President* Leonard Bludworth said, "it should be no surprise that a few counterfeit pool cues have also been made."

Bludworth revealed today the market for collectible cues of deceased cuemakers has been contaminated.

"Several cuemakers outside the *ACA* have produced and are continuing to produce counterfeit cues," Bludworth asserted.

("With the exception of *Helmstetter of Japan,* who is licensed by Mrs. Balabushka to build George Balabushka's cues, and Barry Szamboti, who is building his *Barry Szamboti Cues* that resemble many of those made by his father," Bludworth said.)

He said these *knock-offs* purport to be the product of two deceased master artists, George Balabushka and Gus Szamboti.

Because there has been a large increase in requests to authenticate cues, Bludworth said, the only two experts in the country, Bill Schick of *Schick Originals* and Ernie Gutierrez of *Ginacue,* along with the *ACA* can no longer provide this costly and time-consuming service.

Although some verification methods exist, including a technique involving x-ray photography, Bludworth believes your best bet is to stick with the output of contemporary cuemakers.

For their part, the *ACA* is working to apprehend the culprits involved in the cue scam.

Bludworth has been in contact with the *United States Attorney's Office* and the *FBI.* The *ACA* president said an investigation began in December 1993.

The *ACA* is offering a $2,500 reward to anyone providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the counterfeiters.

Until the case is closed, feels a heavy dose of *LET THE BUYER BEWARE* should be applied when buying collectible cues.

A list of *The American Cue Makers Association* members is available by writing or phoning *The American Cue makers Association, 7614 Endna ST, Houston, TX 77087. Phone: 713-641-1451.*

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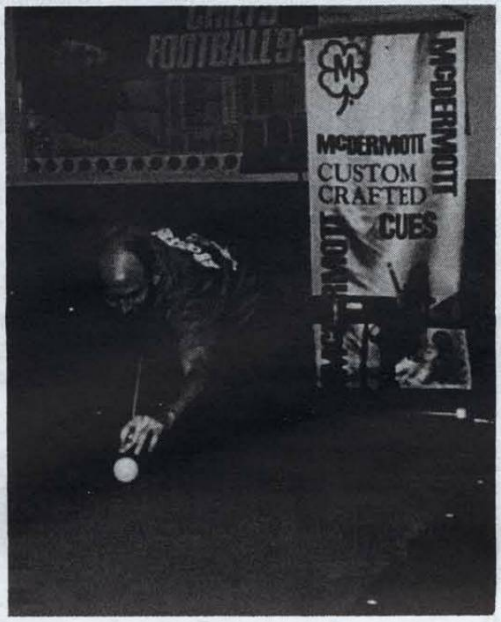
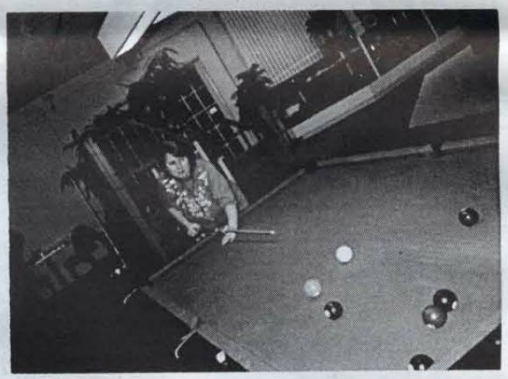


STEVE SMITH. . .1st and 3es in McDermott Tour tournament at Shooters in Olathe, KS



LINDA HAYWOOD. . .Wins McDermott Tour event at The Playing Field in Richmond, VA

MARK WILSON. . .right, captures title in McDermott Tour play at Star-Lite Cafe & Billiards in Hazelwood, MO

Spaeth Takes Shamrock Shootout 9-Ball

By BOB FRITZ
Special to NBN

AKRON, OH—Gary Spaeth of Cincinnati, OH defeated fellow Ohioan Ralph Carnes of Cleveland to claim the $1,000 first-place prize from an overall prize fund of $3,350 in the *8th Annual Shamrock Shootout 9-Ball Classic.*

The event was conducted March 26-27, 1994 at *Starcher's Billiards* in Akron, OH and lured 67 of the top 9-ball players from Ohio and the surrounding states.

Sponsor Dottie Starcher donated a beautiful clock trophy to winner Spaeth.

The Cincinnati player defeated Carnes in a single-set, race-to-11 overall final, 11-8 after also turning back the Cleveland player in the quarter-finals of the winners' bracket by a 7-5 verdict.

Carnes assured himself a return engagement against eventual winner Spaeth by eliminating local player George Kiesalat in the tourney semifinals (losers' bracket finals) by a 7-1 margin.

Kiesalat had advanced by ousting Alliance, OH representative Glen Knowles, 7-4, in a losers' bracket semifinal contest.

In the overall finale, spectators were treated to one of the best ever played in the eight years the *Shamrock Shootout* has been held.

Carnes won the lag for the break to start the match and won the first four games.

Spaeth came back to capture three-in-a-row and the players traded victories in the next two to leave Carnes in the lead, 5-4.

The Cincinnati player then tied the match at 10 with a gritty effort.

With the match deadlocked at 6, former world bankshot champion Spaeth came alive to win the following three games for a 9-6 advantage.

Carnes won game No. 16 with a 4-9 combination, but he lost the next contest and trailed 7-10.

After narrowing the deficit to 8-10, Carnes broke the rack and made the 2-ball. He then pocketed the 1, 3 and 4 balls before hanging the 5-ball in the corner.

Spaeth run out and claimed the title.

Carnes also received a clock radio and earned $500, signifying his runner-up finish, presented by Starcher.

Kiesalat finished in third place and collected $300, followed by Knowles' fourth-place effort worth $250.

The *Shamrock Shootout* is one of many annual events conducted and sponsored by Dottie Starcher and assisted by James Starcher.

The Starchers also stage the *Akron Open* and the *Ohio State 9-Ball Championships* each year, both prestigious events.

In the Shamrock Shootout Chris Szuter of North Canton, OH and Lonnie Jividen of Marion, OH finished in a 5th-6th place deadlock, sharing prize money of $200 each.

Don Steele of Pittsburgh, PA was the first out-of-state entrant to cash, dividing 7th-8th place money with hometown representative Harry Florence of Akron. The players won $150 apiece.

Overall, there were three out-of-state players who shared in the prize. The other to were Mark Carman of Lansing, MI and Bruce Pfender of McKeesport, PA, who each won $50 for battling through the 64-plus bracket chart to finish in the top 16.

The Starchers paid out through 16 places in this event staged for the best amateur and semi-professional pocket billiards players in the Midwest.

The site of the tournament is reminiscent of numerous events directed by Joe Kerr for the Starchers.

Kerr has been suffering from a lengthy illness and has made rapid progress recently.

It is hoped he will be able to resume his duties in the not-too-distant future.

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(Result of the top 16 finishers in the 67-player field, including final position, players' names, prize money won and city represented, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Prize
1	Gary Spaeth, Cincinnati, OH	$1,000
2	Ralph Carnes, Cleveland	500
3	George Kiesalat, Akron, OH	300
4	Geln Knowles, Alliance, OH	250
5-6	Chris Szuter, North Canton, OH	200
5-6	Lonnie Jividen, Marion, OH	200
7-8	Don Steele, Pittsburgh, PA	150
7-8	Harry Florence, Akron, OH	150
9-12	Rich Leski, Cleveland	100
9-12	Dave Myers, Akron, OH	100
9-12	Don Blevins, Warren, OH	100
9-12	Dave Vance, Albany, OH	100
13-16	Mark Carman, Lansing, MI	50
13-16	Bruce Pfender, McKeesport, PA	50
13-16	Kenny Karakes, Northfield, OH	50
13-16	Sam Sadoti, Middlebury Heights, OH	50

Reviewer Has Creative Edge

Fleming's New Video Superb

NBN Staff

Sometimes the mailman does good things, like deliver a new video from *Accu-Stats Video.*

This writer thought it was the finals of the last tournament Pat Fleming taped and set it aside until finishing the task at hand.

Opening the cassette box this writer saw the title, *Pat Fleming's The Creative Edge*, a how-to from *Accu-Stats Video?* Yes, it certainly was.

Now before you say we really need another *How to Play* video, finish the review, you'll be pleasantly surprised.

This tape already assumes you can play and presents you with some creative choices. It's not a beginner's tape.

Safety play is the first subject covered. Anyone who plays 9-ball knows not being creative when playing a safe is critical.

When Pat explains the creative play, you feel like you should have known it all along.

Another segment covers racking the balls for 9-ball. How many of us have sat in the chair while the corner ball flew into the pocket and felt helpless to stop it?

Friends, there is a way and Pat tells you how. This alone is worth the price of the tape. It may be purchased for *$24.95* from *Accu-Stats Video Productions, P.O. Box 299, Bloomingdale, NJ 07403* or by phoning *800-828-0397.*

Every 9-ball referee in the country should view this tape as part of a required training.

There are segments on using the jumpstick, making rail shots more creatively, straight pool breaks and much, much more.

Pat Fleming has done himself proud with his first instructional effort.

After watching the tape several times and enjoying it each time, this reviewer kept thinking there had to be a negative, and yes there is one. *Pat Fleming's The Creative Edge* lasts only 30 minutes!

With all this reviewer has learned from this tape, it has given me the edge. So next time we meet, this writer will have the *creative* edge.

Name Withheld with Purpose

SPAETH SHOOTS OUT—Gary Spaeth, left, receives congratulation on his 8th Annual Shamrock Shootout 9-Ball Classic victory from host Starcher's Billiards representative James Starcher and runner-up Ralph Carnes.

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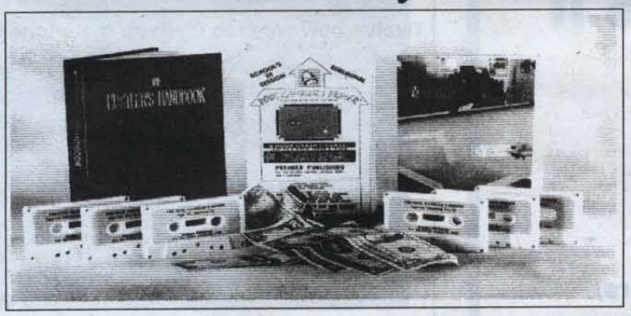

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Bell Returns, Wins St. Croix Press Classic Crown

By ROHN ENGH
NBN Staff

SAN DIEGO—Robin Bell, after an absence of two months from the women's professional circuit, entered the *Women's Professional Billiards Association (WPBA) 1994 Classic Tour* event at San Diego, March 24-27 and came out the top winner of $5,000.

Bell, from Garden Grove, CA, never lost a match. She defeated *1993 WPBA Classic Tour Player of the Year* Loree Jon Jones of Hillsborough, NJ in a race-to-11, single-set overall finale, 11-3.

In a bittersweet speech during the presentation ceremony, Bell dedicated her victory to her late mother, who recently passed away.

It was an inspiration to her *family* (as she referred to the gathered *WPBA* members) who knew she was fighting the melancholy of her mother's death.

"But that's what champions are made of," remarked Michelle Adams of Columbus, OH, who tied for 5th-6th place ($1,600) in the *St. Croix Press Classic* at downtown San Diego's *Fat's Billiards.*

Mark Rosenberg was the host. Scott Smith served as tournament director.

The grand match of the day turned out to be the overall semifinals (losers' bracket finals) between Jones and Vivian Villarreal of San Antonio, TX.

The flashy Texan jumped ahead of Jones, 7-1. The fellow sitting next to this writer left at that point to get a headstart at the snack bar line.

When he came back Jones also had come back and had trimmed the deficit to 5-8.

