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Villarreal Victimized at Hollywood Park Casino

Same Old Story: Fisher Wins McDermott Los Angeles Classic

By ROHN ENGH

INGLEWOOD, CA—She took her fist and humorously shook it in from of Allison's nose and complained for the audience to hear, "You don't miss!"

It was the 12th game of the championship match of the *Los Angeles WPBA Classic Tour* stop, and Vivian Villarreal was frustrated.

Her opponent, Allison Fisher, was amused. She also was pleased. The score was Fisher, 9, Villarreal 3 in a race-to-11.

Earlier, with the score 6-2, Villarreal missed the 5-ball in the side pocket. The *Hollywood Park Casino* audience moaned. Villarreal shouted to them, "I'm not giving up. I've got heart."

But "Steady As She Goes" Fisher was unflappable. Even when Villarreal began fanning herself vigorously with a white styrofoam *Burger King* plate as she sat and watched Fisher run the table.

If men were playing this match, Villarreal's antics would be called "sharking," but in women's pool etiquette it's passed off as entertainment.

And Villarreal knows how to entertain. Trouble is, this *McDermott Classic* championship match in the Los Angeles suburb of Inglewood, CA on Sunday evening, Sept. 7, didn't allow much table time for Villarreal.

She was usually in her chair. The final score: Fisher 11, Villarreal 3.

Sick O' This

Later at the awards ceremony, Villarreal took the microphone to shout to Fisher, "I'll get you next time!"

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WPBA President Ewa Laurance also chuckled, "I think I speak for all the *WPBA* members. We're getting a little bit sick of this. . ."

Fisher laughed it off. She is reportedly buying a house in Charlotte, NC and could use the $6,500 prize money. She'll cry all the way to the bank to make her mortgage payment.

Fisher was impressive in her final four games of the match.

All weekend the shims in the pockets of the *Olhausen* tables had given everyone grief. Few players at this L.A. event were able to execute runouts. In the final *four* games, Fisher ran out each time.

Allison, who has 12 world championships in billiard sports, started her run to the *McDermott* championship match by defeating Kerry Hartsfield (9-5).

Fisher then went on to play her roommate Gerda Hofstatter, who put Allison in the losers' bracket (9-5). Fisher then took the long and arduous Saturday and Sunday route to climb back into the championship match.

On Saturday she defeated Fran Crimi (9-3), Linda Haywood (9-3) and Jeanette Lee (9-8) at 11 p.m.

The next day she started out at noon and defeated Jennifer Chen (9-3); at 1:30 Michelle Fleetwood (9-4); at 3 p.m. Nikki Benish (9-8); at 5 p.m. Hofstatter (9-2) and at 7 p.m., Villarreal (for the championship) 11-3.

It was Villarreal who ended with no losses, the finalist on the winners' side. She started by nearly losing to a feisty Candi Rego (9-8).

Mataya-Laurance also gave Vivian a 9-8 battle. Villarreal went on to defeat Belinda Campos (9-3), Chen (9-6) and Hofstatter in the winners' bracket finals (9-3).

Vivian then awaited the winner on the one-loss side.

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While Gerda moved to the losers' bracket, Fisher was mounting her charge toward the finals. She recovered from the two *hill-hill* matches against Lee and Benish, the latter of which was her toughest battle.

Allison was prepared the second time around for Hofstatter, quickly jumping ahead and withstanding any pressure Gerda might provide. Fisher impressively moved into the overall finale with renewed confidence.

Hofstatter had to be content with her third-place finish and the $3,500 prize. Ditto for Villarreal, a disappointed runner-up again, although she collected $4,500.

Other Notable Performances

Fleetwood put on a smooth performance as did Benish. Both *WPBA* veterans got very close to the winner's circle:

Fleetwood defeated Vicki Paski (9-7), Loree Jon Jones (9-8), Dee Kniola (9-6) and then lost to Hofstatter (5-9) and Fisher (4-9).

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Michelle gained a tie with Laurance for 5th-6th places and collected $2,000.

Benish lost at the start to Dawn Hopkins (8-9) and like Fisher, spent Saturday and Sunday climbing back.

She defeated Sue Backman (9-0), Peg Ledman (9-3), Robin Dodson (9-7), Hartsfield (9-6), Aileen Pippin (9-8), Mataya-Laurance (9-6) and barely lost to Fisher (8-9). Her reward was fourth place and $2,500.

Chen and Pippin settled for a 7th-8th place deadlock and $1,600 apiece. Mary Guarino, Lee, Meurin and Kniola were bunched in 9th-12th places to earn $1,300 each.

Up-and-comers Haywood and Shelly Barnes each reached 13th-16th places to earn $1,050 apiece, the same as Nesli O'Hare and Hartsfield.

WPBA Points Standings

(The latest *WPBA Classic Tour Points Standings* through the *McDermott Cues Los Angeles Classic*, held Sept. 4-7, 1997 at *The Hollywood Park Casino*, Inglewood, CA, including the top 32 players in current position, players' names and points totals, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Pts.
1	Allison Fisher	1,860
2	Jeanette Lee	1,160
3	Vivian Villarreal	1,120
4	Loree Jon Jones	830
5	Robin Dodson	775
6	Ewa Mataya-Laurance	765
7	Helena Thornfeldt	730
8	Gerda Hofstatter	675
9	Nikki Benish	635
10	Jennifer Chen	525
11	Laura Smith	500
12	Mary Guarino	450
13	Aileen Pippin	395
14	Michelle Fleetwood	385
15	Belinda Campos	365
16	Peg Ledman	350
17	Dawn Hopkins	315
18	Vicki Paski	310
19	Nesli O'Hare	300
20	Kerry Hartsfield	285
(tie)	Maureen Seto	285
22	Ming Ng	270
23	Linda Haywood	255
(tie)	Shelly Barnes	255
25	Kelly Oyama	245
(tie)	Bonnie Arnold	245
(tie)	Jan McWorter	245
28	Nadine Mazzola	240
(tie)	Ramona Biddle	240
30	Sabrina Anderson	235
(tie)	Darlene Stinson	235

WPBA—Los Angeles Results

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(Results of the top 24 finishers in the 48-player field, including final position, players' names and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Prize
1	Allison Fisher	$6,500
2	Vivian Villarreal	4,500
3	Gerda Hofstatter	3,500
4	Nikki Benish	2,500
5-6	Michelle Fleetwood	2,000
5-6	Ewa Mataya-Laurance	2,000
7-8	Jennifer Chen	1,600
7-8	Aileen Pippin	1,600
9-12	Mary Guarino	1,300
9-12	Jeanette Lee	1,300
9-12	Dawn Meurin	1,300
9-12	Dee Kniola	1,300
13-16	Nesli O'Hare	1,050
13-16	Linda Haywood	1,050
13-16	Shelly Barnes	1,050
13-16	Kerry Hartsfield	1,050
17-24	Loree Jon Jones	800
17-24	Maureen Seto	800
17-24	Darlene Stinson	800
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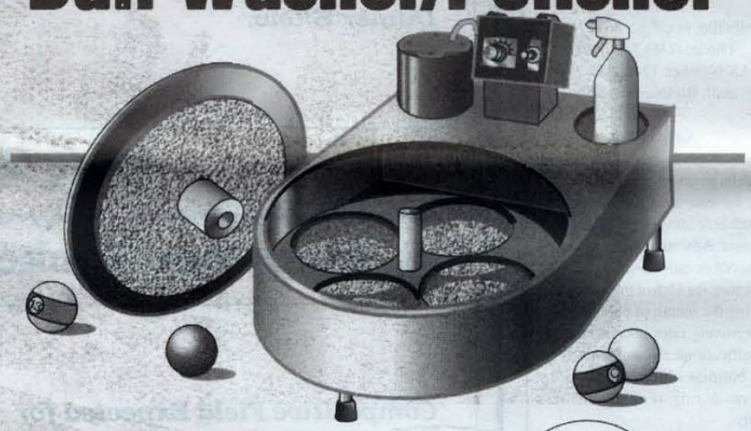

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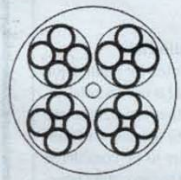