"What happened?" he asked.

"She woke up," this writer answered as he smiled.

Jones, who was the top prize winner on the *WPBA Classic Tour* during 1993, won three more quick games and evened the match at 8 in the race-to-9 format.

"Who's going to win this one," this writer asked his *neighbor.*

"The Texan," he said. "She's playing strong!"

Jones broke. Nothing dropped. Villarreal played an excellent safety on the 3-ball.

Jones kicked and made a good hit but left the table open for Vivian. She had a clear route to travel, plus the 8-ball was sitting in the jaws of the pocket.

"This game means a $1,000 difference," my *neighbor* said. (This writer was wishing he hadn't bet him $1 on the game.)

Villarreal walked her way around the table, popping in balls. She left herself a long shot on the 8-in-the-pocket. But who couldn't make that shot?

The Texan couldn't. She hit it too full. The 8-ball bobbled. She tossed her multi-dollar cue (gently, of course) onto a nearby table and sat down.

Jones showed she was a champion, too, by answering the alarm clock with gusto and by coming back from a 1-7 deficit.

And my *neighbor?* "Wait'll next month," he said. "Vivian's going to win in Seattle."

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ROBIN BELL. . .Dedicates victory to late mother

Benish Paces Five Leaders in Gordon's Hot Shot Race

WPBA Newsletter

Here is the *Gordon's Hot Shot Leader Board* for the first quarter of 1994!

Following the *St. Croix Press San Diego Classic*, second-round leader Nikki Benish, Belinda Bearden, Peg Ledman and Vivian Villarreal are tied for the top spot , each with five runouts.

Bearden registered two runouts, while Ledman and Villarreal scored one each to catch previous leader Bennish, who failed to run out.

The high *Gordon's Bonus Point* participant in San Diego was *Women's Professional Billiards Association (WPBA)* semi-pro Mary Hopkin, with three runouts.

A total of 19 players shared in the *$1,000 Gordon's Hot Shots Bonus Round* at San Diego with a total 23 runouts worth $43 each.

The *Gordon's Hot Shots Bonus Pool* is sponsored by *Gordon's Gin* and *Gordon's Vodka* and awards a $1,000 cash bonus at each *WPBA* pro sanctioned tournament for superior performance in the *Gordon's Hot Shots Bonus Round.*

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MARCH 24-27, 1994

(Results of the 15 leaders who have earned a portion of the bonus prize money in the *1994 WPBA Gordon's Gin* and *Gordon's Vodka Hot Shots Bonus Round,* including current position, players' names, total number of runs and total bonus prize money, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Runs	Bonus
1	Nikki Benish (5)		$225
2	Peg Ledman (5)		208
3	Vivian Villarreal (5)		183
4	Belinda Bearden (5)		148
5	Jeanette Lee (4)		206
6	Mary Guarino (3)		138
7	Mary Hopkin (3)		129
8	Timi Bloomberg (2)		120
(tie)	Jan Hacker (2)		120
10	Kerry Hartsfield (2)		103
11	Nesli O'Hare (2)		86
12	Loree Jon Jones (2)		78
13	Michelle Adams (2)		70
(tie)	JoAnn Parker (2)		70
(tie)	Colleen Shoop (2)		70

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(Results of the top 24 finishers in the 47-player field, including final position, players' names and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Prize
1	Robin Bell	$5,500
2	Loree Jon Jones	3,500
3	Vivian Villarreal	2,500
4	Jeanette Lee	2,000
5-6	Nikki Benish	1,600
5-6	Michelle Adams	1,600
7-8	Belinda Bearden	1,250
7-8	Kristie Rosas	1,250
9-12	Sherry Ahola	950
9-12	Mary Guarino	950
9-12	Kelly Oyama	950
9-12	Linda McWhirt	950
13-16	Ewa Mataya	700
13-16	Dawn Meurin	700
13-16	Julie Nogiec	700
13-16	Dora Valdez	700
17-24	Jan Cane	450
17-24	Diane Crane	450
17-24	Ariane Gaudet	450
17-24	Jan Hacker	450
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17-24	Peg Ledman	450
17-24	Nesli O'Hare	450
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Hall of Fame Billiards, Elk Grove Village, IL—From left, Ron Mayes, Al Latta, Lanny Charles and Tom Karabotsos, Men's runners-up.

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MILWAUKEE, WI—For the first time in its history the *National Pocket Billiards Association (NPBA) United States Team Open National 8-Ball Championships* were played with a double-elimination format!

This proved to be a welcomed and refreshing, new approach to the *Grandaddy of Team Tournaments.*

The *U.S. Team Open 8-Ball Championships* was first held in Milwaukee, WI on May 5, 1979 and is the longest running major national team tournament in the world!

The tournament was conducted Friday through Sunday, April 8-10, 1994 at the *Bayview Manor Hotel* in Milwaukee, WI.

Dwaine Bowman, Rod Flenoi, Tom Hayden and Scott Kitto, who played for *Leisure Time Billiards* of East Moline, IL captured the $4,000 first-place purse from an overall prize fund of $10,200 in the *Men's Team Division.*

Leisure Time Billiards came from the losers' bracket to twice defeat Mike Bandy, Lanny Charles, Tom Karabotsos and Ron Mayes from *Hall of Fame Billiards* of Elk Grove Village, IL, 7-4, 7-2.

The *Hall of Fame Billiards* team received $2,000 for its runner-up finish.

Meanwhile, Bonnie Arnold, Pam Bell, Sherry Cardenas and Lynn Reed of the *Breaking Point Cue T's* from West Allis, WI held off Speedway Inn of Brookfield, WI to collect the $2,000 award for first place in the *Women's Team Division* from a total prize fund of $4,825.

Kelly Birmingham, Dale Reinders, Dorrie Warren and Laura Weber of the *Speedway Inn* collected the second-place prize of $1,200.

After suffering an opening-round setback, *Speedway Inn* roared all the way through the losers' bracket, only to fail in a huge struggle against the eventual champions!

Indeed, the tournament featured many close matches, some with spectacular victories!

A case in point is the *Soaring Eagles* hailing from the Canadian Wilderness.

The Canadians opened with a close victory over a team from Prescot, WI situated near Minneapolis, MN. This team featured players from both Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Then the Canadians defeated a strong team from Shepherds in Tosa of Wauwatosa, WI before falling to the one-loss side by losing to a team from Chicago named *JRC Shooters* in a hill-hill finish, 7-6.

The *Soaring Eagles* then met the *Midtown Hustling Crew* from Kenosha, WI and quickly fell behind 6-1. With *Midtown* on the hill, the *Soaring Eagles* came back to win six successive games for a 7-6 victory–*WOW!*

The *Canadian Soaring Eagles* then lost to the *King of Busch* team from Illinois. Hats off to the fine competitors from north of the border.

Meanwhile, a team named the *Rustlers* from down south, Tulsa, OK way, opened with a close match loss to an experienced team from the *Hayloft* of West Allis, WI.

The *Rustlers* then defeated several teams before falling to the *Sun Club* of Greenfield, WI, that eventually took third place in the tournament.

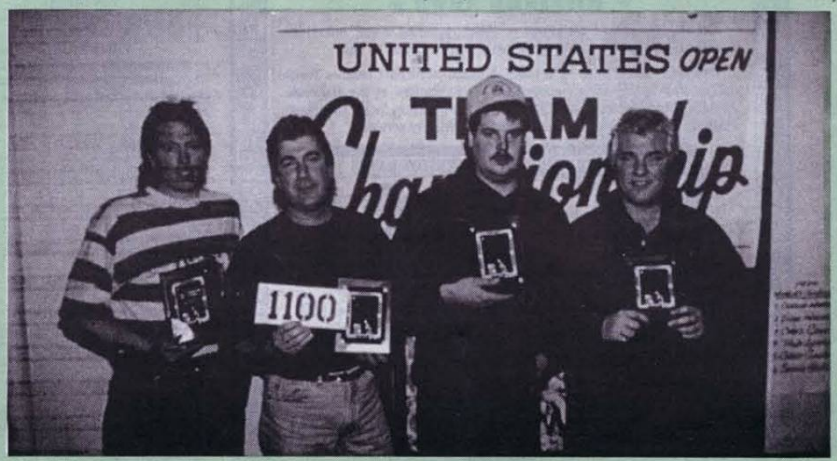
Leisure Time Billiards overcame the *Sun Club* in the final match on the one-loss side, 7-5, prior to its double victory in the overall finale.

George Brundt, Mike Denter, Tom Manske and Jay Young of the *Sun Club* collected the $1,100 third-place prize in the *Men's Team Division.*

JRC Shooters, comprised of Bob Haddad, Joe Kiley, Rich Slupik and Tom Spencer, finished fourth to earn $900.

In the *Women's Team Division,* Arnold, Bell, Suzie Quall and Reed of the *Breaking Point Sting,* also from West Allis, WI, pocketed third-place prize money of $925.

Lori Buendorf, Chris Glass, Cathy Krentz and Karen Wold of *Scotty's*



The Sun Club, Greenfield, WI—Team members Tom Manske, George Brundt, Mike Denter and Jay Young, Men's Team third place.

U.S. Team Open Event

Speedway, Brookfield, IL—From left, Dale Reinders, Laura Weber, Dorrie Warren and Kelly Birmingham, Women's Team runners-up.

from Minneapolis, MN finished fourth to receive $700.

Perera Pub of Sioux City, IA played well in its first attempt at the *U.S. Team Open*, as did the girls from *Scotty's* and the *Hide Away* of Detroit, along with the *Side Track* gals from La Porte, IN.

In the individual events Kitto of Iowa defeated Slupik of Illinois in a blazing finish, 5-1, to win the first-place prize of $500 in the *Men's 8-Ball Division.*

Kitto eliminated Jimmy Martin of St. Louis to get to the final chart.

Trina Lyman of Wisconsin outlasted Vicki Perera of Iowa in a close final match in the *Women's 8-Ball Division* to earn $220.

In the *Men's 9-Ball Division, Wisconsin State Champion* Larry Nevel, Jr. of Janesville defeated Chad Vilmont of Chicago, 5-4, for the $500 first-place prize.

The *Women's 9-Ball Division* finale featured two fine Wisconsinites. Warren defeated Arnold in a close match to achieve the championship prize of $220.

The entire *U.S. Team Open* and *Individual Championships* were played on 31/2-foot by 7-foot coin-operated tables provided by *Global Billiards Mfg. Co.* of Gardena, CA.

Heartfelt thanks from the *NPBA* go to the most generous sponsors who added more than $1,000 to the prize fund.

Those sponsors were *The Breaking Point* of West Allis, WI, *Hall of Fame Billiards* of Elk Grove Village, IL, *Shepherds of Tosa,* Wauwatosa, WI and *The Sun Club* of Greenfield, WI.

For those who would like to play in the *17th Annual U.S. Team Open,* the event will be held April 7-9, 1995 in Milwaukee, WI.

The *National Pocket Billiard Association* will make the necessary adjustments in the event to allow room for an additional 24 teams in 1995. See you next April!