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Date	Division	Event/City, State	Added-$	Entry Fee	Promoter	Phone
Oct. 3-6, 1997	Open	Viking 9-Ball Tour Stop No. 23—One Pocket Bogart's Billiard Cafe, Livonia, MI	$ 1,000	$ 50	Mike Janis	800-200-7665
Oct. 4-5, 1997	Open	Viking 9-Ball Stop No. 22—9-Ball Bogart's Billiards Cafe, Livonia, MI	$ 1,000	$ 50	Mike Janis	800-200-7665
Oct. 8-12, 1997	Men's Pro (9-Ball)	Camel Pro Billiards Series J.O.B. Nashville Open J.O.B. Billiard Club, Madison, TN	$ 50,000	$ 250	Camel Pro Billiards	800-665-6326
Oct. 11-12, 1997	Open	Midwest Bar Table Classic Billy's USA Bar & Grill, Ft. Wayne, IN	$ 1,000	$ 40/60	Mac Ashby Billy's USA Bar & Grill	219-436-7665 219-436-7665
Oct. 11-12, 1997	Open	Viking 9-Ball Tour Stop No. 24 Cornfed Red's Billiard Cafe, Columbus, OH	$ 1,000	$ 30	Mike Janis	800-200-7665
Oct. 11-12, 1997	Open	Take It To The Bank(s) National Bank Pool Tournament Hippos—The House of Billiards, Yorkville, NY	$ 1,000	$ 50/$10	'Dr. Cue' Tom Rossman Victor Conte	765-795-4968 315-768-0218
Oct. 17-19, 1997	Open	Viking 9-Ball Tour Championship Cornfed Red's Billiard Cafe, Columbus, OH	$ 5,000	$ 60	Mike Janis	800-200-7665
Oct. 21-26, 1997	Men's Pro (9-Ball)	Camel Pro Billiards Series Boston Open Country Club USA, Chelmsford, MA	$ 41,000	$ 250	Camel Pro Billiards	800-665-6326
Oct. 23-26, 1997	Open	4th Annual U.S. Open One Pocket Championship Billiards Playground, Kalamazoo, MI	$ TBA	$ 150	Matt Rosendaul Billiards Playground	616-372-7611 616-372-7611
Oct. 23-26, 1997	Women's Pro	BCA Phoenix Classic Phoenix Civic Plaza, Phoenix	$ 50,000	$ 500	WPBA	712-252-4789
Oct. 25-26, 1997	Open	1997-1998 Viking 9-Ball Tour Stop No. 1 Chandley's Chalk & Cue, N. Ridgeville, OH	$ 1,000	$ 30	Mike Janis	800-200-7665
Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 1997	Women's Pro	Leisure Bay Billiards New Orleans Classic Mardi Gras World, New Orleans, LA	$ 50,000	$ 500	WPBA	712-252-4789
Nov. 1, 1997	Open	Rack'Em Family Billiards 9-Ball Open Rack'Em Family Billiards, Kokomo, IN	$ 100	$ 40/50	Kenny Tedlock Rack'Em Family Billiards	765-453-1851 765-453-1851
Nov. 1-2, 1997	Open	Viking 9-Ball Stop 2 TBA TBA			Mike Janis	800-200-7665
Nov. 1-2, 1997	Open	Joss Northeast 9-Ball Tour Stop No. 1 Country Club USA, Chelmsford, MA	$ 1,500	$ 100	Mike Zuglan Dave Cunha	518-356-7163 508-934-9700
Nov. 8-9, 1997	Open	Viking 9-Ball Tour Stop No. 3 Dickie's Billiards, Neosho, MO	$ 1,000	$ 30	Mike Janis	800-200-7665
Nov. 8-9, 1997	Open	Joss Northeast 9-Ball Tour Stop No. 2 Accu-Billiards, New Bedford, MA	$ 1,500	$ 100	Mike Zuglan Mike Xiarhos	518-356-7163 508-995-6286
Nov. 11-15, 1997	Men's Pro (10-Ball)	Camel Pro Billiards Series Jersey Open So. Jersey Expo Center, Pennsauken, NJ	$ 90,000	$ 250	Camel Pro Billiards	800-665-6326
Nov. 15-16, 1997	Open	Viking 9-Ball Tour Stop No. 4 Snookers Billiards, Cincinnati, OH	$ 1,000	$ 30	Mike Janis	800-200-7665
Nov. 15-16, 1997	Open	Joss Northeast 9-Ball Tour Stop No. 3 Cap's Cue Club, Syracuse, NY	$ 1,500	$ 100	Mike Zuglan Dick Cappotto	518-356-7163 315-463-9471
Nov. 18-23, 1997	Men's Pro (9-Ball)	Camel Series Tulsa Open Magoo's, Tulsa, OK	$ 50,000	$ 250	Camel Pro Billiards	800-665-6326
Nov. 22-23, 1997	Open	Viking 9-Ball Tour Stop No. 5 Sportsman's Billiard Club, Columbus, OH	$ 1,000	$ 30	Mike Janis	800-200-7665
Nov. 29-30, 1997	Open	Joss Northeast 9-Ball Tour Stop No. 4 Snooker's Cafe Billiards & Bar, Providence, RI	$ 1,500	$ 100	Mike Zuglan Steve Goulding	518-356-7163 401-351-7665
Dec. 2-7, 1997	Men's Pro (10-Ball)	Camel Pro Billiard Series Denver Open Denver Merchandise Mart, Denver, CO	$ 75,000	$ 250	Camel Pro Billiards	800-665-6326
Dec. 4-8, 1997	Women's Pro	WPBA National 9-Ball Championship Treasure Island Casino, Red Wing, MN	$ 85,000	$ 500	WPBA	712-252-4789
Dec. 6-7, 1997	Open	Viking 9-Ball Tour Stop No. 6 Golden Tee Billiards, Cincinnati, OH	$ 1,000	$ 30	Mike Janis	800-200-7665
Dec. 6-7, 1997	Open	Joss Northeast 9-Ball Tour Stop No. 5 Pro Billiard Lounge Inc., Rotterdam, NY	$ 1,500	$ 100	Mike Zuglan Pro Billiard Lounge Inc.	518-356-7163 518-355-9811
Dec. 10-14, 1997	Open	Sands Regency XXVI 9-Ball Open Sands Regency Hotel, Reno, NV	$ 20,000	$ 100	Sands Regency Hotel	702-348-2250
Dec. 13-14, 1997	Open	Viking 9-Ball Tour Stop No. 7 PJ's Rack-N-Roll Billiards, Cleveland, OH	$ 1,000	$ 30	Mike Janis	800-200-7665
Dec. 13-14, 1997	Open	Viking 9-Ball Tour Stop No. 8 Hippo's - The House of Billiards, Yorkville, NY	$ 1,000	$ 30	Victor Conte Mike Janis	315-768-0218 800-200-7665
Jan. 3-4, 1998	Open	Viking 9-Ball Tour Stop No. 9 Railrunner's, Rockford, IL	$ 1,000	$ 30	Mike Janis	800-200-7665
Jan. 10-11, 1998	Open	Viking 9-Ball Tour Stop No. 10 Breakers Billiard Club, Port Clinton, OH	$ 1,000 $ 1,000	$ 30 $ 30	Mike Janis	800-200-7665
Jan. 10-11, 1998	Open	Joss Northeast 9-Ball Tour Stop No. 6 Pocket's Billiards Inc., Haverhill, MA	$ 1,500	$ 100	Mike Zuglan Bob Campbell	518-356-7163 508-373-8800
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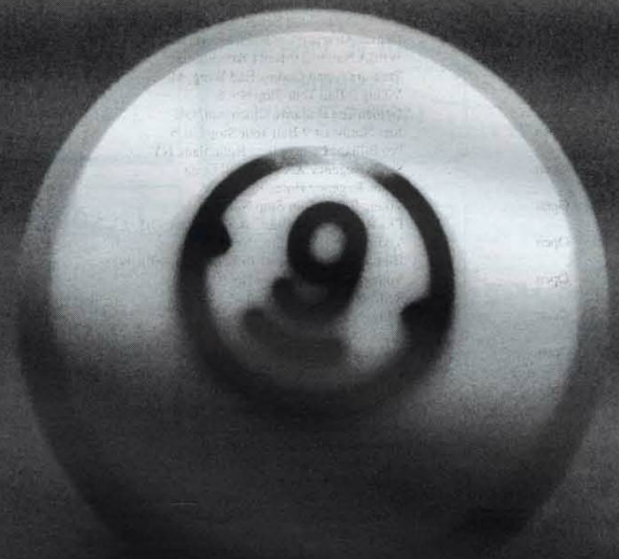

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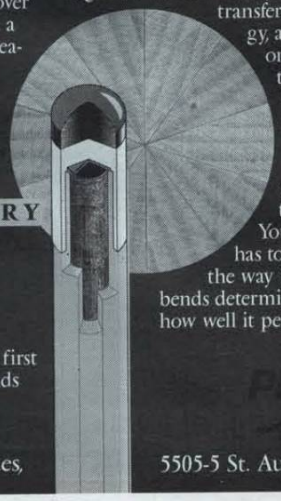

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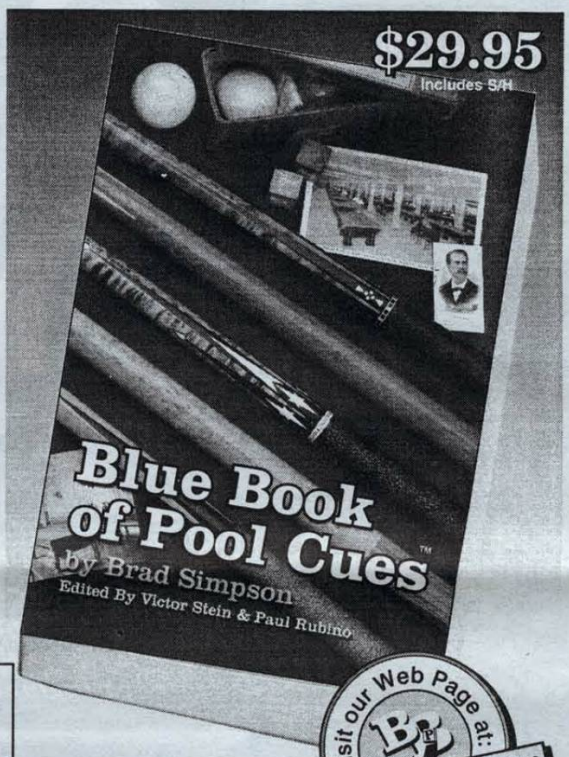

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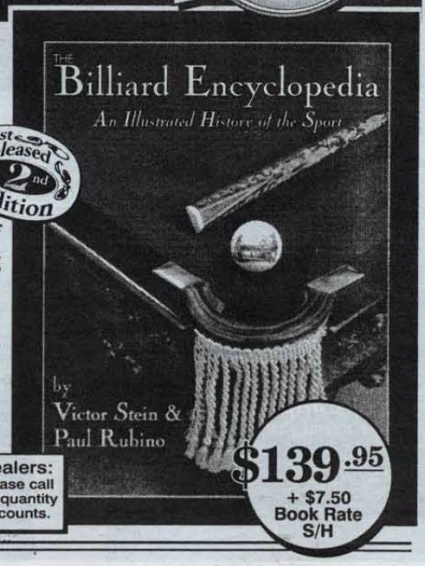

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Efren Wins PCA Event in Minnesota

Reyes Outlasts Griffis at Treasure Island

By ROHN ENGH

RED WING, MN—Silent and steady, our man from the Philippines, Efren Reyes, slipped through the bracket of 35 players at the *Professional CueSports Association* event Sept. 11-14 at *Treasure Island Casino,* near Minneapolis, MN.

It wasn't C. J. Wiley or Johnny Archer or David Howard or Tommy Kennedy or George Breedlove or Mike Lebron or Allen Hopkins who challenged him for the championship, but a powerful (in physique and stroke) Roger Griffis out of Phoenix, AZ who had earlier over-powered Reyes 15-8 in the finals of the winners' side and sent him to the one-loss bracket.

In the end it was Reyes' sleight-of-hand cue technique that eventually over-powered Griffis when they met again at the Sunday evening overall championship match.

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Reyes waited for a challenger on the one-loss side who turned out to be the Texas newcomer Jeremy Jones.

Jones had just ushered Tony Ellin out of the tournament with a 15-14 win early Sunday morning.

Reyes took care of Jones (15-4) to earn the rematch with Griffis.

Most Stars Were There

Although some nationally-known players from the *Professional Billiard Tour* were present, notables such as Nick Varner, Buddy Hall and Jim Rempe were not.

Two newcomers impressed the audience at the *Treasure Island Casino* in Red Wing, MN: 17-year-old Cory Deuel and Alex Pagulayan.

Deuel, who resides in a small town suburb of Columbus, OH, defeated Howard 15-12, and Pagulayan, another of the rising stars from the Philippines, surprised Greg Fix, 15-10.

"We've got big plans for our organization," said Wiley, the driving force behind the pioneering men's *PCA* pool organization (1996).

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"These plans will mature in 1998. We're going to capitalize on the popularity this sport enjoys and bring men's pool up to the national recognition it deserves."

"We're looking forward to hosting both the men and women pros in 1998," said Thomas Carroll, Jr., promotion manager for the *Treasure Island Casino.*

"And I think you're going to find warm hospitality when the pros come to Minnesota," said *Tournament Director* Jerry Johnson, who kept the matches on track and on time. He is owner of *CR's Billiards* in Minneapolis.

Until his initial match with Griffis in the finals of the winners' side, Reyes appeared to be the class of the field that included Archer, whose 11th-hour heroics earned him the inaugural *Camel Pro Billiard Series* point championship in the last event.

Ironically, Reyes was the man he defeated for that title, but Johnny was not enjoying his late-season form this time out.