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1ST
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Leisure Time Billiards (Dwaine Bowman, Rod Flenoi, Tom Hayden and Scott Kitto), East Moline, IL

2ND
($2,000)
Hall of Fame Billiards (Mike Bandy, Lanny Charles, Tom Karabotsos and Ron Mayes), Elk Grove Village, IL

3RD
($1,100)
The Sun Club (George Brundt, Mike Denter, Tom Manske and Jay Young), Greenfield, WI

4TH
($900)
JRC Shooters (Bob Haddad. Joe Kiley, Rich Slupik and Tom Spencer). Chicago

5TH-6TH
($600)
Soaring Eagles, Canada

5TH-6TH
($600)
Shepherds in Tosa, Wauwatosa, WI

7TH-8TH
($500)
The Sun Club, Greenfield, WI

7TH-8TH
($500)
King of Busch, Romeoville, IL

WOMEN'S DIVISION
$4,825 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

1ST
($2,000)
Breaking Point Cue T's (Bonnie Arnold, Pam Bell, Sherry Cardenas), West Allis, WI

2ND
($1,200)
Speeway (Kelly Birmingham, Dale Reinders, Dorrie Warren, Laura Weber), Brookfield, WI

3RD
($925)
Breaking Point Sting (Arnold, Bell, Suzie Quall and Reed), West Allis, WI)

4TH
($700)
Scotty's (Lori Buendorf, Chris Glass, Cathy Krentz and Karen Wold), Minneapolis, MN

See RESULTS, Page 22

Breaking Point Sting, West Allis, WI—From left, Pam Bell, Lynn Reed, Bonnie Arnold and Suzie Quall, Women's Team third place.

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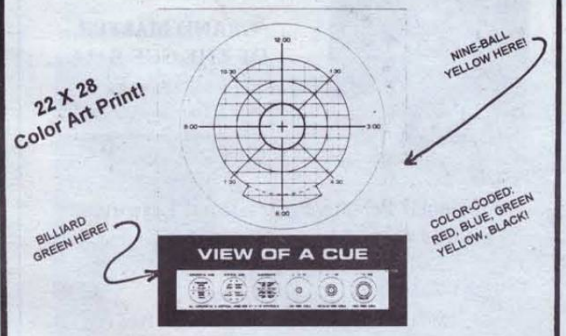

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PBT Revises Tour Ratings

PBTA

SPRING HILL, FL—Beginning in 1994, the *Pro Billiards Tour Association (PBTA)* will publish the 1994 *Pro Billiards Tour (PBT)* ranking of players on a calendar basis.

However, in the interest of switching over to this new system, the previous method of calculating the ratings (from the past 12-month tournament circuit) also will be presented.

In 1995, the rankings simply will be listed on the year-to-date system.

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Latest *Professional Billiards Tour Association (PBTA)* 12-month rankings through the *1994 Players Championship* held March 17-20, 1994 at King of Prussia, PA, (for reference only) including the top 32 in standings, rating, players' names and points totals, are as follows:)

Rank Name Points	
1—Johnny Archer	1,695
2—Earl Strickland	1,575
3—Mike Sigel	1,155
4—Tony Ellin	970
5—Nick Varner	960
6—Rafael Martinez	890
7—Kim Davenport	790
(tie) Carson *C. J.* Wiley	790
9—Buddy Hall	650
10—Greg Fix	620
11—Dick Lane	575
12—Jeff Carter	535
13—Efren Reyes	530
14—Jim Rempe	500
15—Francisco Bustamante	490
(tie) Paul Potier	490
17—Mike Massey	470
18—Mike Lebron	465
19—George Breedlove	440
(tie) Howard Vickery	440
21—Tommy Kennedy	420
22—George Michaels	390
23—Allen Hopkins	365
24—Steve Mizerak	340
25—Mark Tadd	290
26—Jose Parica	275
27—Jimmy Fusco	260
28—Jon Dovinsky	255
(tie) Jimmy Reid	255
30—Bill Stephen	250
31—*J. R.* Calvert	240
(tie) Rodolfo Luat	240

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Latest *Professional Billiards Tour Association (PBTA) Pro Billiards Tour (PBT)* Year-To-Date rankings through the *1994 Players Championship*, held March 17-20, 1994 at King of Prussia, PA, including the top 32 in standings, rating, players' names and points totals, are as follows:)

Rank Name	Points
1—Mike Sigel	400
2—Nick Varner	390
3—Johnny Archer	325
4—Earl Strickland	300
5—Rafael Martinez	220
6—Tommy Kennedy	195
7—Jeff Carter	175
8—Buddy Hall	165
9—Tony Ellin	160
10—Danny Harriman	155
11—Dick Lane	150
12—Carson *C. J.* Wiley	145
13—Jim Rempe	140
14—George Breedlove	130
(tie) Howard Vickery	130
16—Paul Potier	125
17—Jimmy Wetch	115
18—Keith McCready	110
(tie) Greg Fix	110
20—Luc Salvas	90
21—Paul Hartley	85
22—Allen Hopkins	80
(tie) Mark Jarvis	80
(tie) Mike Massey	80
(tie) Willie Munson	80
26—George Michaels	75
27—Jon Dovinsky	70
28—*J. R.* Calvert	60
(tie) Kim Davenport	60
(tie) Mike Lebron	60
(tie) Marco Marquez	60
32—Nick Mannino	55

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Elite Vie in Florida Open

PBTA Newsletter

OCALA, FL—Who will win the season finale of the *PBTA*-sanctioned *Florida Open 9-Ball Tour?*

Rack-N-Roll Family Billiards, situated in Ocala, FL, will be host to the finals of the 16-stop tour to be held May 13-15, 1994.

Butch and Brenda Kinney will add $7,000 to the grand finale, increased from the original amount of $5,000.

The top 32 point earners from the tour will shoot it out that weekend in May.

A few of the members of this *PBTA*-sanctioned tour include Steve *The Miz* Mizerak, Ray Martin, David Howard, Tommy Kennedy, George Breedlove and house-sponsored player Slim Carney, plus many more champions among the top 32 this year.

Those in attendance will see many of the stars from the *Pro Billiards Tour (PBT)* compete in this regional event.

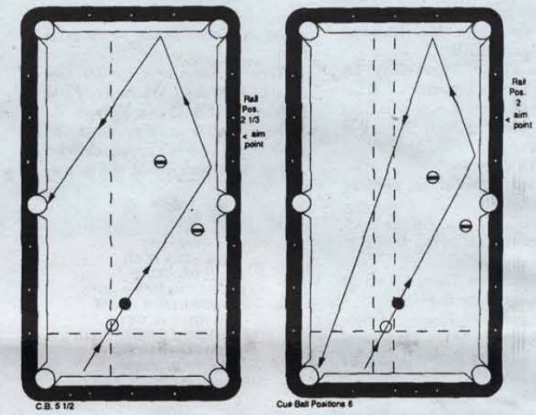
Rack-N-Roll Family Billiards, which serves food and beverages, is situated three miles west of I-75, off exit 68 in Ocala's *Pidgeon Plaza* on S.R. 200.

Room hours are 11 a.m.-4 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday, 24 hours Thursday through Saturday.

Hotel accommodations are available at the *Park Square Howard Johnson* by phoning *800-821-8272* or *904-237-8000.*

Those requesting further information on the season finale may contact Butch or Brenda Kinney at *904-873-2221.*

Teach Yourself Pool



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Every table is an individual entity and has some variables. A slight adjustment may be necessary.

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Florida Flare-Up Lures Pro, Amateur Players

PBTA Newsletter

ORLANDO, FL—The *Professional Billiards Tour (PBT)* rolls into Orlando, FL May 25-30, 1994 to stage the *2nd Annual Florida Flare-Up,* launched last year in West Palm Beach, FL.

The *Flare-Up* has been moved to the magnificent *Twin Towers Hotel,* directly across from *Universal Studios* and has been given dates with hopes to capitalize on *Memorial Day* weekend.

The *Florida Flare-Up* has been expanded this year to include a huge amateur bar table event, staged in association with the *United Space Foundation (USF),* the *Jaycees of America* and the *American Poolplayers Association (APA).*

The *USF* is a non-profit, high-profile organization whose purpose is to promote the benefits of space exploration.

The *APA* is the largest amateur league organization in the world and recognized by the *PBT* as the governing body of amateur pool.

In addition to the *USF* tournament, the *APA* will conduct the *Orlando City Championship,* which is expected to draw more than 800 amateur players.

Exhibition space will be available to more than 20 billiard product dealers.

The fun is scheduled to begin Wednesday, May 25 with a golf-pool tournament. A field of 36 *PBT* professionals combined with 36 other golfers will compete for $1,800 in prize money at the *Windemere Country Club.*

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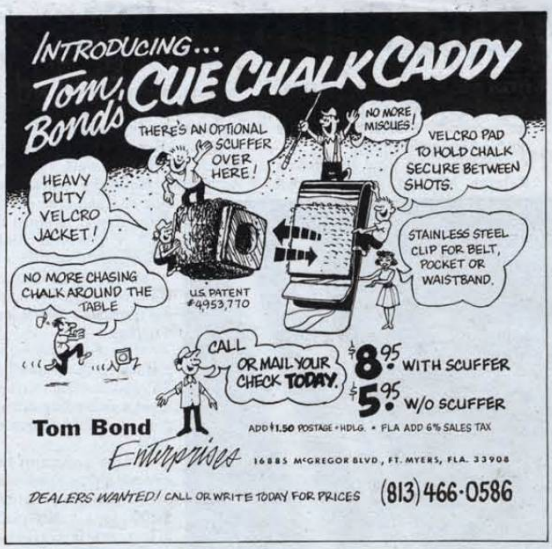

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Point The Way

By THE MONK
NBN Staff

We are heading into a time when the dusty softball diamonds beckon to take us away from our beloved pocket billiards table.

The lush green meadows of the fairway are the call of the wild. Bikini beach slams us in the face. All this diversion chips away at our game.

Lead us into temptation does not work at this time of the year.

The championships have been won, top shooter award is ours, tournaments were easy and now we look to the sins of summer with a strange longing in our heart.

Our focus has been challenge. To be diverted from pocket billiards is sudden and scary. We think of last fall when we arrived at the league opener with no stroke and vowed to never let our game go again.

We think of the first tournament of the season and how we went out 1-2 and are reminded of our promise to stay in stroke this summer. We need to hit the fall season on a dead run.

I always won the first tournament of the season. I started out strong because I was not led astray by the empty promise of spring and summer. I stayed in the dark, dreary basement and plied my trade. The musty smell was perfume to my nose.

Who needs the leaping cheers of a long fly ball or see the soft drop of a chip shot land near the cup? The dark basement is for me.

I'll be ahead of my competition come fall time. Some day I might even buy an air conditioner.

After four years of purgatory I learned a huge lesson. You see, I thought if I did not practice today and tomorrow and all the days of my life, I would not be ready when the match came.

I would fail because I did not do my penance to the Pool Gods. Somehow, however, I stumbled upon a maintenance program whereby I could keep my stroke and play the games of summer at the same time.

That's really all you need to do. Keep your stroke. You may not be sharp competitively, but if you are in stroke, it won't take you long to be a killer.

Additionally, you can get away with a lot if you have a good stroke and, our entire life depends on a good stroke.

Here is a top-secret program to maintain your stroke. Practice in your basement six hours each day. I'm sorry. I just cannot tell a lie. There is no secret program.

It comes down to hard work. Practice, practice, practice is all we have. But wait! I have another solution to keep you out of the basement this summer.

Join a summer league. This way you keep your interest and maintain contact with the sport. It only takes a couple hours out of your week, and most pocket billiards parlors have air conditioning. There are some great summer leagues going.

If you do not aspire to become a professional player, by all means, you are free to enjoy your life.

Hope to see you next month. Perhaps we'll run into each other on the beach. Until then, may all the rolls go your way.

Flare-Up

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Spectators can attend a billiard clinic Thursday, May 26 with *Tips from the Pros.* The $5 admission per session will be donated to the *USF.*

Throughout the day several two-hour sessions will be devoted to such topics as *Fundamentals for Beginners, Tournament Skills* and *Advanced Play.*

A trick-shot exhibition will conclude the afternoon at 4:30 p.m. EDT.