Archer Not a Factor

In fact, Archer was not a factor, failing to cash in the $32,000 event, finishing in an 8-way deadlock for 17th-24th places after successive losses to David Matlock (6-15) and Wiley (15-7) following a first-round bye and a second-round winners' side win against Jason Kirkwood (15-9).

WINNERS CIRCLE—Runner-up Roger Griffis (left) congratulates Efren Reyes for winning the PCA event conducted at the Treasure Island Casino in the Minneapolis suburb of Red Wing, MN. Both players boasted very broad smiles.

Meanwhile Reyes drew an opening-round bye and followed with consecutive victories against Lebron (15-6), Nick Mannino (15-7) and the surprising Jones (15-8) before Griffis sent him reeling to the one-loss side.

Roger, who later this year will battle Wiley for the *ESPN Ultimate Challenge* men's championship, also received a first-round bye.

He then powered past Gerry Kanov (15-4) before he met up with young sharp-shooter Deuel whom he eventually conquered 15-12.

Griffis then strung together three 15-8 triumphs in succession. Jimmy Wetch, José Parica and Reyes were the victims.

While Griffis was pounding Parica in his winners' side semifinal, Reyes abruptly halted newcomer Jones' title aspirations.

Then it was time for *The Magician* to perform his sleight of hand.

In the overall finale, Griffis repeated his earlier victorious performance against Reyes by jumping out to an early lead.

This time, however, Roger was not able to sustain his effort, as Efren tied matters at 5 and then gradually began

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PCA Points Standings

(Latest *Pro CueSports* points standings of the top 24 places, as of the *PCA Treasure Island Casino 9-Ball Open* held Sept. 11-14, 1997 at the *Treasure Island Casino,* Red Wing, MN, including current position, players' names and points earned are as follows:)

Pos.	Player	Points
1	C. J. Wiley	1,115
2	Roger Griffis	980
3	Earl Strickland	840
(tie)	Efren Reyes	840
5	Allen Hopkins	735
6	Johnny Archer	710
7	David Matlock	695
8	George Breedlove	635
9	José Parica	615
10	Mika Immonen	520
11	John Horsfall	510
12	Mark Jarvis	495
13	Paul Potier	475
14	George SanSouci	415
15	Bobby Hunter	385
16	Santos Sambajon	375
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2	Roger Griffis	4,000
3	Jeremy Jones	3,000
4	Tony Ellin	2,500
5-6	Allen Hopkins	2,000
5-6	José Parica	2,000
7-8	Francisco Bustamante	1,500
7-8	C. J. Wiley	1,500
9-12	David Matlock	1,200
9-12	Jimmy Wetch	1,200
9-12	Alex Pagulayan	1,200
9-12	George Breedlove	1,200
13-16	Nick Mannino	925
13-16	John DiToro	925
13-16	Corey Deuel	925
13-16	Rodolfo Luat	925
17-24	Gene Albrecht	—
17-24	Aaron Aragon	—
17-24	George Sans Souci	—
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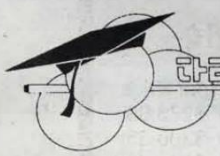

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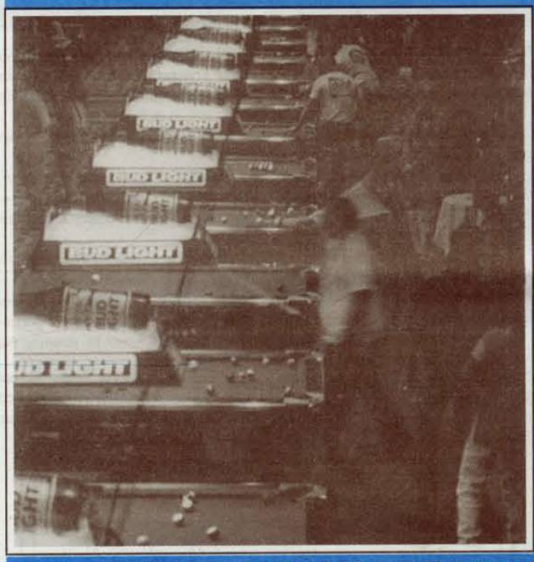

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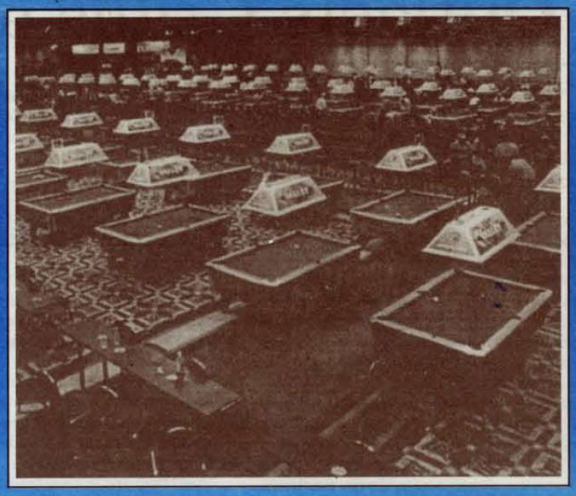

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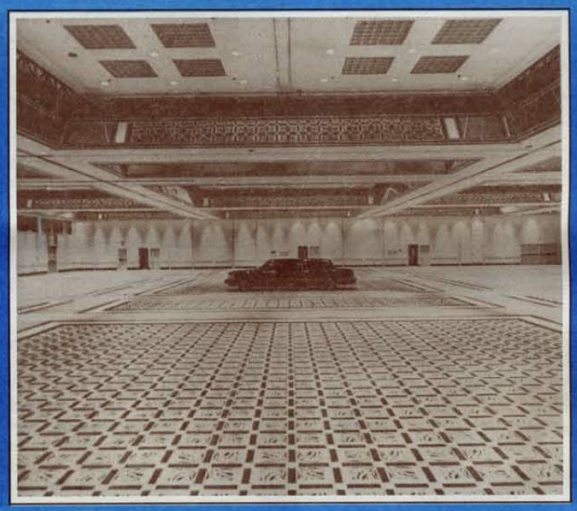

PLENTY OF SPACE. . .Picture depicts the vast area of the Riviera's Convention facilities

RELAXATION. . .The Riviera also offers an abundant form of recreational activity

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All Association 'The Riv' Is The T

By JOHN C
NBN Edit

AS VEGAS, NV-
USA!"

Who would have approximately 10 ye with the first *Valley* ... *International Champ* nation's largest gath ever assembled und

Nevertheless, no harmonious relation and among the various amateur pool bodies and centrally situated on the famous *"Las Vegas Strip"* of bustling activity.

What began as a prize fund of $75,000-$100,00 1989 at the *Riviera* has exploded into a three-prong ganza in which more than 15,000 participants desc combined five events each year in which more than by the three organizations involved.

That's right! $1.5 million in cash!

These pool bodies are the aforementioned *VN Association* and the *Billiard Congress of America.*

The *VNEA* and *BCA* hold their respective int championships during a five-week period in May-e new title sponsor *Camel* Brand of *R. J. Reynolds League Open* and *Ladies Division National 8-Ball Ball League* national events during each August.

Each of the organizations has more than 4,00 $500,00 in cash prizes during their respective tour

Not only was this reporter somewhat astounded player and prize money, but also curious as to wh have been able to maintain such a "mutual admira

What has caused this phenomena to evolve?

"We really enjoy doing the pool tournaments," we deal with are just great. The players who atten enjoy having them because they use all of the faci

What about the *VNEA, BCA* and *APA?* Do thes same view?

"The *Riviera* is a good place for us. For the mos best place for our players in Las Vegas," *VNEA E* said.

"It's homey. You don't get lost in there. It's like are reasonable. The shows are entertaining and reas located. All the main points are good about it. Whe much take over the hotel. It's a *VNEA* headquarter

Tournament Staff Director Edie Smith of the *A Riviera* is a plus. They try to keep it affordable for

That was only a small part of what Smith felt t

"The people at the *Riviera*, the convention sales s with the hotel are one of the main reasons the *APA* They accommodate us above and beyond what co

Another satisfied "customer" is John Lewis, lea *BCA*. This organization holds the annual *BCA No ships* at the *Riviera* each May.

"We're happy with the *Riviera* and apparently th is very reasonable in every respect for our players. T have planned for this event within their budgets *Riviera* are suited for them."

Looking toward the future these pool organizati the *Riviera* fits well into their proposed plans. A loc that should carry far forward.

A little history from the *BCA* is needed here to e Nevada desert oasis.

The *BCA* went to Las Vegas in 1992. Starting at t a three-year relationship, Lewis explained the prir establishing its national base.

See RIVIERA, Page 25

'Y USA' TO AMATEUR PLAY!

el, VNEA & APA

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—The Riviera Hotel: "Pool City

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the *Riviera Hotel and Casino,*
in this Southern Nevada hotspot

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amateur pool-playing extrava-
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host the combined *Camel Pool*
Championship and the *APA 9-*

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Riviera is happy also. The hotel
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nary reason for his organization

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'THE RIV' WILL EXPAND CONVENTION AREA IN 1998

The Riviera Hotel and Casino will begin a new "facelift" during 1998.

In order to accommodate the various conventions, trade shows and the pool playing bonanza during the months of May and August, the hotel will begin breaking ground for an additional area to its already expansive convention center of activity.

"We're going to add an additional 45,000 square feet of space to our Convention area," Catering and Convention Services Director Janice Paluzzi said.

"This additional space will help with all of our activities, such as conventions, trade shows and, of course, the many pool players who travel here for the tournaments in May and August.

"We expect to have this addition completed by November 1998. There also will by sky boxes so we can add concerts with this type of view for our patrons."

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Tape Review

Incardona's One Pocket Video Very Professional

By BOB HENNING

This reviewer liked the video very much, especially the production quality, content and organization. It is one of the better instructional products available in pool today and could serve well as a model for other aspiring producers.

Billy Incardona in his role as instructor and teacher comes across as knowledgeable, experienced and articulate. He expresses a commitment to impact the viewer's proficiency and then delivers the goods. One-pocket aficionados would be wise to acquire this tape.

Incardona opens with a dedication to the late Jack Breit. Also known as *Jersey Red,* Jack was well-known and respected in one-pocket circles.

Billy goes on to list other great players he has played, their strengths and what he has learned from each one. Some examples are the art of intimidation from Ronnie Allen, cueball control from Ed Kelly and the value of taking the intentional scratch from Jimmy Fusco.

The main thing he learned from playing Efren Reyes, he jokes, is to *not play him!* "He has no weaknesses—I felt like I was out in the desert at 150 degrees."

The first half of the video is devoted to what Billy calls the "essentials of playing one pocket": banking, kicking, when to take the intentional scratch, and concern for the speed of both object ball and cueball.

He expounds upon each of these elements and demonstrates numerous game situations that hinge on each. He shares his thought processes for each situation in a clear and straightforward manner.

In the segment on the intentional scratch, for instance, he analyzes the table layout in a logical fashion to determine the proper shot choice.

First, he gives the underlying strategy: "When you are in imminent danger of losing, you have to look for a way to survive. One sure way of surviving is to take the intentional scratch. Don't try to attack when you are out of position."

He evaluates all the other options for the situation and tells why each must be eliminated. He arrives at his shot decision with these words: "I understand what the possibilities are. I understand the percentages. I *must* take the intentional scratch.

The second half of the video is devoted to understanding the priorities inherent in *common sense* one pocket. Incardona clarifies such topics as when to be thinking offensively and what questions to ask yourself when you step to the table.

He outlines four specific questions that can determine the action needed at any given time.

For instance: if the answer to the first question, "Do I have a shot worthy of taking?" is yes, then you take that action. If the answer is no, then you move to the second question, and so on.

If you get all the way to question No. 4 and have not found a productive response, then you don't have an opportunity, you have a problem.

"But never give up without a fight,"

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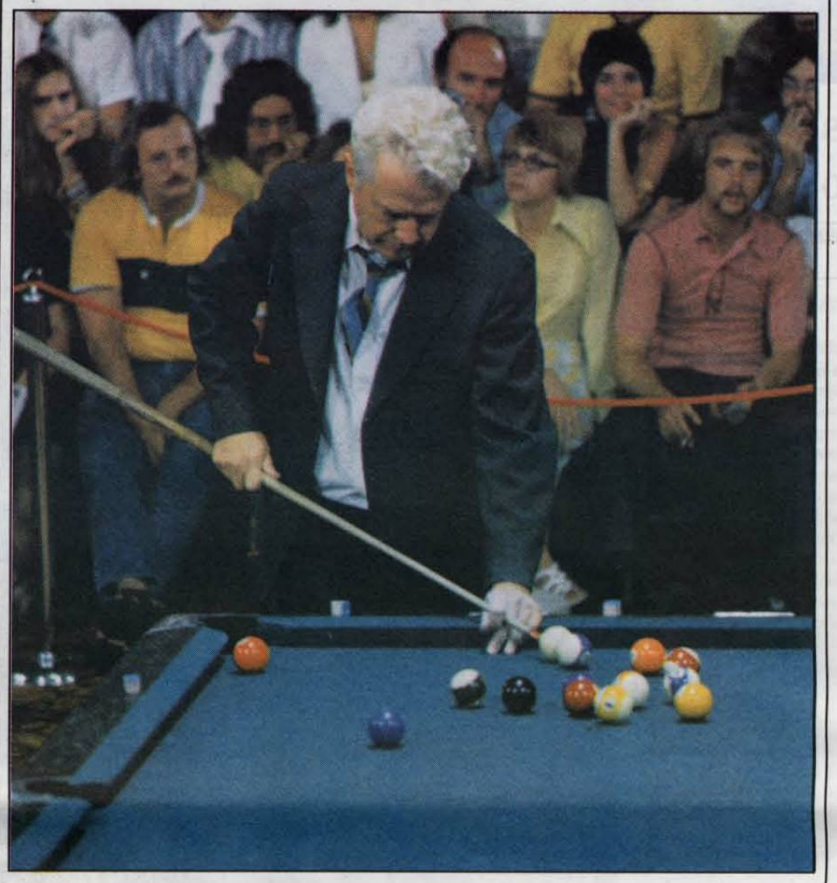
Do You Remember When. . .



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18 & UNDER
OPEN DIVISION

[Results of the 44-player field, including final position, player's name (age in parentheses), city and state represented, are as follows:]

Pos.	Name	City/State
1	Dan Clemencic (17)	Terre Haute, IN
2	Mike Patton (18)	Corbin, KY
3	Brad Weast (16)	Star City, AR
4	Shayne Waltrip (17)	Alice, TX
5-6	Carlo Capobianco (18)	Wantaugh, NY
5-6	Brandon Sluzalis (15)	Reading, PA
7-8	Kevin Brown (17)	Elkton, MD
7-8	Trevor Smith (17)	Parkville, MO
9-12	Bret Banwart (17)	Colo. Springs, CO
9-12	Nick Carpenter (16)	Carencro, LA
9-12	Jason Evans (18)	Beaumont, TX
9-12	Jason McPherson (16)	Owensboro, KY
13-16	Billy Ussery (18)	Archdale, NC
13-16	Billy Young (18)	Columbia, TN
13-16	Steve McQueen (18)	La Mesa, CA
13-16	Neal Jacos (15)	Northbrook, IL
17-24	Boone Wagner (17)	Columbia, MO
17-24	Josh Schmenk (17)	Ottawa Lake, MI
17-24	Vinson Barzilla (18)	Mesa, AZ
17-24	Mike Jung (16)	Fenton, MO
17-24	Casey Armor (17)	San Angelo, TX
17-24	Douglas Claybrook (16)	Vidor, TX
17-24	Matt Compton (17)	Lansing, MO
17-24	Chris Conrad (18)	Racine, WI
25-32	Michael Byers (16)	Gaffney, SC
25-32	Tony Ruberto (16)	Everett, MA
25-32	Marsh Williams (17)	San Carlos, CA
25-32	Adam Stanton (18)	Fairport, NY
25-32	Damian Alishan (16)	Salt Lake City, UT
25-32	Robert Willhoff (17)	Colo. Springs, CO
25-32	J. McCormick (16)	Drexel Hills, PA
25-32	Nick Smith (16)	Fountain, CO
33-44	Bob McGrath (17)	Washington, IL
33-44	Jon Warren (17)	San Francisco
33-44	Scott Southcomb (16)	Joliet, IL
33-44	Ruben Silva (16)	Colo. Springs, CO
33-44	David Cottis (18)	Savannah, GA
33-44	H. Lombardo (17)	WPalmBch, FL
33-44	Brad Hunt (18)	Shawnee, KS
33-44	Wally Bentley (16)	Streetsboro, OH
33-44	Rich Morales (17)	Northwood, OH
33-44	Michael Derr (17)	Boring, OR

18 & UNDER
GIRLS DIVISION

[Results of the 19-player field, including final position, players' names (age in parentheses), city and state represented, are as follows:]

Pos.	Name	City/State
1	Holly Sholes (17)	Okla. City, OK
2	Stacee Adkins (16)	Paducah, KY
3	Laura Lindauer (13)	Miami Beach, FL
4	Angelina Paglia (18)	Mesa, AZ
5-6	Heidi Bahnsen (16)	Oregon, OH
5-6	Jana Renee Carroll (14)	Texarcana, AR
7-8	Sarah Rousey (14)	Bloomington, IL
7-8	Desiree Marquez (16)	San Francisco
9-12	Christi Hardison (14)	Franklin, TN
9-12	Martha Bays (16)	Mountain City, TN
9-12	Keri Golden (18)	Sioux City, IA
9-12	Brenna Williams (18)	Tulsa, OK
13-16	Melissa Clark (16)	Olathe, KS
13-16	A. Lawrence (12)	Fostoria, OH
13-16	Jennifer Walker (17)	Glasgow, KY
13-16	JennWillhoff (15)	Colo. Springs, CO
17-19	Juliette Houtz (10)	Middletown, PA
17-19	Niki Rose (12)	Port Clinton, OH
17-19	Dawn Wagner (17)	Creve Couer, IL

14 & UNDER
OPEN DIVISION

[Results of the 30-player field, including final position, players' names (age in parentheses), city and state represented, are as follows:]

Pos.	Name	City/State
1	Jesse Bowman (14)	Moline, IL
2	Shane McMinn (13)	Tulsa, OK
3	Danny Mulhollen (14)	Jerome, PA
4	Dirk Vander Ploeg (13)	Jenison, MI
5-6	Josh O'Neal (13)	Gallatin, TN
5-6	Paul Hance (14)	Rohnert Park, CA
7-8	Jordee Palmeri (14)	Joppa, MD
7-8	Nathan Smith (12)	Fountain, CO
9-12	Mike Stewart (14)	Bellevue, OH
9-12	Ruztin Cortes (13)	San Francisco
9-12	Shawn Carroll (13)	Victoria, BC
9-12	Mike Minichello (13)	Everett, MA
13-16	Matt Jopling (14)	Cuba, MO
13-16	Josh Suits (14)	Eureka, IL
13-16	Matthew Gagne (14)	Mesa, AZ
13-16	Nealson Smith (13)	Colo. Springs, CO
17-24	Kyle Kelly (14)	Calgary, AL
17-24	Nico Ritz (12)	Calgary, AL
17-24	Justi Frei (13)	Sacramento, CA
17-24	Scott Burle (11)	St. Genevieve, MO
17-24	Bryan Fraser (14)	Mt. Home, AR
17-24	Nick Gutierrez (12)	Sacramento, CA
17-24	Chris Weast (14)	Star City, AR
17-24	Ken Carr (14)	Tomahawk, WI
25-30	Travis Tuggle (8)	Normal, IL
25-30	Gregory Way (13)	Littleton, CO
25-30	Chance Caswell (13)	Lincoln, MO
25-30	Sam Gilmer (11)	Starkville, MS
25-30	Joe Hauke (14)	Sandusky, OH
25-30	Haskell Brown (14)	Seymour, TN

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(Results of the top 16 finishers, including final position, players' names and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Prize
1	Dennis Searing	$1,300
2	Buddy Hall	900
3	John DiToro	700
4	Luis Viera	500
5-6	Bill Ferguson	400
5-6	Chris Lintschinger	400
7-8	C. M. Lee	300
7-8	Rob Melrose	300
9-12	Trevor Braymore	250
9-12	Morse Dugger	250
9-12	Steve Knoll	250
9-12	Barry Shaw	250
13-16	Jim Clay	200
13-16	Jeff Hughes	200
13-16	Paul Johnson	200
13-16	Andy Tennent	200

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29 PLAYERS

(Results of the top 8 finishers, including final position, players' names and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Prize
1	Kathy Sankey	$500
2	Marcy Horowitz	250
3	Tracy McCreary	200
4	Ming Ng	150
5-6	Ann Brown	75
5-6	Gladys Parra	75
7-8	Marvel Rossner	50
7-8	Debbie Alfrey	50

STOP NO. 6
C.M.'S PLACE
SEMINOLE, FL
AUG. 16-17, 1997
37 PLAYERS
$1,595 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

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

Pos.	Name	Prize
1	Ming Ng	525
2	Sabra MacArthur Beahn	250
3	Bonnie Coats	150
4	Maggie Ritzic	125
5-6	Sandy Hamor	100
5-6	Christina Fry	100
7-8	Teri Kelly	75
7-8	Angela Chafin	75
9-12	Tracy McCreary	50
9-12	Marcy Horowitz	50
9-12	Ann Brown	50
9-12	Michele Keller	50

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

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($30 ENTRY FEE)
57 PLAYERS
$4,130 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

Pos.	Name	Prize
1	Leil Gay	$1,480
2	Steve McAninch	900
3	Brandon Ashcraft	600
4	Tom Stathis	400
5-6	Mark Pratico	200
5-6	Norm Wines	200
7-8	Tim Lilek	75
7-8	Jim Engles	75
9-12	Jamie Ferrell	50
9-12	Arthur Zulueta	50
9-12	John Zaksas	50
9-12	Claude Marie	50