A holiday barbecue and pool party also is planned to add to the festivities, scheduled for the weekend.

Florida Flare-Up Tournament play is scheduled to begin the evening of May 26 at 8 p.m. Two sessions per day are slated for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The finals are planned to be held Monday, May 30. Tickets for the entire tournament or per session will be available at the door.

For further information contact the *Pro Billiards Tour (PBT) at 904-688-5837.*

Ellin Goes Wire-to-Wire, Wins Spring Fling

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RALEIGH, NC—*Hurricane* Tony Ellin of Hollywood, SC stormed through the field going wire-to-wire to captured the $3,200 first-place prize from an overall fund of $9,875 in the *6th Annual Spring Fling 9-Ball Tournament* held March 31-April 3, 1994 at *Brass Tap & Billiards* in Raleigh, NC.

Ellin, who currently is rated Nos. 4 and 9, respectively in the 12-month and year-to-date *Professional Billiards Tour (PBT)* standing, defeated *1993 Professional Billiards Tour Association (PBTA) Player of the Year* Johnny Archer, 11-6 in a one-set, race-to-11 overall finale of the double-elimination event.

Archer, who now represents Raleigh, NC and is a hometown favorite, is ranked Nos. 1 and 3, respectively in the newly-established rating system.

Dave Bollman of Virginia Beach, VA played well, knocking Archer into the losers' bracket the first day and eliminating defending *U.S. Open 9-Ball Champion* Earl Strickland the second.

Strickland, of Greensboro, NC, currently holds the respective Nos. 2 and 4 ratings.

Mike Gulyassy, who resides in Simpsonville, SC and is the tournament's defending champion, finished fourth in 1994.

Archer's share of the overall prize fund was $1,600. Bollman earned $1,000 for his third-place effort, while Gulyassy collected $875.

Strickland shared 5th-6th place prize money with Pete Horne of Autryville, NC, both pocketing $600.

This AAA-sanctioned *PBTA* event is a regular stop on the tour with two *Brass Tap & Billiards* $4,000-added tournaments per year.

Promoter Al Seeley is preparing for the *7th Annual Capitol City Open*, scheduled to be held Sept. 15-18, 1994, one week prior to the *U.S. Open 9-Ball Championships* in nearby Chesapeake, VA.

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1994 6TH ANNUAL SPRING FLING 9-BALL TOURNAMENT BRASS TAP & BILLIARDS
RALEIGH, NC
MARCH 31-APRIL 3, 1994
$9,875 OVERALL PRIZE FUND

(Results of the top 12 players in the field, including final position, players' names, prize money won and city represented, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Prize
1	Tony Ellin, Hollywood, SC	$3,200
2	Johnny Archer, Raleigh, NC	1,800
3	Dave Bollman, Virginia Beach, VA	1,000
4	Mike Gulyassy, Simpsonville, SC	875
5-6	Earl Strickland, Greensboro, NC	600
5-6	Pete Horne, Autryville, NC	600
7-8	Michael Coltrain, Raleigh, NC	400
7-8	Junior Harris, Elkton, MD	400
9-12	Sparky Ferrell, Jacksonville, NC	300
9-12	Dennis Hatch, Buffalo, NY	300
9-12	Shannon Fitch, Danville, VA	300
9-12	Floyd Reasons, Chattanooga, TN	300

An Apology

In the February edition of *The National Billiard News (NBN)* it was reported that Marge Kahan and *Hi Q Billiards* of Toledo continued her late husband Larry Kahan's promotion of *The Glass City 9-Ball Open.*

Although he no longer is associated with the *Glass City 9-Ball Open* or *Hi Q Billiards*, Larry Kahan is not deceased.

NBN apologizes to both Marge Kahan and Larry Kahan for this serious error.

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Play Your Game

By BEN CARRUTHERS
NBN Staff

You've heard the radio commercials where a not-so-professional voice is praising a produce. It turns out it's the owner of the company's voice. He's making a pitch for his own product.

This is supposed to bring authenticity, realism, to the message. And it probably saves the company some money to use one of their own people in the radio commercial.

In some cases it works. But too often the voice sounds unconvincingly uptight, even unnatural. You feel sorry for the speaker.

Amazingly, the radio commercial continues to be aired. No one wants to tell the sponsor the commercial stinks. It's *gawdawful.*

The speaker making the radio commercial has fallen into a common trap for amateur public speakers. Most people don't make speeches every day.

When amateurs speak in public, they think it has to be flawless. They want it to be perfect. They think they have to be or appear to be more than they actually are. More than they're capable.

In the case of the radio commercial, the amateur speaker delivers the message in an unnatural manner. It sounds forced, uptight.

If the speaker would relax, be himself (herself), and not expect more from himself (herself) than what he (she) can deliver, the message would be more convincing and would, no doubt, do a good job at selling the product.

We see this happen when someone dresses for a special event: a cocktail party, an opening, even a wedding.

They feel they have to deport themselves in a manner differently than they usually do. They stand straighter. The walk stiffer. The look unnatural. They try to be someone different than they actually are.

They forget they were invited to the event for who they are—not for what they are not.

Tommy Moe, the American entry into the *1994 Olympic Men's Downhill* race at Lillehamer, Norway, was not slated to come out on top. He did.

When he was interviewed after the race he said, "I didn't try to do anything more than what I knew I could do."

With this relaxed attitude, he won the men's *Gold Medal* for the *Downhill.*

THE FREEZE PHENOMENON

You've seen it happen often—a pocket billiards player will perform well at the local tavern.

But put him in a major tournament, he freezes and plays differently.

Most of us are unfamiliar with a radio sound studio or a tuxedo or *Dior* cocktail dress. It's poor advice for someone to tell you to *crank it up* when you enter a tournament.

They are, in effect, asking you to go beyond your capabilities. This is unfamiliar territory to you.

Instead, be yourself.

In your next tournament, your challenge should not be to win the tournament but to perform the way you do when you practice.

You entered the tournament because you know you can perform at the level required for the tournament.

A tournament demands nothing more from you than to play your best. Not beyond. Every now and then, you'll perform beyond your skill level, just like you do when you're practicing.

And every now and then, you'll win the tournament.

McDermott Tour

Right Mix, Moxie Make for Success

By PERRY FISHER
NBN Staff

"Any enterprise is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts.

—King Solomon of Israel

The *McDermott National Nine Ball Tour. . .*

In review of *THE TOUR'S* last year's performance this quote hits the nail on the had.

Looking at the achievements from an outsider's view, all that can be said is *BRAVO!*

No other sport has had a group of people make an impact that can be matched by he *Texas Express Promotion Group!*

The support received from the pocket billiard players and room owners alone prove the direction taken by the *Group* is the right one.

The success of the *Group* is because of a unique nucleus of personalities with the same purpose in mind. The purpose was promoting the game of pocket billiards to the everyday player along with aspiring professionals.

This purpose was carried out so well that major manufacturers such as *McDermott Cues, Willard's, Brunswick Corporation* and 19 others have become major sponsors of *THE TOUR.*

The *Texas Express Promotions Group* was established through the stroke of luck created through the competitiveness of three men trying to wing it on their own.

Each man was trying to run tournaments (and doing so successfully) that kept the crowd coming back, thus keeping the room owners happy and their reputation strengthening.

Each had established his own tour so-to-speak in the Texas area.

After years of establishing contacts and refining techniques in rules and payout standards, they joined together. In doing so, they lifted the everyday player's hopes in some day being a player.

This also gave the local greats a chance to show their prowess at the tables against the *Big Boys!*

The men in question involved with this fate are a mix of moxie, combined with street smarts.

Lady Luck follows them closely. Now, that is not a derogatory or discriminatory statement. It is just a well-observed notion that all who dwell in the pocket billiards world develops.

Let's showcase each individual at this time, to let the world known they, too, are men of the cloth. The green cloth, that is. . .

OK sports fans, the moment in question!

A brief moment on the first member of the *Tour.* John McChesney, who probably is the most recognizable of the three, comes from a background in sales and marketing.

Complemented by his wife, Sonny, and their new son, Benjamin, John travels the interstate continually.

The next man has been part of the billiard industry in the form of league play for years. He also has become recognized as a top instructor in our field.

One of the first to become certified by the *Billiard Congress of America (BCA),* he has worked to extremes to hold the torch that led the way to the *Tour* as we know it now.

Randy Goetlicher is from a sales background, also, in respects to the pocket billiards world.

The third man is of great substance and character in respect to the billiard industry. Starting his career in the oil and gas business, he listed his profession as *pool player* for the last 15 years.

He truly is the pioneer in using the *Texas Express* rules in tournament play. Also, he boasts the fact of being *McDermott's* oldest dealer (length of association).

Robin Adair is the final link in the *Tour's* chain. With all his accomplishments, his best attribute is seeing situations as they are, and how they should be.

A graduate from the *School of Puckett* follows the famous phrase, "believe none of what you hear and only half of what you see."

The *Tour* nucleus is a big part of the organization's success.

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Fast & Loose

Blue Mountain

By PERRY FISHER
NBN Staff

Fast was revitalized by the warmth of his old friend the sun. Driving down the interstate, *Fast* glanced at his watch.

He smiled as he realized it had been 12 hours since he left Las Vegas, thinking back at the time in his life where 12 hours on he road was a cake walk.

After aging over the years, it now meant to stop and gather oneself.

Looking to his right he smiled at *Loose* sleeping in he reclined passenger seat. Focusing back toward the road, *Fast* watched the mile markers pass by the speeding automobile.

Adjusting himself in the seat he pressed his palms on the steering wheel and stretched his arms, locking his elbows in sort of an exercise to awaken his muscles.

Rolling his neck in a systematic way, he guessed another hour on the road before he would stop and rest.

It was nearing mid-morning as *Fast* slowed his luxury wheels down to a crawl after exiting the interstate.

He guided his car to a stop at a gas pump. It was an old-time station with an awning from the building lending shade to its guests.

As *Fast* exited the car an old man approached him and exclaimed, "Fill it up mister?" *Fast* smiled and replied, "You just read my mind."

The old man returned the smile and nodded with approval. Setting the nozzle in the tank, the man vigorously cleaned the windows.

Fast stood off to the side of the awning, head tilted back letting the sun massage his face.

Hearing the door slam, he turned and saw *Loose* squinting and walking toward him. "You should have woke me before that toothless old man did!" expounded *Loose*.

Fast glanced at the man who was smiling widely, indeed exposing no teeth. *Fast* placed a cigarette in his mouth and brought its tip to a brilliant glow.

Upon *Loose's* return the couple proceeded to the wheels. *Fast* paid, then thanked the man who was appreciative.

Pulling back to the interstate, *Fast* cracked the window and let the smoke swirl out of the cabin of the car. *Loose* lowered the visor and attempted to beautify herself.

"Where are we headed?" she asked. *Fast* smiled and replied, *"The Blue Mountain Lounge,"* turning to gather *Loose's* response.

She remained stoic for some time. "I can't believe you want to try to beat that old man and his son again! Don't you realize those guys are not suckers! That bar of his is just a front for gambling, bootlegging and prostitution!" exhausted *Loose*.

Fast turned to her and asked, "Are you hungry?" *Loose* just shook her head and looked out the window. Fast saw the road marks and exited to the feeder road to the main intersection of town.

Signaling the turn, he steered his wheels a few blocks to the nearest motel.

Fast entered the lobby, approached the desk and rang the bell on the counter. After awhile a woman appeared and smiled at *Fast*. The couple exchanged key for cash and *Fast* returned smiling from ear-to-ear.

Loose looked on, knowing that no good would come of her man's grin. Entering the car *Fast* replied, *"Tiger* and *L.T.* are in town and expecting me!"

Loose just glared out the window as he pulled around the entrance to the door of the cabin.

The sun was brilliant as the couple entered the cool, dark room. *Fast* gently laid down his cue as *Loose* unbuttoned her clothes and headed for the corner of the room.

Fast stacked their luggage in an orderly manner. The sound of running water pleased him as he undressed. The comfort of hot, steaming water was never appreciated until needed most. This was one of those times.He followed the steam rolling out the washroom area, pulling back the shower door. *Loose* stood against the tile siding.

Fast entered the enclosure and let the water peak his senses. Closing the door behind him he embraced *Loose*. The water turned to cool as the couple quietly let their thoughts be expressed.

The phone rang four times before *Fast* reached over to answer it. It was *Tiger* loudly asking, "I hope you like your room, friend, 'cause I'd hate for you to start making excuses when you hand over the cash!"

Fast hung up the phone and laid back. *Loose* turned and pulled the covers over herself, trying to ignore the fact action was near.

Fast stood and stretched toward the ceiling to loosen his worn muscles. Sitting down at the vanity *Fast* examined his features.

He watched his reflection change with every gesture made, practicing the stoic look needed to not show signs of weakening in the clutch. He saw the time spent traveling on his face.

Loose walked toward him as he watched her reflection enlarge around him.

Fast closed his eyes, trying to let his focus take over. Flashing back he saw the image of two men playing pool. The background was pitch black and solemn. No sound at all was present, even when the balls collided.

The smell of perfume brought *Fast* back to his senses. Opening his eyes he saw *Loose* adjusting her outfit. *Fast* smiled and rose to his feet.

"Don't get hooked into those carnival-type games again because you don't stand a chance," replied *Loose*.

Fast looked stunned and replied, "Did I really get hooked?" *Loose* just rolled her eyes and shrugged.

Fast dressed in a casual way and the couple proceeded to the lounge.

Entering the *Blue Mountain* the couple was approached by a man about 6-foot. He was 50-ish, dressed in jeans and cowboy boots made of ostrich skin. His swagger was such you'd though it was *Elvis*.

He reached to shake *Fast's* hand and smiled widely. In doing so he motioned to the bar and asked, "Like a drink?" The couple agreed and followed the man.

Loose could not help but notice his hair was thick and long. It was white in color and resembled a lion's mane.

"*L.T.*, help these folks would you?" shouted *Tiger*. *Loose* asked, "What does *L.T.* stand for?" *Tiger* smiled and said, "Why *Little Tiger*, of course." *Loose* smiled and said, "Of course. I should of thought of it."

L.T. smiled and set th drinks in front of the couple, walking off. *Loose* noticed *L.T.* stood at least 6-feet-4.

Fast made the first move in the negotiations. The men at the bar crowded around as *Tiger* bantered about side bets and such. *Fast* signaled to *Loose* to retrieve his cue.

The game had been set for 5-ahead for $1,000, 9-ball, winner breaks.

Loose positioned herself on he nearest rail, waiting for *Fast* to tighten his cue. *Fast* approached her with a smile and said, "This is like taking candy from a baby!"

Loose smiled yet knew the statement was fallible. Handing her man the cue, there was doubt in her mind as she looked to *Tiger* who was smiling and glaring toward her.

Fast positioned himself at the headspot, ready to break. *Tiger* had the barmaid rack the balls. *Fast* tried to keep his focus as the buxom waitress put all effort into the rack.

The biased crowd gathered as *Tiger* intently looked on. *Fast* aligned himself, stroked four times and cracked the rack.

Loose asked, "is there any weight involved here?

"None at all; we are playing even," replied *Fast*.

Loose looked suspiciously at him and asked, "Annnnnnnd?"

Fast looked away and said, "I have the right side of the table and he has the left."

Loose glared at *Fast* in astonishment, knowing if he hadn't chosen the *right* side, *Tiger* had out-moved him again.

Tiger approached the table and studied the lay. Slowly *Tiger* dissected the rack as he lightly hit the balls into the holes. Running down to the 9-ball *Fast* moved to rack the balls, only to be interrupted by the waitress as she grabbed the rack from his hand and smiled.

Returning to the rail, he avoided the glare from *Loose*. *Fast* thought back to the times when he had to call on his wits and gut instinct.

Tiger broke the balls and as they came to rest they were all on the table.

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FAST & LOOSE

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Fast lifted himself slowly and wiped his shaft with a towel. He roughed his tip lightly and approached the table. *Fast* walked around the table while chalking his cue. He looked toward *Tiger* and his crowd, then toward *Loose*.

The sounds of the bustle became non-existent, yet as *Fast* took another look around the room people's gestures continued.

He reached up and tugged on his ear while studying the lay of the balls.

In *Fast's* mind's eye the room began to dim until the only light was on the table.

The lay was perfect with each ball in a position to be pocketed to his side. Fast aligned himself slowly, chalking his cue gently and with precision.

He stroked four time and fired the lowest numbered ball into the hole. The sound was sensuous to *Fast* as he moved to the next shot.

The balls were vibrant with color against the green cloth. *Fast* pocketed balls with ease, his stroke true and solid.

Each time he shot the cue ball struggled to perfect position. he came onto the striped ball, stroked four times and fired it off the rail into the side pocket.

He stood smiling at the sensation of playing perfect pool. The crowd came back to the scene, yet they all sat stoic as *Fast* raised his cue in triumph.

Fast looked at his mate as she smiled widely and stood to greet him as he wiped his hands before breaking. He did not want to touch her so not to break his concentration.

He addressed the cue, stroked four times and released his trigger. The balls splattered perfectly into a maze easy to follow.

Fast focused and smiled once more as he proceeded to run the rack. *Tiger* jumped up and yelled, "Raise the bet to $2,000, 'cause I ain't ever been beat by no hustler!"

Distracted, *Fast* came back to the consciousness of the crowd. Noise and disarray filled the room awaiting his response.

He looked toward *Loose* to find the answer. It was the first time he felt support was needed. *Loose* looked sternly at *Tiger* and said, "Let's make it $2,000, if you can't lose old man!"

Fast went to address the rack as *Tiger* nodded in agreement. *Fast* looked beyond the rack at the people in the crowd as they were applauding in his favor.

The tide had turned and he knew at that very moment victory was near. Stroking four times he pulled the trigger and pocketed three balls.

Turning to wipe his shaft he looked toward the crowd once more, again there was no sound as he lined up for the next shot. After pocketing the ball, he stood and pulled on his ear until the room was pitch black with the exception of the table.

Fast was filled with elation as he neared the final rack. He moved to the rail and leaned toward *Loose*. "I told you it was a cake walk!" replied *Fast*.

Loose smiled and replied, "I should of known that."

Addressing the cue ball *Fast* turned to *Tiger* and looked him in the eyes. Not saying a word he turned back to the table to watch the buxom woman rack the balls,

smiling at *Fast* she walked away.

Fast moved to check the rack which was tight. Stroking four times he crunched the pile. Only the 5-ball fell as the rack spread.

This time the crowd was filling his senses with excitement. He tuned to the rail and found satisfaction with the match.

Lining up for the 9-ball he stopped and pulled on his ear. The room became dim and *Fast* saw the image of two men playing pool. The crowd was solemn as they each pocketed balls. Addressing the cue ball the colors were vibrant against the crisp green felt.

Stroking four times *Fast* pulled the trigger and the 9-ball shot into the hole. He stood and let consciousness enter his focus again. *Fast* raised his cue above his head in triumph.

The crowd roared with applause as he returned to the rail. *Loose* took his cue and quickly returned it to its case. *Tiger* and his son approached the virtuoso and extended a welcome hand.

Handing *Fast* the money *Tiger* sighed, "Well at least you didn't choke this time babe!"

Loose replied, "He didn't choke last time!"

Fast counted the money and said, "*Tiger* you're right, but it's not how you play. . ." and *Tiger* chimed in, "It's how much you win!" The two men laughed and said their goodbyes.

Once seated in the car *Loose* looked at *Fast* and said, "You're the best.!

Fast lit a cigarette and brought its tip to a brilliant glow.

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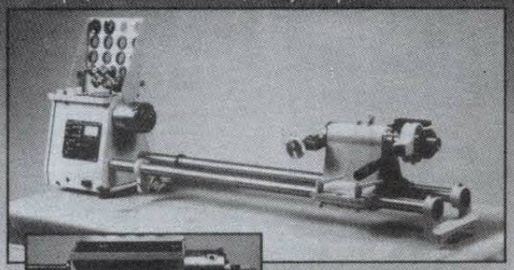

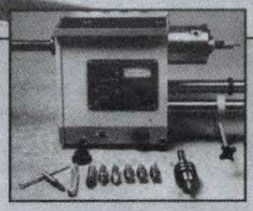

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Archer Wins in Buffalo

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BUFFALO, NY—Johnny Archer out-dueled Earl Strickland in another of their famous rivalries to capture the first-place prize of $3,000 in the *Touch of Class Billiards Classic* at Buffalo, NY.

Proprietor Dennis Coulter presented the $10,000-added event, with proceeds planned to be donated to *Heartstrings*, founded by Rick and Cheryl Locey whose son died of heart failure at age 11.

Heartstrings raises funds for the cardiac care unit at *Children's Hospital* in Buffalo, NY.

Archer's resounding 13-5 victory occurred on stage at *Shea's* in Hamburg, NY, a national historical site.

It is believed to be the first time a pocket billiards tournament was held on a theatrical stage, reminiscent of pocket billiards legend and 15-time world champion Ralph Greenleaf doing a trickshot ehibition with his wife Amelia *(Princess Nai Tai Tai)* on stage at the *Palace Theatre* in New York City during the late '20s.

Strickland earned $2,400 for his runner-up effort, followed by Mike *Captain Hook* Sigel, who was third and collected $1,900.

Hurricane Tony Ellin finished fourth for a $1,100 payday.

The event was played on stage on eight *Diamond* regulation 4-foot by 9-foot tables. Format was double-elimination with all preliminary matches a race-to-11. The overall finale was a single-set race-to-13.

The top 16 finishers received cash. Winner and runner-up also received trophies, buffaloes carved out of crystal.

Tournament surroundings included a red rug stage setting with black background curtains and soft music.

The field of 29 players was cast by *Tournament Director* Pat Fleming.

Highlights of the event were Archer's 11-7 victory over Sigel in a match tied a 6, his 11-9 close one against eventual 5th-6th place finisher Nick Varner in a battle of recent, former *Professional Billiard Tour Association Players of the Year* and Sigel's 11-8 comeback triumph against Don Steele.

However, possibly the best match of the tournament involved Sigel and Ellin.

The match was even to the hill. *The Hook* won the next-to-last game to tie the match. Sigel said, "I should just pass the break, I can't make a ball on a break."

Then he cracks the rack and the 9-ball falls, the cueball strikes the tip of the side pocket, rides the rail to the corner pocket and falls!

Tony can't get out from there; however, and Sigel escapes to finish an easy out.

In the overall finale, *Earl The Pearl* grabbed an early 3-0 lead, but that was all *The Archer* would allow. He strung five runouts and was off to the races.

Fleming of *Accu-Stats Video Productions* handled the smoothly-run tournament with quick and correct rulings on the few fouls occurring.

After no 9-balls fell on the break in either the semi- or finals, Strickland commented regarding the use of Belgian balls.

"Why don't we make our own balls? They *(Belgians)* don't do nothing for the game."

He added, "You know how sports figures say they five 110 percent, well I give 120 percent."

After spending bits and pieces of four days with him, this writer believes it.