STOP NO. 19
SHARK KEY POOL CLUB
SOUTH EUCLID, OH
AUG. 23-24, 1997
32 PLAYERS
$30 ENTRY FEE
$2,680 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

(Results of the top 8 finishers, including final position, players' names and prize money won, are as follows:)

Pos.	Name	Prize
1	Steve McAninch	$1,150
2	Lyle Gay	700
3	Richie Richeson	400
4	Steve Barry	210
5-6	Brandon Ashcraft	70
5-6	Troy Frank	70
7-8	Angelo Ramos	40
7-8	Carl Burnett	40

NATIONAL NINE BALL TOUR — The Texas Express Promotions Group

NATIONAL 9-BALL TOUR
REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

[Results of the top 24 finishers (or less), including final position, players' names, bonus points accumulated and prize money won, are as follows:]

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SEPT. 25-28, 1997
86 PLAYERS
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OPEN DIVISION 9-BALL
$5,220 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Charles Williams	100	$1,250
2	James Henson	75	800
3	Richard Russoniello	50	520
4	Fred Congleton	30	350
5-6	Max Eberle	15	250
5-6	Henry Brodt	15	250
7-8	Reid Thompson	10	200
7-8	Brian O'Donnell	10	200
9-12	Gary Flanary	8	150
9-12	Giles Darr	8	150
9-12	Tom Vanover	8	150
9-12	Joe Cataldi	8	150
13-16	Chris Loar	6	100
13-16	Tommy Kay	6	100
13-16	Richard Keefe	6	100
13-16	David Smith	6	100
17-24	Hank Cotman	4	50
17-24	Troy Frank	4	50
17-24	Jimmy Endara	4	50
17-24	Jim McAdams	4	50
17-24	Penny Flammia	4	50
17-24	Kevin Bailey	4	50
17-24	William Elliott	4	50
17-24	Brian Halter	4	50

LADIES DIVISION 9-BALL
$850 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Linda Haywood	100	$475
2	Sue Alger	75	225
3	Lisa Thompson	50	100
4	Lani Kangrga	30	50

ACTION BILLIARDS
SALISBURY, MD
SEPT. 13-14, 1997
106 PLAYERS
$6,680 OVERALL PRIZE FUND
OPEN DIVISION 9-BALL
$5,730 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Russell Parsons	100	$1,350
2	Bill Anderson	75	900
3	David Smith	50	600
4	Richard Russoniello	30	450
5-6	Danny Green	15	300
5-6	Jose Garcia	15	300
7-8	Joe Cataldi	10	215
7-8	Mike Roberts	10	215
9-12	Jim McAdams	8	150
9-12	Andy Lincoln	8	150
9-12	Don Polo	8	150
9-12	Jerry Jones	8	150
13-16	Kevin West	6	100
13-16	Dave Bollman	6	100
13-16	Ronnie Park	6	100
13-16	Matt Krah	6	100
17-24	Allen Smith	4	50
17-24	Terry Cranell	4	50
17-24	Freddy Scott	4	50
17-24	Brian O'Donnell	4	50
17-24	Nick Bewley	4	50
17-24	Fred Congleton	4	50
17-24	Mike Armstrong	4	50
17-24	Dean Phillips	4	50

LADIES DIVISION 9-BALL
$950 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Linda Haywood	100	$500
2	Paula Brittingham	75	250
3	Amanda Page	50	150
4	Betty Roe	40	50

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59 PLAYERS
$3,270 OVERALL PRIZE FUND
OPEN DIVISION 9-BALL
$3,050 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Shannon Fitch	100	$900
2	Tony Watson	75	520
3	Dusty Leigh	50	350
4	Scott Lewis	30	250
5-6	Jeff Pruitt	15	150
5-6	Kenny Wilson	15	150
7-8	Patrick Tobin	10	115
7-8	Kenneth Clark	10	115
9-12	Brian Tyler	8	75
9-12	Joe Edmonds	8	75
9-12	Travis Latham	8	75
9-12	William Cloud	8	75
13-16	Frank Tullis	6	50
13-16	Ted Harris	6	50
13-16	Craig York	6	50
13-16	James Dean	6	50

LADIES DIVISION 9-BALL
$220 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Christy Smithers	100	$220

SIR GREGORY'S
SPRINGFIELD, MO
AUG. 23-24, 1997
65 PLAYERS
$4,800 OVERALL PRIZE FUND
OPEN DIVISION 9-BALL
$3,840 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	David Matlock	100	$1,100
2	Darren Everett	75	800
3	Coy Lee Nicholson	50	500
4	Greg Burke	30	370
5-6	Jeremy Vulgamore	15	225
5-6	Danny Harriman	15	225
7-8	Scott Frost	10	130
7-8	Ronnie Dyer	10	130
9-12	Dawayne Pearson	8	90
9-12	Rike Borgmeyer	8	90
9-12	Jeff Melton	8	90
9-12	Dwight Salts	8	90

LADIES DIVISION 9-BALL
$960 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Kimberly Kirk	100	$450
2	Julie Mason	75	260
3	Jeanne Halloran	50	180
4	Gail Lave	30	70

COPPER CABOOSE
LUBBOCK, TX
AUG. 16-17, 1997
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$5,950 OVERALL PRIZE FUND
OPEN DIVISION 9-BALL
$5,460 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Jesus (Chuey) Rivera	100	$1,200
2	Mike Gulyassy	75	800
3	Wildred Maestas	50	550
4	Billy Hicks	30	400
5-6	Jerry Powers	15	250
5-6	Joe Salazar	15	250
7-8	Andy Nejeres	10	200
7-8	Chris Walden	10	200
9-12	Louie Roybal	8	150
9-12	Tony Hinojosa	8	150
9-12	Mario Rodriguez	8	150
9-12	Dylan Weinheimer	8	150
13-16	Robert Newkirk	6	100
13-16	Cory Anderson	6	100
13-16	Pat Soto	6	100
13-16	Tom Anderson	6	100
17-24	Casey Armor	4	50
17-24	Royce Morton	4	50
17-24	Joe Perales	4	50
17-24	Joe Rendon	4	50
17-24	Matt Solis	4	50
17-24	Jose Flores	4	50
17-24	Mando Canales	4	50
17-24	Fred Charette	4	50

LADIES DIVISION 9-BALL
$490 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Melanie Koger	100	$280
2	Linda Lujan	50	140
3	Christy Barsky	30	70

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AUG. 16-17, 1997
65 PLAYERS
$5,450 OVERALL PRIZE FUND
OPEN DIVISION 9-BALL
$4,230 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Charles Williams	100	$1,200
2	James Henson	75	700
3	Jeremy Melber	50	475
4	Tommy Kennedy	30	325
5-6	Kevin Bailey	15	220
5-6	Fred Congleton	15	220
7-8	Giles Darr	10	165
7-8	Nick Mannino	10	165
9-12	Jimmy Endara	8	115
9-12	Penny Flammia	8	115
9-12	Chris Loar	8	115
9-12	Tom Vanover	8	115
13-16	Freddy Scott	6	75
13-16	Brian White	6	75
13-16	Brian O'Donnell	6	75
13-16	Max Eberle	6	75

LADIES DIVISION 9-BALL
$1,220 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Linda Haywood	100	$500
2	Julianne Hahn	75	300
3	Patti Jakusz	50	175
4	Margo Yoder	30	125
5-6	Heather Gray	15	60
5-6	Gail Boyd	15	60

CORNER POCKET
AMES, IA
AUG. 16-17, 1997
47 PLAYERS
$2,500 OVERALL PRIZE FUND
OPEN DIVISION 9-BALL
$2,170 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Greg Fix	100	$650
2	Scott Frost	75	450
3	Jeremy Vulgamore	50	330
4	Scott Hargens	30	220
5-6	Coy Lee Nicholson	15	160
5-6	Alan Benson	15	160
7-8	Gene Bell	10	100
7-8	Jeff Olney	10	1000

LADIES DIVISION 9-BALL
$330 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Julie Mason	100	200
2	Ginny Keeler	75	130

THE POOL ROOM
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
AUG. 2-3, 1997
38 PLAYERS
$4,640 OVERALL PRIZE FUND
OPEN DIVISION 9-BALL
$4,040 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Joe Salazar	100	$1,240
2	Cory Anderson	75	800
3	David Matlock	50	600
4	Garry Drennan	30	400
5-6	Billy Gannon	15	300
5-6	Marc Shelton	15	300
7-8	Jeremy Vulgamore	10	200
7-8	Mike Nagaki	10	200

LADIES DIVISION 9-BALL
$600 TOTAL PRIZE FUND

Pos.	Name	Pts.	Prize
1	Connie McBride	100	$400
2	Julie Mason	75	200

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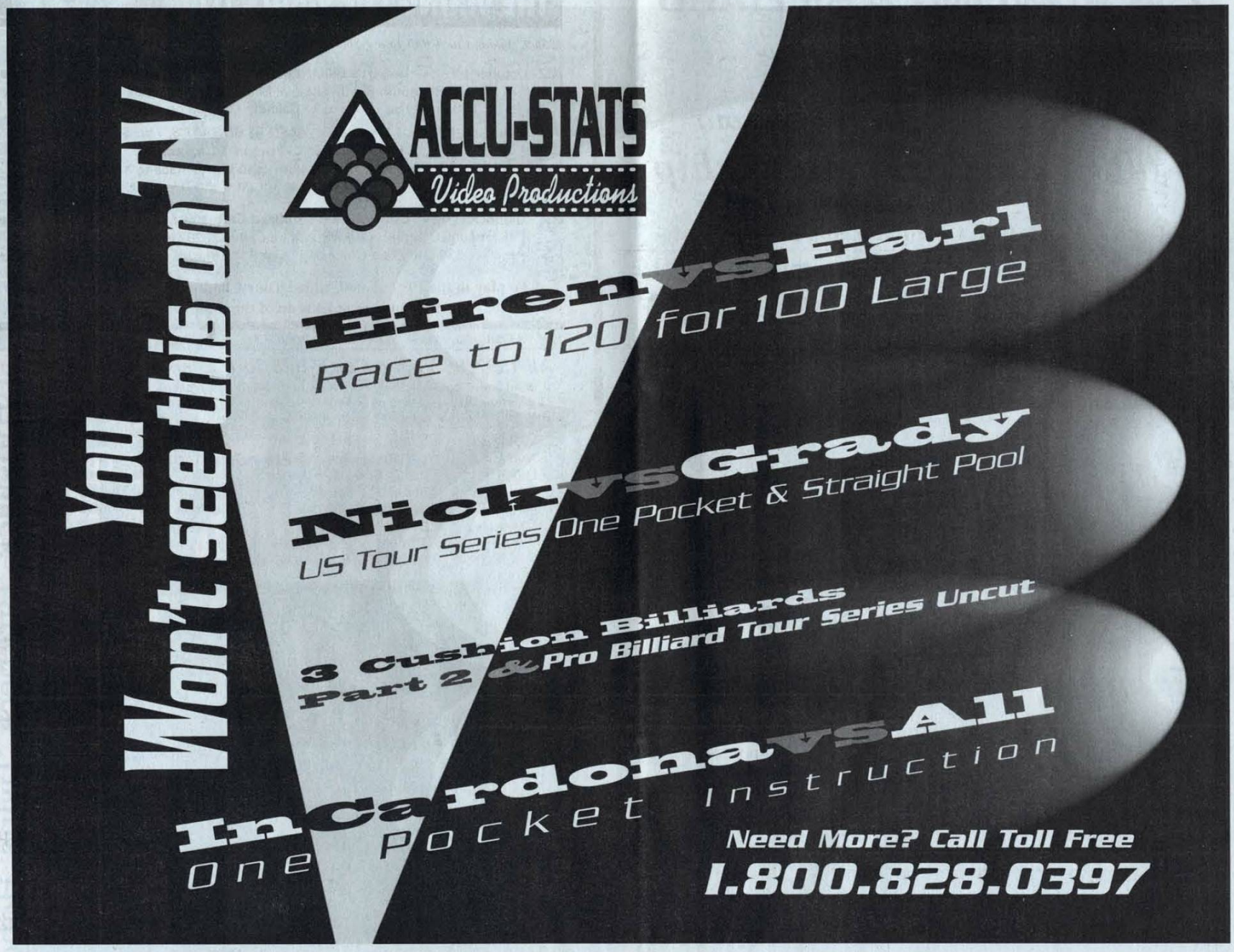
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Brunswick, Birkbeck 'Twins' Honor Three Major Billiard Publications