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TOUCH OF CLASS BILLIARDS
9-BALL CLASSIC
SHEA'S
BUFFALO, NY

(Results of the top six finishers in the 29-player field, including final position, players' names and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Prize
1	Johnny Archer	$3,000
2	Earl Strickland	2,400
3	Mike Sigel	1,900
4	Tony Ellin	1,100
5-6	Ron Cosanzio	800
5-6	Nick Varner	800

McDermott National 9-Ball Tour Results

The Sports Connection
1994 McDERMOTT NATIONAL
NINE BALL TOUR
THE SPORTS CONNECTION
FORT SMITH, AR
JAN. 14-16
$6,810 OVERALL PRIZE FUND
OPEN 9-BALL DIVISION
$4,810 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

(Results of the top 12 finishers in the 37-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Jeff Melton (100)		$1,300
2	Paul Guernsey (75)		900
3	Randy Jones (50)		680
4	Joe Salazar (30		480
5-6	Mark Coats (15)		310
5-6	Bobby Farrell (15)		310
7-8	Don Copp (10)		165
7-8	Darryl Cowan (10)		165
9-12	Coy Lee Nicholson (8)		125
9-12	John Gabriel (8)		125
9-12	Jeremy Vulgamore (8)		125
9-12	Al Orear (8)		125

LADIES 9-BALL DIVISION
$1,550 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

(Results of the top four finishers in the 13-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Tammie Wesley (100)		$620
2	Bonnie Coats (75)		465
3	Christie McKinstry (50)		310
4	Orietta Strickland (30)		155

SCOTCH DOUBLES DIVISION
$450 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

(Results of the top four finishing teams in the 13-team field, including final position, team members' names, bonus points accumulated and team prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos.	Names	Pts.	Prize
1	Al Orear- Tammie Wesley (100)		$180
2	Mark Coats- Bonnie Coats (75)		135
3	Steve Smith- Orietta Strickland (50)		90
4	Vinicio Gamero- Chris Fields (30)		45

First Break Cafe
1994 McDERMOTT NATIONAL
NINE BALL TOUR
FIRST BREAK CAFE
9-BALL OPEN
STERLING, VA
JAN. 15-16
$7,600 OVERALL PRIZE FUND
OPEN 9-BALL DIVISION
$,6700 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

(Results of the top 24 finishers in the 64-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Points	Prize
1	George Breedlove (100)		$1,350
2	Joe Frady (75)		870
3	Henry Umstead (50)		670
4	David Alley (30)		470
5-6	Gary Flannary (15)		335
5-6	Tom Vanover (15)		335
7-8	Bruce Choyce (10)		255
7-8	Dave Bollman (10)		255
9-12	Charles Fleming (8)		195
9-12	Frank Robutz (8)		195
9-12	Bill Stephen (8)		195
9-12	Forrest Kronenberg (8)		195
13-16	Ed Castanon (6)		145
13-16	Chuck Fake (6)		145
13-16	James Henson (6)		145
13-16	Fred Scott (6)		145
17-24	Kenny Miller (4)		100
17-24	Giles Darr (4)		100
17-24	Scotty Boggs (4)		100
17-24	George Burbage (4)		100
17-24	Hoot Albaugh (4)		100
17-24	Bill Anderson (4)		100
17-24	Don Steele (4)		100
17-24	Stefano Araviakos (4)		100

LADIES 9-BALL DIVISION
$900 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

(Results of the top six finishers in the 16-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Linda McWhirt (100)		$315
2	Linda Haywood (75)		220
3	Kelly Mooney (50)		135
4	Bonnie Freer (30)		90
5-6	Marianne Belk (15)		70
5-6	Carolyn Court (15)		70

Fats' Billiard Club
1994 McDERMOTT NATIONAL
NINE BALL TOUR
FATS' BILLIARDS CLUB
SANTA ROSA, CA
JAN. 22-23
$7,475 OVERALL PRIZE FUND
OPEN 9-BALL DIVISION
$6,700 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

(Results of the top 16 finishers in the 44-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Jeff Carter (100)		$1,600
2	Ron Cook (75)		1,075
3	Paul Martinez (50)		740
4	George Michaels (30)		535
5-6	Cole Dixon (15)		335
5-6	Jerry Brunstetter (15)		335
7-8	Allan McIssac (10)		270
7-8	Billy Aguero (10)		270
9-12	Billy Palmer (8)		220
9-12	Eddie Yacoub (8)		220
9-12	Warren Costanzo (8)		220
9-12	Delbert Wong (8)		220
13-16	Chris McDonald (6)		165
13-16	Dwayne Edwards (6)		165
13-16	Ronnie Allen (6)		165
13-16	E. Z. Wadsworth (6)		165

LADIES 9-BALL DIVISION
$775 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

(Results of the top four finishers in the 11-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows;)

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Janna Sue Nelson (100)		$315
2	Lisa D'Atri (75)		235
3	Sabrina Anderson (50)		150
4	Clara Silvas (30)		75

Shooters Billiards
1994 McDERMOTT NATIONAL
NINE BALL TOUR
SHOOTERS BILLIARDS
OLATHE, KS
JAN. 26-31
$13,760 OVERALL PRIZE FUND
OPEN 9-BALL DIVISION
$9,800 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

(Results of the top 24 finishers in the 109-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Steve Smith (100)		$2,000
2	Cliff Joyner (75)		1,400
3	Bobby Brown (50)		1,000
4	Jimmy Wetch (30)		700
5-6	Terry Hile (15)		500
5-6	Gary Lutman (15)		500
7-8	Sean Azares (10)		350
7-8	Steve McAninch (10)		350
9-12	Joe Woolford (8)		250
9-12	Andy Quinn (8)		250
9-12	Don McCoy (8)		250
9-12	Gene Albrecht (8)		250
13-16	Butch Jones (6)		200
13-16	Junior Harris (6)		200
13-16	Jeff Melton (6)		200
13-16	Jeremy Vulgamore (6)		200
17-24	Danny Harriman (4)		150
17-24	Gary Serville (4)		150
17-24	Willie Munson (4)		150
17-24	Mike Banks (4)		150
17-24	Dave Black (4)		150
17-24	Larry Lovette (4)		150
17-24	Tony Watson (4)		150
17-24	Don Allred (4)		150

LADIES 9-BALLDIVISION
$1,140 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

(Results of the top six finishers in the 21-player field, including final position, players' natmes, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Tammie Wesley (100)		$400
2	Wendy Hill (75)		275
3	Bonnie Coats (50)		170
4	Daine Crane (30)		125
5-6	Ginny Keeler (15)		85
5-6	Lori Huysman (15)		85

OPEN ONE-POCKET DIVISION
$2,820 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

(Results of the top six finishers in the 22-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	David Matlock (100)		$1,000
2	Junior Harris (75)		700
3	Steve Smith (50)		440
4	Calvin Lawton (30)		300
5-6	Danny Harriman (15)		190
5-6	Bobby Brown (15)		190

Miller Time Billiards
1994 McDERMOTT NATIONAL
NINE BALL TOUR
MILLER TIME BILLIARDS
DAVENPORT, IA
FEB. 4-6
$8,420 OVERALL PRIZE FUND
OPEN 9-BALL DIVISION
$7,750 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

(Results of the top 24 finishers in the 62-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Mike Bandy (100)		$1,550
2	Mark Wilson (75)		1,000
3	John Turpin (50)		770
4	Bill Mulloy (30)		550
5-6	Jamie Wilson (15)		390
5-6	Wade Crane (15)		390
7-8	Don Copp (10)		300
7-8	Ron O'Meara (10)		300
9-12	Dave Black (8)		225
9-12	Dewey Bishop (8)		225
9-12	Gordy Vanderveer (8)		225
9-12	Tony Watson (8)		225
13-16	Ron Martin (6)		170
13-16	Jim Lafavre (6)		170
13-16	Scott Marshall (6)		170
13-16	Jamie Rourke (6)		170
17-24	Mike Roque (4)		115
17-24	Rich Bideaux (4)		115
17-24	Dave Roberts (4)		115
17-24	Tom Hayden (4)		115
17-24	Gerry Proulx (4)		115
17-24	Paul Meyer (4)		115
17-24	Marv Rapp (4)		115
17-24	Gary Lutman (4)		115

LADIES 9-BALL DIVISION
$670 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

(Results of the top four finishers in the 11-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Peg Ledman (100)		$260
2	Linda Meyer (75)		200
3	Deborah Decker (50)		140
4	Rhonda Kennis (30)		80

Warehouse Saloon & Billiards
1994 McDERMOTT NATIONAL
NINE BALL TOUR
5TH ANNUAL
WAREHOUSE SALOON & BILLIARDS
9-BALL OPEN
AUSTIN, TX
FEB. 5-6
$6,735 OVERALL PRIZE FUND
OPEN 9-BALL DIVISION
$5,550 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

(Results of the top 24 finishers in the 61-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Robert Almarez (100)		$1,200
2	Coy Lee Nicholson (75)		750
3	Rober Griffis (50)		555
4	Gilbert Martinez (30)		375
5-6	John Newsome (15)		275
5-6	Javier Franco (15)		275
7-8	Bob Pyles (10)		200
7-8	David Henson (10)		200
9-12	Ray Baca (8)		160
9-12	Danny Greer (8)		160
9-12	Terry Brown (8)		160
9-12	Lionel Ramos (8)		160
13-16	Jeremy Jones (6)		120
13-16	Ray Tull (6)		120
13-16	Manuel Ayala (6)		120
13-16	Bobby Brown (6)		120
17-24	Wilson King (4)		75
17-24	Pete Charles (4)		75
17-24	David Moreno (4)		75
17-24	Eddie Stankard (4)		75
17-24	Andy Hernandez (4)		75
17-24	Mando Canales (4)		75
17-24	Phil Martin (4)		75
17-24	Chuey Rivera (4)		75

LADIES 9-BALL DIVISION
$1,185 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

(Results of the top six finishers in the 21-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Cathy Vanover (100)		$415
2	June Hager (75)		295
3	Dora Valdez (50)		175
4	Orietta Strickland (30)		120
5-6	Sue Bazy (15)		90
5-6	Christie McKinstry (15)		90

The Playing Field
1994 McDERMOTT NATIONAL
NINE BALL TOUR
THE PLAYING FIELD
RICHMOND, VA
FEB. 5-6
$12,000 OVERALL PRIZE FUND
OPEN 9-BALL DIVISION
$10,300 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

(Results of the top 24 finishers in the 96-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Joe Frady (100)		$2,100
2	Mike Guylassy (75)		1,350
3	Scotty Boggs (50)		1,000
4	Giles Darr (30)		720
5-6	Chan Whitt (15)		525
5-6	Chuck Fake (15)		525
7-8	Bill Stephen (10)		390
7-8	Bruce Choyce (10)		390
9-12	Jim McAdams (8)		300
9-12	Joe Hamacher (8)		300
9-13	William Elliott (8)		300
9-12	Ray Benish (8)		300
13-16	Ty Laha (6)		225
13-16	Hollie Moss (6)		225
13-16	Joe D'Lessandro (6)		225
13-16	Tony Mougey (6)		225
17-24	Dave Bollman (4)		150
17-24	Ronnie Park (4)		150
17-24	Don Steele (4)		150
17-24	Jim Faircloth (4)		150
17-24	Mike Wells (4)		150
17-24	Dave White (4)		150
17-24	Nick Mannino (4)		150
17-24	Bill Anderson (4)		150

LADIES 9-BALL DIVISION
$1,700 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

(Results of the top eight finishers in the 28-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Linda Haywood (100)		$510
2	Linda McWhirt (75)		340
3	Nikki Benish (50)		250
4	Michelle Adams (30)		250
5-6	Colleen Shoop (15)		125
5-6	Dawn Buchanan (15)		125
7-8	Pam Gibson (10)		90
7-8	Patricia Spurgeon (10)		90