HORSHAM, PA—It was a gala "Oscar Night" for the billiard world Saturday, Aug. 23, 1997 when a capacity crowd of pool fans traveled far and wide to attend the *Brunswick Billiards "Superstar Extravaganza" Dinner Show* held at *Williamson Restaurant* in beautiful Horsham, PA.

The event saluted and honored three of pool's finest publications, *Billiards Digest, The National Billiard News* and *Pool & Billiard Magazine.*

"It was a truly elegant evening," said Jim Knox, president of *Brunswick Billiards.* The presence of the large crowd endorsed the extremely high respect the pool world has for the contribution these three publications have made to the world of pool.

"Brunswick Billiards was proud and honored to be part of this historical occasion," Knox added.

Brunswick and the Birkbeck *"Twins,"* Dan and Tom, who did a magnificent job promoting and producing the event, extend their thanks to all the co-sponsors, *Dufferin, Inc., Cue & Case, Williamson Restaurant* and *O'Neil Buick,* and all the companies and people who helped make this special event a reality.

The *Evening "Awards" Dinner* was highlighted by the presentation of special plaques by *Brunswick Billiards* to the publications. Knox presented the plaques to Mike Panozzo of *Billiards Digest,* Conrad Burkman of *The National Billiard News* and Harold Simonsen of *Pool & Billiard Magazine.*

Being presented with a beautiful *Brunswick Souvenir Program Book,* the guests were placed in an atmosphere of elegant dining that was supported by *Luncheon & Evening Pool Show* presentations.

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BRUNSWICK HONOREES—Dan and Tom Birkbeck, 'The Twins' and Brunswick Billiards honored the three major billiard publications. Accepting the awards, from left, Harold Simonsen, Pool & Billiard Magazine; Mike Panozzo, Billiards Digest and Conrad Burkman, The National Billiard News.

Both shows featured former *World Champions* Ray Martin, Nick Varner, Dallas West and Jim Rempe, with beautiful Ewa Mataya-Laurance putting on a sensational exhibition of trick shots.

The 12:30 p.m. *Luncheon Show* captured the eyes of all the guests as they focused on the *Brunswick Black Gold Crown.*

Charlie Ursitti, show director and game referee, racked the balls in place to start the show's activity that brought the teams of Martin and Varner to the table to challenge West and Rempe in a race-to-11 series of 9-ball matches.

Martin and Varner displayed the high level of cueball control that eventually over-powered West and Rempe, making Ray and Nick the victors of a

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Klemencic, Sholes, Bowman Win Championships

BCA National Jr. 9-Ball Event Emphasizes Education, Talent

OLATHE, KS—They came from all over the continent—94 players qualified through local billiard rooms in three divisions—for the *9th Annual BCA National Junior 9-Ball Championships* held July 24-26 at famous *Shooters Billiards* in Olathe, KS.

Many of them already were standout players in their own regions, but outstanding cue talent is only one of the prerequisites for gaining due recognition at the *Nationals!*

Scholarship is emphasized at this event and in most cases the players who have high academic goals exhibit the maturity and well-rounded games needed to claim the title at this, the most competitive and prestigious junior cue event on the continent!

High expectations had abounded for Moline, IL resident Jesse Bowman ever since he had placed second at age 9 in the *14 & Under Open* division and had followed with third-, second- and fourth-place finishes in subsequent years.

In this his last chance to claim *the National 14 & Under* title, the pressure was tough, but he came through in fairy-tale fashion.

On the 9-foot tables Bowman made it to the finals by blowing out Travis Tuggle (9-1) and Chris Weast (9-3), only to be directed to the losers' bracket in the third round by Dirk Vander Ploeg (6-9).

Regaining his momentum, Bowman proceeded to eliminate Ruztin Cortes (9-3), Jordee Palmeri (9-7), Josh O'Neal (9-7), Vander Ploeg (9-3) and Danny Mulhollen (9-4).

His finals opponent was Shane McMinn, at 13 the youngest of the hot young guns currently being produced out of Tulsa, OK.

McMinn raced through the win-

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ners' bracket with victories against Haskell Brown (9-8), Palmeri (9-6), Nathan Smith (9-5), O'Neal (9-8) and Mulhollen (9-2).

Bowman had to defeat McMinn twice for the title and the prospects looked bleak, as McMinn took a 5-3 lead in the first set of the true double-elimination tournament.

Bowman found his speed and clipped off six successive games to force the deciding set (9-5). The final set was a repeat as both players displayed professional skill and demeanor, but Bowman was on a mission and he joyously claimed the crown by another 9-5 margin.

The *18 & Under Girls* division was fairly predictable. Holly Sholes, who at age 17 in two short years has claimed the *North American Women's Amateur 8-Ball Championships* in both *Open* and *Masters* divisions, had finished only third in this event in 1996 (how good do these juniors play!).

Both Holly and reigning *National Champion* Stacee Adkins, a 16-year-old from Paducah, KY, were heavy favorites.

Sholes claimed the winners' bracket title by eclipsing Jennifer Walker (9-2), Laura Lindauer (9-4), Heidi Bahnsen (9-4) and Adkins (9-7).

Prior to her loss to Sholes, Adkins eliminated Allicia Lawrence (9-0), Brenna Williams (9-5) and Jana Renee Carroll (9-3) to reach the finals on the one-loss side.

She earned her chance to repeat as *National Junior 9-Ball Girls 14 & Under* champion with her 9-2 victory against Lindauer.

However, Sholes raced to a commanding 8-1 advantage in the overall finale, withstood a mild four-game surge by Adkins and finished out the match 9-5.

Sholes now has the distinction of being the first female ever to hold both the adult and junior national titles at the same time!

The *18 & Under Open* division proved to be nearly a repeat of 1996, despite 44 strong contenders.

Defending Champion Mike Patton of Corbin, KY excelled again by knocking off Wally Bentley (11-6), Vinson Barzille (11-4), Matt Compton (11-4), Bret Banwart (11-4), Carlo

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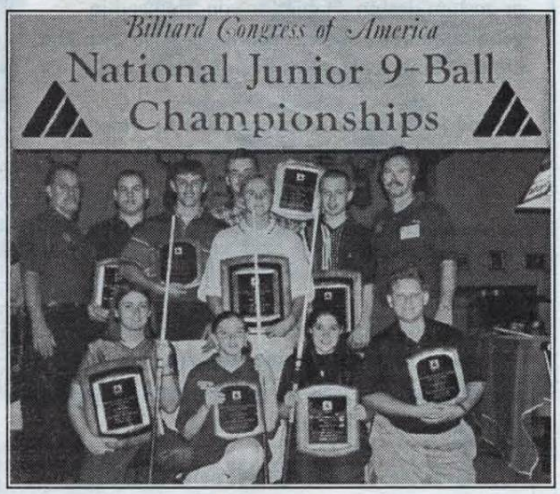

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BCA JR. 9-BALL WINNERS—National Junior 9-Ball Championship winners include: (kneeling from left) Holly Sholes (1st-18 & Under Girls), Laura Lindauer (3rd-18 & Under Girls), Stacee Adkins (2nd-18 & Under Girls) and Danny Mulhollen (3rd-14 & Under Open); (standing from left) BCA Leauge & Program Assistant Bruce Baker, Shane McMinn (2nd-14 & Under Open), Brad Weast (3rd-18 & Under Open), Mike Patton (2nd-18 & Under Open), Dan Klemencic (1st-18 & Under Open), Jesse Bowman (1st-14 & Under Open) and BCA League & Program Director John Lewis).

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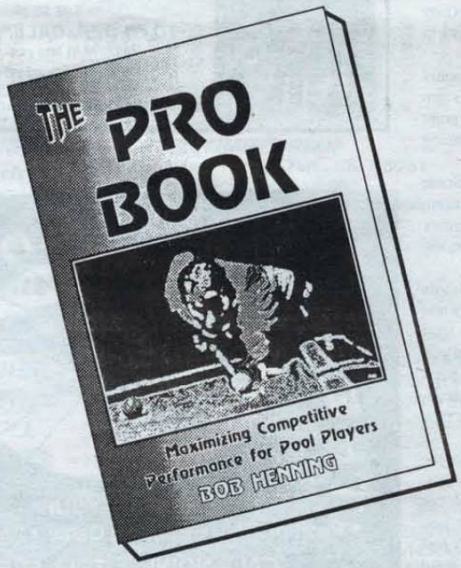

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Are You Letting Them Push Your Button?

By BEN G. CARRUTHERS

Part of the entertainment in watching a pool match is to observe and listen to the subtle attempts at intimidation that goes on between players.

Expert manipulators are students of human nature. They've studied their opponents and understand the weaknesses of each player they match up against.

It's called "sharking." It can be observed on every level of the game. At the amateur level it's barefaced. Among professionals it's more crafty.

The shift from social pool playing in the local pub, to tournament play in a major room is not an easy transition. Talent is important yes, but the recognition of your opponent's sharking tactics is also important.

Pool sharks will recognize the weak and gobble them up. As the man said, "It's a jungle out there."

We all can be stereotyped. Are you any of the following (or many of the following)?" If so, you can unburden yourself from some of the tactics of the expert manipulators (sharks) by recognizing their subtle comments to you.

Remember, in a jungle the enemy is seldom visible. What might seem like an unkind comment to you might be a naive remark by a well-meaning friend.

Not everyone is the enemy. Some of us are so burdened with self-esteem problems just about any casual remark will make us uneasy. In that case, the enemy is us.