Hard Times Billiards
1994 McDERMOTT NATIONAL
NINE BALL TOUR
HARD TIMES BILLIARDS
BELLFLOWER, CA
FEB. 11-13
12,525 OVERALL PRIZE FUND
OPEN 9-BALL DIVISION
11,350 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

(Results of the top 24 finishers in the 111-player field, including final position, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Francisco Galindo (100)		$2,500
2	Ismael Morro Paez (75)		1,500
3	Danny Harriman (50)		1,000
4	Jimmy Reid (30)		750
5-6	Tang Ho (15)		550
5-6	Chris Crosser (15)		550
7-8	Steve Knight (10)		450
7-8	Robert Chen (10)		450
9-12	Mike DeFino (8)		350
9-12	John Bryant (8)		350
9-12	Paul Martinez (8)		350
9-12	Pablo Mattheu (8)		350
13-16	Rich Relf (6)		250
13-16	Tom Wallace (6)		250
13-16	Jerry Brunstetter (6)		250
13-16	Alex Lao (6)		250
17-24	Ken Evanowski (4)		150
17-24	Dave Chartier (4)		150
17-24	Bernardo Chavez (4)		150
17-24	George Michaels (4)		150
17-24	Wayne Norcross (4)		150
17-24	Ron Marshall (4)		150
17-24	Fred Guarino (4)		150
17-24	Lou Butera (4)		150

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13-16—Alex Lao (6)	250
17-24—Ken Evanowski (4)	150
17-24—Dave Chartier (4)	150
17-24—Bernardo Chavez (4)	150
17-24—George Michaels (4)	150
17-24—Wayne Norcross (4)	150
17-24—Ron Marshall (4)	150
17-24—Fred Guarino (4)	150
17-24—Lou Butera (4)	150

LADIES 9-BALL DIVISION
$1,175 TOTAL PRIZE FUND
(Results of the top six finishers in the 21-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos. Name Pts.	Prize
1—Jan Hacker (100)	$400
2—Robin Bell (75)	275
3—Kim Hoffman (50)	175
4—Shelley Barnes (30)	125
5-6—Stacy Novak (15)	100
5-6—Laura Friedman (15)	100

Ride-The-9 Billiard Parlor
1994 McDERMOTT NATIONAL NINE BALL TOUR
RIDE-THE-9 BILLIARD PARLOR
BLOOMINGTON, IL
FEB. 11-13
$7,800 OVERALL PRIZE FUND
OPEN 9-BALL DIVISION
$7,050 TOTAL PRIZE FUND
(Results of the top 24 finishers in the 71-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos. Name Pts.	Prize
1—Mike Bandy (100)	$1,450
2—Gene Albrecht (75)	920
3—Marco Marcus (50)	705
4—Dean Deforest (30)	495
5-6—Norm Wines (15)	350
5-6—George Breedlove (15)	350
7-8—Mark Wilson (10)	270
7-8—Jeff Carter (10)	270
9-12—David Matlock (8)	205
9-12—Jon Wilson (8)	205
9-12—Steve Barry (8)	205
9-12—Randy Tate (8)	205
13-16—Randy Jones (6)	155
13-16—Don Branson (6)	155
13-16—Tom Rossman (6)	155
13-16—Ron Van Horn (6)	155
17-24—Jim Lafavre (4)	100
17-24—Don McCoy (4)	100
17-24—Gary Lutman (4)	100
17-24—Brian McClenanhan (4)	100
17-24—Scott Kitto (4)	100
17-24—Andy Quinn (4)	100
17-24—Andres Uribe (4)	100
17-24—Mike Dunklin (4)	100

LADIES 9-BALL DIVISION
$750 TOTAL PRIZE FUND
(Results of the top four finishers in the 10-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos. Name Pts.	Prize
1—Christy Stroud (100)	$300
2—Diana Cramer (75)	225
3—Melissa Holt (50)	150
4—Dee McGrath (30)	75

The Copper Caboose
1994 McDERMOTT NATIONAL NINE BALL TOUR
THE COPPER CABOOSE
LUBBOCK, TX
FEB. 19-20
$8,910 OVERALL PRIZE FUND
OPEN 9-BALL DIVISION
$6,900 TOTAL PRIZE FUND
(Results of the top 24 finishers in the 82-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos. Name Pts.	Prize
1—Bob Vanover (100)	$1,400
2—Paul Guernsey (75)	900
3—Coy Lee Nicholson (50)	700
4—Bruce Berong (30)	480
5-6—John Escalante (15)	350
5-6—Javier Franco (15)	350
7-8—Justin Crump (10)	260
7-8—Danny Medina (10)	260
9-12—Junior Norris (8)	200
9-12—Jerrel Eason (8)	200
9-12—Joe Salazar (8)	200
9-12—Jerry Johnson (8)	200
13-16—Robert Newkirk (6)	150
13-16—Wayne Wilson King (6)	150
13-16—Andy Gunderson (6)	150
13-16—Joe Carrillo (6)	150
17-24—Shane Harvey (4)	100
17-24—Wilfred Maestas (4)	100
17-24—Jeff Craig (4)	100
17-24—Steve Smith (4)	100
17-24—Ralph Duke (4)	100
17-24—Darrel Hilliard (4)	100
17-24—Carlos Aleman (4)	100
17-24—Andy Nejeres (4)	100

LADIES 9-BALL DIVISION
$1,700 TOTAL PRIZE FUND
(Results of the top six finishers in the 20-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos. Name Pts.	Prize
1—Orietta Strickland (100)	$600
2—June Hager (75)	425
3—Cathy Vanover (50)	250
4—Julie Mason (30)	175
5-6—Julie Hilliker (15)	125
5-6—Linda Lujan (15)	125

TARGET POOL DIVISION
$310 TOTAL PRIZE FUND
(Results of the top four finishers, including final position, players' names and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos. Name	Prize
1—Mondo Canales	$160
2—Danny Medina	90
3-4—Wilfred Maestas	30
3-4—Donny Ottenberry	30

Star-Lite Cafe & Billiards
1994 McDERMOTT NATIONAL NINE BALL TOUR
STAR-LITE CAFE & BILLIARDS
HAZELWOOD, MO
FEB. 18-20
$11,100 OVERALL PRIZE FUND
OPEN 9-BALL DIVISION
$10,540 TOTAL PRIZE FUND
(Results of the top 24 finishers in the 87-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos. Name Pts.	Prize
1—Mark Wilson (100)	$2,110
2—Rusty Brandmeyer (75)	1,370
3—Steve Hassell (50)	1,060
4—Danny Harriman (30)	740
5-6—Marco Marcus (15)	530
5-6—Tom Ferry (15)	530
7-8—Judex James (10)	400
7-8—Jimmy Martin (10)	400
9-12—Matt Mettille (8)	300
9-12—Tony Watson (8)	300
9-12—Steve McAninch (8)	300
9-12—Mark Coats (8)	300
13-16—Joe Mele (6)	230
13-16—Bud Evans (6)	230
13-16—Gary Serville (6)	230
13-16—Whitey Walker (6)	230
17-24—Charles Darling (4)	160
17-24—Scott Kitto (4)	160
17-24—Tim Wiles (4)	160
17-24—John Ragusa (4)	160
17-24—A. J. Clemens (4)	160
17-24—George Breedlove (4)	160
17-24—Kevin Gabriel (4)	160
17-24—Norm Wines (4)	160

LADIES 9-BALL DIVISION
$560 TOTAL PRIZE FUND
(Results of the top three finishers in the 10-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos. Name Pts.	Prize
1—Misuk Cooper (100)	$280
2—Ginny Keeler (75)	170
3—Diana Cramer (50)	110

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$5,500 OVERALL PRIZE FUND
OPEN 9-BALL DIVISION
$4,950 TOTAL PRIZE FUND
(Results of top 12 finishers in the 35-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos. Name Pts.	Prize
1—Carlos Veiera (100)	$1,380
2—Joe Frady (75)	890
3—Jose Parica (50)	695
4—Jerry Troy (30)	495
5-6—Tony Robles (15)	320
5-6—Todd Fleitman (15)	320
7-8—Marty Ciccia (10)	175
7-8—Tom Ruocco (10)	175
9-12—Teddy Garrahan (8)	125
9-12—Frankie Hernandez (8)	125
9-12—Scott Nacousky (8)	125
9-12—Rich Hansen (8)	125

LADIES 9-BALL DIVISION
$550 TOTAL PRIZE FUND
(Results of the top four finishers in the 10-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos. Name Pts.	Prize
1—Debbie Smith (100)	$220
2—Carolyn Court (75)	165
3—Barbara Stock (50)	110
4—Justeen Cicio (30)	55

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1994 McDERMOTT NATIONAL NINE BALL TOUR
BIG SHOT BILLIARDS
ROSEVILLE, CA
FEB. 25-27
$8,105 OVERALL PRIZE FIND
OPEN 9-BALL DIVISION
$7,255 TOTAL PRIZE FUND
(Results of the top 16 finishers in the 74-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos. Name Pts.	Prize
1—Cole Dixon (100)	$1,750
2—Santos Sambajon (75)	1,150
3—Mark Haddad (50)	800
4—Chris McDonald (30)	575
5-6—Dave Moore (15)	360
5-6—Roger Estelle (15)	360
7-8—E. Z. Wadsworth (10)	300
7-8—Pat McLeod (10)	300
9-12—Rudy Jerez (8)	235
9-12—Bill Skinner (8)	235
9-12—Todd Marsh (8)	235
9-12—Frank Sandoval (8)	235
13-16—Dave Piona (6)	180
13-16—Frank Nordmann (6)	180
13-16—Eddie Yacoub (6)	180
13-16—Nick Cano (6)	180

LADIES 9-BALL DIVISION
$850 TOTAL PRIZE FUND
(Results of the top four finishers in the 14-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos. Name Pts.	Prize
1—Susie Miller (100)	$340
2—Sherry Ahola (75)	255
3—Mary Mikita (50)	170
4—Stacy Novak (30)	85

Tommy's Billiards
1994 McDEROTT NATIONAL NINE BALL TOUR
TOMMY'S BILLIARDS
MESA, AZ
FEB. 25-27
$9,400 OVERALL PRIZE FUND
OPEN 9-BALL DIVISION
$8,100 TOTAL PRIZE FUND
(Results of the top 24 finishers in the 76-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos. Name Pts.	Prize
1—Jose Parica (100)	$1,600
2—Tommy Baker (75)	1,200
3—Mike DiFino (50)	900
4—Andy Scott (30)	700
5-6—Roger Griffis (15)	450
5-6—Doug Hale (15)	450
7-8—Ted Harris (10)	300
7-8—Chuey Rivera (10)	300
9-12—Jimmy Langston (8)	200
9-12—Pete Lhotka (8)	200
9-12—Dick Rice (8)	200
9-12—Javier Franco (8)	200
13-16—Tres Kane (6)	150
13-16—Jeff Webb (6)	150
13-16—Mike Dickinson (6)	150
13-16—Dave Chartier (6)	150
17-24—Jimmy Mendoza (4)	100
17-24—Greg Monteiro (4)	100
17-24—Jim Ehrbar (4)	100
17-24—Jack Brandt (4)	100
17-24—Tommy DiLorenzo (4)	100
17-24—Mike Baxter (4)	100
17-24—Andy Peterson (4)	100
17-24—Omar Abdel Rehim (4)	100

LADIES 9-BALL DIVISION
$1,300 TOTAL PRIZE FUND
(Results of the top six finishers in the 23-player field, including final position, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos. Name Pts.	Prize
1—Mary Guarino (100)	$450
2—C. J. Pringnitz (75)	325
3—Jan Hacker (50)	195
4—Robin Bell (30)	130
5-6—Ariane Gaudet (15)	100
5-6—Julie Nogiec (15)	100