That aside, expert manipulators have learned to hide in the bushes and use their techniques when you least expect them. If you are on guard you have less of a chance of falling prey. Here are some of the phrases and techniques you can expect and who they go after.

The Guilt Tripper: These are the shame 'n' blame people. Their conscience won't allow them to stray beyond their perception or other's perception of right and wrong. They feel shame if they deviate from accepted traditions and they blame themselves and others who drift from tradition.

Shark's Weapon: "I'm sure you didn't mean it but you moved that 4-ball with your sleeve." or, "I saw how you took that young person for all his money last night." or, "Do you always

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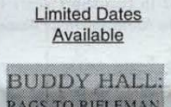

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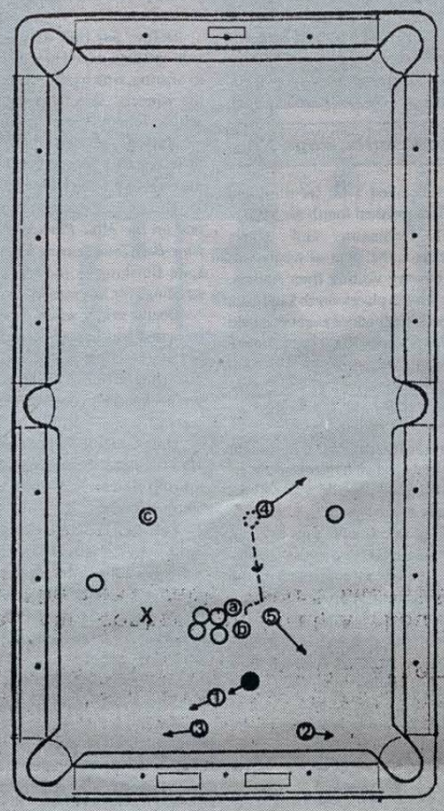

With this table layout you could use the 2- or 3-ball for a secondary break ball. The main reason I would rule against it here is because there are no loose balls close to either corner to serve as a safety ball.

A better way to play it would be to shoot the 1-, 2- and 3-balls as shown, trying to place the cueball close to point X for position on the 4-ball. This is your key to the 5-ball breakout shot.

Ball C is a good safety ball for this breakshot. You should try to stun the cueball after contacting ball A and then to ball B.

If not overpowered, the contact on ball A should move a potential break ball for the next rack toward the side and rear of the rack.

Rick Wright

Billiards Playground to Host Event Oct. 23-26

Competitive Field Expected for Fourth U.S. Open One Pocket Championships

KALAMAZOO, MI—Things are shaping up nicely for a successful *Fourth Annual U.S. Open One Pocket Tournament* at *Billiards Playground* in Kalamazoo, MI.

The event will take place Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 23-26, 1997.

The big change in this year's event is literally on the tables.

Matt Rosendaul, *Billiards Playground* owner and *U.S. Open One Pocket Tournament* promoter, responding to player demands has decided to not only recover the tables prior to the event, but also will be replacing the rails with new ones. . .and 4-1/2-inch pockets!

Notables to look for at this year's event include former champions Cliff Joyner, José Parica and Jayme Goodwin, as well as such one-pocket legends as inaugural *U.S. Open One Pocket Tournament* originator and tournament director Grady Mathews, Cecil Tugwell, Leonard *Bugs* Rucker, Steve Cook and Clarence *Bucky* Bell.

One of the younger players planning on fighting the smaller pockets is Michigan all-round competitor Richie Richeson, who gained notoriety with a high finish in last year's event.

There also will be a trick shot exhibition performed by *Fast Eddie* Parker, the man about whom the book and subsequent movie *The Hustler* depicted.

Look for this show to immediately precede the overall finals on Sunday evening.

Other extras for this year's tournament include custom cue displays and on-site cue repair.

So if you've been waiting for the right opportunity to speak to custom cuemakers and see some of their handiwork, or have a cue that needs minor repair, bring it along!

Rosendaul would like to thank everyone who has helped to make this event successful in the past, as well as those helping to ensure this and future year's successes.

Thanks to *Viking Cues*, Joel Hercek, *Pepsi Cola*, Conrad and John at *The National Billiard News* and all the players and fans who make the game of one pocket so much fun.

For more information regarding this year's event, see the full page ad on Page 11 of this issue of *NBN* or phone *Billiards Playground* at *616-372-7611*.

Viking 9-Ball Tour Will Expand to 36 Events in 1997-1998

CLEVELAND, OH—*Viking Cue 9-Ball Tour* originator Mike Janis has announced the 1997-1998 *Tour* will expand to 36 events.

Now in its third year and rapidly expanding, the current season consisted of 24 $1,000-added tournaments. The *Tour* will conclude in October with the $5,000-added *Tour Championship*, at which time all of the players who played in the regular tour events over the season will be invited to participate.

In the next season all 36 events will continue to be $1,000-added 9-ball tournaments. The *Tour* also will have a $5,000-added *Tour Championship* at the end of the season.

In addition, the *Viking Cue 9-Ball Tour* will begin a national *Tour* that will consist of eight $5,000 events in the new season and will take place at different billiard establishments throughout the country.

For a complete listing of the first third of the 1997-1998 season, please refer to the *Tournament Trails* section of this month's *NBN* on Page 4.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring an event for the 1997-1998 season or requests additional information regarding the *Viking Cue 9-Ball Tour*, those individuals are requested to contact Janis *at 1-800-200-POOL (7665).*

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win games by slopping in the 9-ball like that?"

The Perfectionist: Everything's got to be right for this "hero or zero" person. They reveal themselves when they begin picking nit from the table cloth. They aren't comfortable if all of the elements aren't right for their game: the background music, the temperature of the room, the aromas from the club's kitchen, the attire of their opponent.

Shark's Weapon: "Maybe I'm asking too much of you, but I'm going to play safe and put the cueball against the rail. . ." or, the expert manipulator will reach into his pocket for more quarters while The Perfectionist is on the 9-ball, or will do the classic unscrewing of the cue (if it's allowed) while The Perfectionist is on the 8-ball.

The Egoist: Some folks just never make a mistake. Their egos won't allow it. The expert manipulator loves to torment these virtuous types.

Shark's Weapon: The manipulator will turn his back during The Egoist's turn at the table and when The Egoist has missed a crucial shot, will shout from a distance, "Did you miss?" or, if The Egoist is out of the tournament, "Are you still on the winner's side. ?

The Conflict Avoider: Peace and coexistence is their aim. They are uncomfortable in defending themselves or others. In the end they are impotent communicators because they have experience only as doves, not as hawks.

Shark's Weapon: The aim of the Shark is to belittle the Conflict Avoider.

He'll use: "I'm sure you'll agree that. . ." or, "We have a problem. . ." or, "You may be right, but. . ." Or, if betting is involved, the manipulator

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Searing Outlasts Hall to Secure First Mali Florida Pro Tour Event of Season

MIAMI—It all came down to the 9-ball in the *hill-hill* match between Dennis Searing and Buddy Hall.

Searing was at the table and left himself "funny" on the 8-ball. He made it but was forced to play a safe on the 9-ball.

Hall tried a tough backward cut, missed it and left Searing with another hard shot. He made it, and in so doing, brought home only his second victory on the *Mali Florida Pro Nine-Ball Tour* since its beginning season.

Searing went home with $1,300 for his victory in the first tournament of the 1997-1998 season, held Sept. 6-7 at *SharpShooters* in Miami.

The tournament drew 61 players. Hall collected $900 for second. John

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DiToro received $700 for third and Luis Viera finished fourth for $500.

Bill Ferguson and Chris Lintschinger, the latter of whom was in the country visiting from Austria, tied for 5th-6th places worth $400 each from the $2,000-added event that paid through 16 places. Total prize money was $6,600.

"Uncharacteristically so, Buddy missed four 9-balls," Searing said about the final race-to-13.

"He was frozen to the rail, straight in and he kept hanging them, but he had a real good attitude about it. He was really a good sport."

Searing said he didn't get to shoot much because his break wasn't working well. "I kept making a ball on the break and getting hooked."

Nevertheless, Dennis reached *the hill* when Hall still was at 8 games. "Buddy had to string together four games so it could come down to the very last one," Searing said.

"I told DiToro he was going to be the person to beat," Searing said. "Johnny was annihilating everybody all weekend."

DiToro put Hall on the one-loss side and then joined him after his loss to Searing, which left Dennis alone on the winners' side. "I played perfect against Johnny," Searing said.

Hall played strongly against DiToro in their second match, earning the right to play Searing in the finals.

This tournament is only the second one on *the Mali Florida Pro Open Nine-Ball Tour* Searing has won, despite finishing in the top 10 in the standings for last season.

Dennis said it was a good tournament and was happy to see the number of spectators who showed up to watch the action. "There must have been a hundred people there," Searing said.

The youngest player ever on the *Mali Florida Pro Open Nine-Ball Tour* was Jeff Kotzenell, 10, who played at *SharpShooters*.

Kotzenell suffered two losses, 6-7 and 2-7. He came from Key Largo, FL, where his father owns a pool room.

After a Sept. 26-27 stop at *Palm Beach Billiards* in North Palm Beach, the *Tour* resumes Nov. 1-2 at *New Wave Billiards* in Miami.

Look for results of these and future *Mali Florida Pro Open Nine-Ball Tour* events monthly in *NBN*.

★★★

Sankey Collects First Mali Ladies Florida Tour Win

By SANDY HAMOR
Mali Ladies Tour Advisor

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL—The fifth stop on the *Mali Ladies Florida Tour* took place at *Captain's Billiards* July 26-27, 1997.

A field of 29 players posted the $40 entry fee, hoping to bring home the cash.

Those returning on the winners' bracket side for Sunday's final day of action were Kathy Sankey vs. Gladys Parra and *Florida Tour Coordinators/Tournament Directors* Tracy McCreary vs. Marcy Horowitz.

Playing on the one-loss side were Debbie Alfrey vs. Ann Brown and Ming Ng. vs. Marvel Rossner.

Horowitz bested fellow business part McCreary, sending her to the one-loss side.

Sankey battled it out with Parra, sending her over to the one-loss side.

Ng leaped ahead of Rossner and finished the match, winning 7-2.

Former professional golfer turned poolplayer Alfrey traded games with Brown, only to lose the *hill-hill* segment.

Horowitz and Sankey battled for the winners' bracket championship. with Horowitz turning the match in her favor, 9-7.

Meanwhile, Brown and McCreary traded games, finally reaching the hill. Ann missed a 2-9 combo. Tracy finished the rack for a 7-6 victory.

The most exciting match was a rematch between Ng and McCreary.

With the score 6-6, Ng missed a long 9-ball shot to allow Tracy to edge her, 7-6.

In the overall semifinals Sankey leaped ahead 8-6, but McCreary rallied to get to *hill-hill*. In the decisive game, Sankey pocketed the 9-ball and moved into the overall finals against Horowitz.

South Florida competitors Horowitz and Sankey alternated games to tie at 7. Sankey avenged an earlier defeat and won the event, 11-7.