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1994 McDERMOTT NATIONAL NINE BALL TOUR
C. R. BILLIARDS
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FEB. 25-27
$8,275 OVERALL PRIZE FUND
OPEN 9-BALL DIVISION
$7,450 TOTAL PRIZE FUND
(Results of the top 12 finishers in the 46-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos. Name Pts.	Prize
1—Derek McMaster (100)	$2,000
2—Scott Campbell (75)	1,400
3—Greg Fix (50)	1,000
4—Jimmy Wetch (30)	750
5-6—Louie Lemke (15)	500
5-6—Lance Frederick (15)	500
7-8—John Meyer (10)	270
7-8—Chad Warzeka (10)	270
9-12—Mark Foss (8)	190
9-12—Roger Larson (8)	190
9-12—Kevin Spells (8)	190
9-12—Lance Solheim (8)	190

LADIES 9-BALL DIVISION
$825 TOTAL PRIZE FUND
(Results of the top six finishers in the 13-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos. Name Pts.	Prize
1—Chris Glass (100)	$300
2—Tracy D'Andrea (75)	200
3—Lori Buendorf (50)	125
4—Cheryl Thompson (30)	80
5-6—Jeri Engh (15)	60
5-6—Karen Wold (15)	60

Pockets
1994 McDERMOTT NATIONAL NINE BALL TOUR
POCKETS
DOTHAN, AL
FEB. 25-27
$6,350 OVERALL PRIZE FUND
OPEN 9-BALL DIVISION
$6,000 TOTAL PRIZE FUND
(Results of the top 16 finishers in the 44-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos. Name Pts.	Prize
1—Al Koklys (100)	$1,440
2—Slim Carney (75)	960
3—David Grossman (50)	660
4—Ron Wiseman (30)	480
5-6—Ed Gregory (15)	300
5-6—Joe Davis (15)	300
7-8—Tommy Kennedy (10)	240
7-8—Roger Mills (10)	240
9-12—Robert Jones (8)	195
9-12—Scott Richardson (8)	195
9-12—Steve Knoll (8)	195
9-12—Butch Croft (8)	195
13-16—Jake Schoener (6)	150
13-16—Bill Rentie (6)	150
13-16—John Davis (6)	150
13-16—Ted Alexander (6)	150

LADIES 9-BALL DIVISION
$350 TOTAL PRIZE FUND
(Results of the top two finishers in the six-player field, including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos. Name Pts.	Prize
1—Nikki Benish (100)	$225
2—Kerry Hartsfield (75)	125

WPBA RANKINGS
***Women's Professional Billiard Association (WPBA) 1994 Classic Tour* current (previous 12-month) points rankings through the *St. Croix Press San Diego Classic*, March 24-27, 1994, including the top 32 in standings, rating, players' names and points totals, are as follows:**

Rank Name	Points
1—Loree Jon Jones	1,990
2—Robin Bell	1,675
3—Vivian Villarreal	1,430
4—Jeanette Lee	1,325
5—Nikki Benish	1,020
6—Belinda Bearden	995
7—Mary Guarino	885
8—Ewa Mataya	845
9—JoAnn Parker	830
10—Peg Ledman	805
11—Kelly Oyama	755
12—Gerda Hofstatter	725
13—Dawn Meurin	690
14—Tammie Wesley	615
15—Michelle Adams	605
16—Jan Hacker	545
17—Vicki Paski	480
18—Nesli O'Hare	440
19—Julie Nogiec	385
20—Laura Smith	375
21—Linda McWhirt	370
22—Kerry Hartsfield	355
23—Shari Stauch	350
24—Fran Crimi	305
25—Darlene Stinson	300
(tie) Jeri Engh	300
27—Beverly Carrick	295
28—Franziska Stark	280
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WPBA

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Jones settled for the runner-up portion of $3,500 from the $34,000 prize fund. Villarreal received $2,500 for third place.

Jones was not nearly as fortunate in the overall finale, however, as nothing went her way.

Robin had skyrocketed to a 10-1 advantage against Loree Jon and hadn't even made a ball on the break to that juncture!

Jones was able to win just two more games before Bell emerged victorious with the 11-3 verdict.

In other matches, Jeanette Lee of Carson City, NV took fourth place and $2,000 by beating Nikki Benish ($1,600) of Simpsonville, SC, 9-7.

Belinda Bearden of Austin, TX eliminated Sherry Ahola of Sacramento, CA, 9-5, to share 7th-8th place ($1,250 each) with Kristie Rosas, a California qualifier who impressed the audience with wins against Mary Guarino of Las Vegas, NV, Ewa Mataya of Charlotte, NC and Jan Hacker of Atlanta.

The final four finishers in the *1993 WPBA Classic Tour* points totals not so surprisingly comprised the final four in the third stop on the *1994 WPBA Classic Tour.*

Lee had compiled back-to-back triumphs in the first two events of 1994.

Bell was decisive in her victories, with strong efforts against Terry Wallace 9-4, Diane Reynolds Crane 9-4, Benish 9-5, Villarreal 9-5 and Jones 9-5 (winners' bracket finals).

Meanwhile, Jones' route to the overall finals involved triumphs against Timi Bloomberg 9-5, McWhirt in a hill-hill tussle 9-8, Rosas 9-3 and Lee 9-5 before her first loss to Bell 5-9 and losers' bracket finals win over Villarreal 9-8.

A total of $10,000 was raised for charity (the *San Diego Blood Bank* and *Leukemia Society*) at *Fat's Billiards* by the *WPBA* and local celebrities at a pro-am attended by 400 spectators the evening before the 47-woman tournament began.

During the one-loss matches, 23 players made full run-outs and were awarded a portion of the *$1,000 Gordon's Gin* and *Gordon's Vodka Hot Shots Bonus* prize.

The *WPBA Classic Tour* moved to Seattle for its next event April 28-May 1, *The Huebler Cues Seattle Classic* at *Jillian's Billiards.*

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Blakeman's path was filled with victories over Joe Pacchainelli (Los Angeles) 6-2, Al Lawrence (Las Vegas) 6-1, Reid 6-0, Tres Kane (Glendale, AZ) 6-2, Toby Fleharty (Las Vegas) 6-4, the winners' bracket loss to LeBlanc and the losers' bracket finals win over Nottingham.

In the finals Blakeman had to beat LeBlanc two successive sets to capture first place.

In the first set Blakeman soared to a 4-0 lead, but LeBlanc cut the lead in half, 2-4, before the set was won by Blakeman, 6-2.

The second set played a lot like the first, with Blakeman beginning with a 2-0 lead and LeBlanc again cutting the lead in half, but in the end it was Blakeman winning the *Fourth Andy Mercer Memorial 9-Ball Classic,* 6-2!

Promoter Hill and *Tournament Director* Andy Hughes thank all who have played in the past four *Andy Mercer Memorials* and look forward to many more to come!

See you all next year!

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WAAPT

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And you know what else? It's due to them (and Jim and Dave) that Pontbriand has a new $1,200 Samsara cue that is NOT for sale! (He likes it too much.)

So what does Pontbriand want? He just wants to thank them publicly for a job well done. A tournament professionally run. And more coverage and more spectators than *Elite Billiards* has had in 10 years.

With a tear in my eye. . .Thanks, guys.

(Does he mean tear like eye water, or tear like a hole in the seat of his pants?)

Shuddup already. . .sheese!

Thanks also go to Pontbriand for hosting this event, adding $500 and taking no green fees.

Another thank you goes to the *NE WAAPT* sponsors *Joss Cues Ltd., Brunswick Billiards, Samsara Cues, It's George Cues & Cases, Pro Series Cases* and *Ladyhawk Cases* for their support that allows the *WAAPT* to sponsor *Women's Professional Billiard Association (WPBA)* qualifiers and other promotions.

Next stop on the tour is June 12 at *Pockets Billiards* for the *Massachusetts State Championship.*

1994 NEW ENGLAND WAAPT RESULTS
NORTHEASTERN U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN 9-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP
ELITE BILLIARDS
WORCESTER, MA
MARCH 13, 1994
$1,660 TOTAL PRIZE FUND
(Results of the top 12 finishers in the 33-player field, including final position, players' name and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos. Name	Prize
1—Kara Wroldson	$650
2—Suzanne Bosselman	300
3—Candi Rego	200
4—Kim Walsh	100
5-6—Nadine Borofsky	85
5-6—Allison Mosimann	85
7-8—Lori Miller	50
7-8—Jamie Patterson	50
9-12—Donna Alborano	35
9-12—Bonnie Teske	35
9-12—Pamela Brogan	35
9-12—Cathi Bello	35

TOUR

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Yet it takes the strength and support of an early pioneer in the billiard industry to establish momentum needed for true success. *McDermott Cue Mfg., Inc.* is the backbone of the *Tour.*

In closing, the facts speak for themselves in judging last year's success. One does that by looking for the residual of an organization's work.

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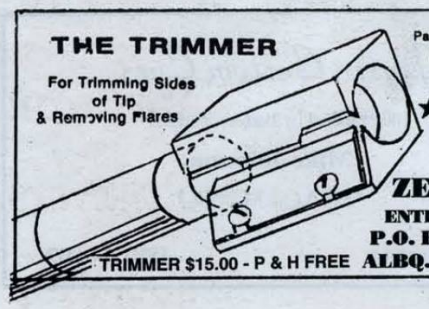

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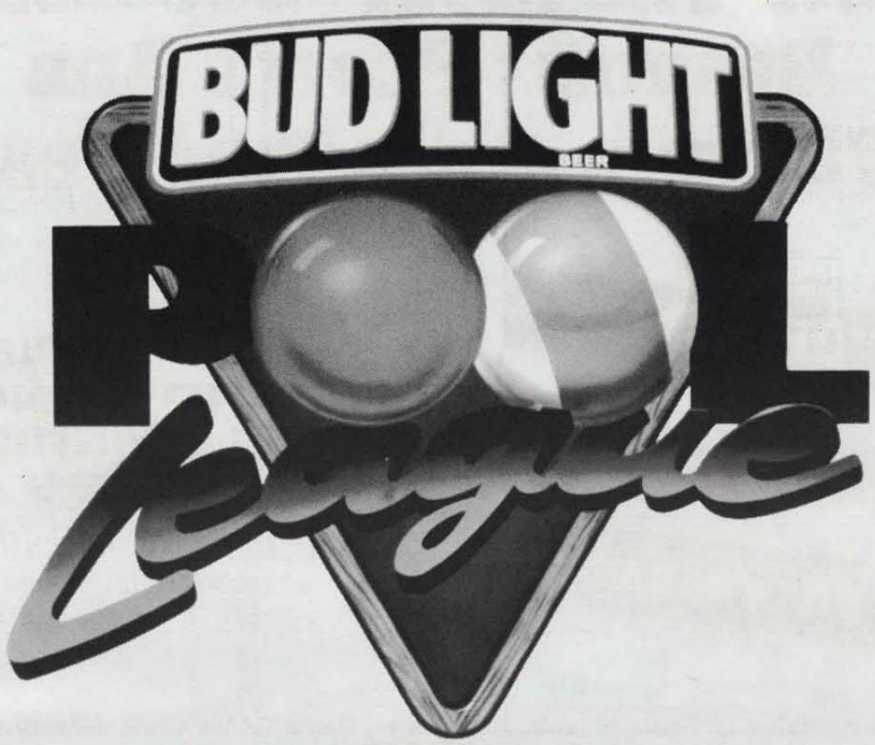

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