She earned $500. Horowitz claimed $250 for second,

Congratulations to Sankey for her first win on the *Mali Ladies Florida Tour* and to both directors Horowitz and McCreary for their second- and third-place efforts.

Mali Florida Pro Open 9-Ball Tour Officials List Schedule for Season

MELBOURNE, FL—The *Mali Florida Pro Open Nine-Ball Tour* will include 16 stops during the 1997-1998 season.

Entry fees are $85 entry plus $15 registration for card holders. Non-card holder's entry is $100 plus $25 registration fee.

***Mali Florida Pro Open Nine-Ball Tour* membership cards are $50 per season and are available on site.**

Entries should be mailed in advance to Paul Johnson, *Southern Billiards Promotions, 201 N US1, D-8, Jupiter, FL 33477.*

Players also may enter at the tournament if space is available. Contact Johnson at *561-743-9501* or Joe Penna at *305-596-0588* for additional information.

The tournaments are played using *Texas Express* rules. Races are to 7 on Saturday with alternate breaks, and to 9 on Sunday with alternate breaks. Sunday's semifinals are a race-to-9 with winner-break and the finals are one race-to-13 with winner-break.

A dress code is in effect, with no hats, no jeans and no shorts. Collared shirts are required.

The 1997-1998 schedule is as follows:

Date	Location	Phone
Sept. 6-7, 1997	SharpShooters	305-596-0588
Sept. 26-27, 1997	Palm Beach Billiards	561-848-1180
Nov. 1-2, 1997	New Wave Billiards	305-220-4790
Nov. 15-16, 1997	Pocket's Billiards	813-843-0686
Nov. 22-23, 1997	Ozone Park Billiards	954-341-5458
Dec. 13-14, 1997	Planet 9-Ball	813-888-5966
Jan. 3-4, 1998	Bank Shot Billiards	352-867-8100
Jan. 17-18, 1998	Players Billiards Club	407-254-8067
Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 1998	Mizerak's Billiards	954-428-0990
Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 1998	Beach Club Billiards	407-933-0604
Mar. 14-15, 1998	County Line Billiards	305-652-0345
Apr. 4-5, 1998	Brown's Billiards	904-254-4763
Apr. 18-19, 1998	Town Billiards	941-433-1161
May 2-3, 1998	Kiss Shot Billiards	561-743-9501
May 23-24, 1998	CM's Place	813-398-4609
May 30-31, 1998	Bank Shot Billiards	352-867-8100
June 6-7, 1998	Art's Place	941-774-2250

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will hold off paying The Conflict Avoider for a win. When The Conflict Avoider approaches him (after 1 long wait) with, "Did you forget you owe me. . . ?, he will have achieved his purpose of humiliating The Conflict Avoider.

The Approval Seeker: These are the chameleons, changing their colors to suit the situations. They make excellent politicians. Because they shift their allegiance so quickly, it's not easy to pin them down.

Shark's Weapon: "The guys over here thought it was a bad hit. . ." or, "As I'm sure you know, the dress code states that. . ." The Approval Seekers are crafty people themselves and are slippery as watermelon seeds.

The Short Fuse Guy: You find a lot of these types at the pool club, and they are easily manipulated. If you are one, watch out!

Shark's Weapon: "We saw you miss that easy 8-ball shot last game. . ." or, "Didn't you move that cueball?"

After the Short Fuse Guy blows up, the expert manipulator will pretend to be injured. The Short Fuse Guy then becomes disarmed and the Shark takes command.

The People Pleaser: These are the "others oriented" people you know who will turn themselves inside out if necessary to please you and others. They are the "good guys."

They win popularity contests. They are novelties and pleasant to be with. They don't belong in the fast lane.

Shark's Weapon: No weapon is needed for these folks. They do themselves in. Their feet are full of bullet holes even before stepping into the poolroom.

But, if they get out of hand and start winning, the expert manipulator will draw them back to their place with, "You need this game. I know you won't let me down and miss that 9-ball. . ." or, "I can always count on you to get a ball in on the break. . ." (The People Pleaser's breaking cueball usually will fly off the table after an invitation like that. . .)

No one escapes the expert manipulator. If you recognize you're being manipulated, give thanks. Why? Sharks don't waste their energies on opponents who are not worth their manipulations.

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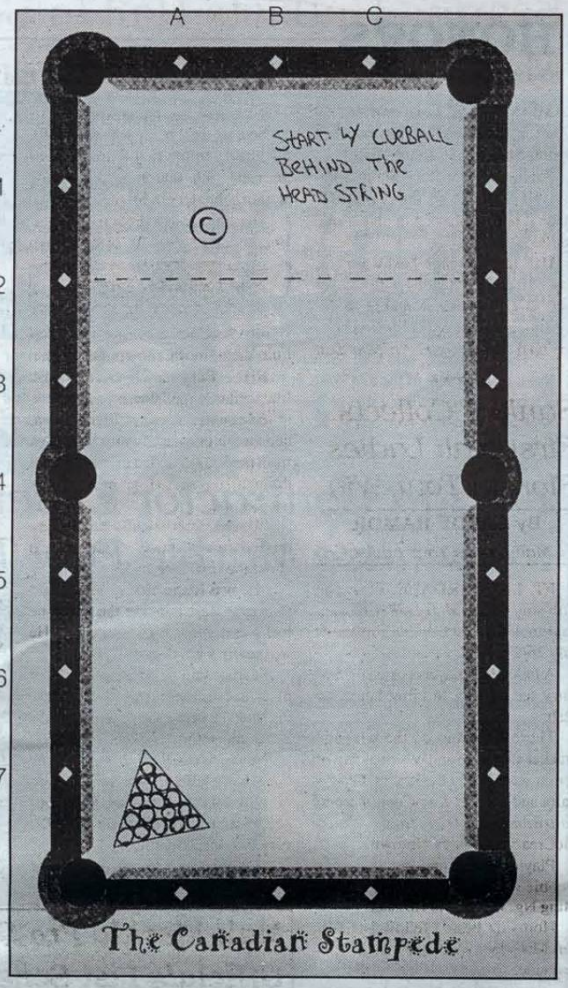
Billy says, just follow the five steps to handling a problem and use the most effective response, even if it is the lowest priority one of "taking the low-percentage shot or scrambling the balls.

Incardona reveals himself in this video as a very logical thinker and demonstrates why so many players have discovered him to be a formidable opponent.

He ends with a humorous story about *Jersey Red,* a fantastic kick back shot and another thorough acknowledgment of the people who have contributed to his game.

This is a very good and highly-recommended tape.



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"We felt we had what was a very successful event in Las Vegas, but we were in a habit of moving the national tournament around the country," Lewis added.

"We knew that the event was getting so large that it was becoming more difficult to deal with a new community and a new convention administration.

"After a couple of years at the *Sahara,* we outgrew that hotel," Lewis said.

"We wanted to look for a new site still in Las Vegas, one that could meet our space requirement and one that would be in the financial means of our players. The *Riviera* pretty much fit the bill.

"The one thing that made our decision much easier is we're a sanctioning body," Lewis added. "We found in order to set a stronger league base we needed some stability to start.

We needed to put n in one attractive location to identify with a strong league base and stay with that location.

"We would be able to identify the leagues that would sanction with us each year," Lewis said, "rather than have leagues drop out and then come back depending upon the location of the tournament.

"We're very, very happy with the *Riviera* in this respect."

Paluzzi of the *Riviera* echoes the feelings of all three of these organizations and adds:

"From September through April our business is conventions and trade shows. When they (pool players) come in it is a different and very relaxed atmosphere we enjoy.

"It's a break from the convention and trade show business."

Not only the amateurs have come to appreciate the amenities the *Riviera* has to offer.

This year the professionals joined forces, with Larry Kiger of *Sports Marketing Enterprises* helping to promote a *Riviera Pro Open 8-Ball Championship* in which *Camel* was prominent.

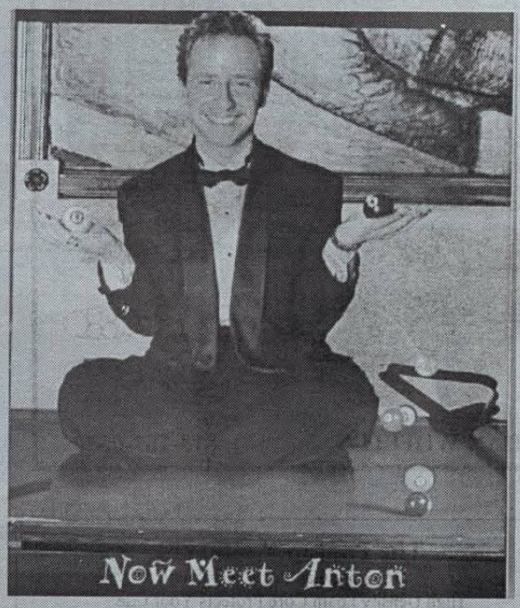
"These people hosted a couple of parties for their group," Paluzzi added. "It was very enjoyable for the all those involved and for the *Riviera Hotel."*

Where will all of this harmony between the pool players, the organizations and the *Riviera Hotel and Casino* lead?

"Our calendar is made up for the next five years," Smith of the *APA* said, "and we anticipate being there (at *The Riv)* for that period of time."

Yes, indeed, the *Riviera Hotel and Casino* seems to be *"Pool City USA!"*

Chef Anton



Welcome back to the latest delicacy in ***Chef Anton's Magical Menu of Pool Ball Wizardry.***

More exciting news. Bonnie (my wife) and I just finished playing on the Newly Wed Game. Do you want to know how we did? Believe it or not we. . .well, you'll have to watch the episode or read my column next month. What a tease!!!

This month's trick shot is not a trick shot. No, it is a betcha. In fact, I have already taken a lot of "Marks" with this original challenge sent to me by **Patrick Lee from Halifax, Nova Scotia.**

His betcha is seemingly simple but deceivingly difficult. What a great combination. . .I love the way this guy thinks.

Set up the balls as diagrammed. Now here are the rules:

1. You must shoot all of the balls into the same corner pocket where they are racked. (Seems simple, huh?)
2. Each time you shoot the cueball it counts as one point, regardless of the amount of balls you pocket.
3. You receive a penalty of one ball being spotted if you:
   A. Fail to pocket a ball in the correct pocket.
   B. Scratch. (cueball then goes in the kitchen)
   C. Pocket a ball in the wrong pocket.

Given the above rules, how many shots will it take to legally get all of the balls into the corner pocket?

You can start by offering bets of 20, 25, 30 shots and find out who is really named "Mark." You know the only difference between a man who can be had and a "Mark" is anyone can be had, but a "Mark" will be $50 he can't.

For the record, most "A" players can do it in 25-30 shots regularly. I've heard of two players who once made it in 14 shots. . .did I emphasize the word "once?"

Most average players will think they can do it in 25, but they will be hard-pressed to do it in less than 50. I think 45 is the correct over/under.

Congratulations to Patrick Lee of Nova Scotia for submitting such a great betcha. I hope you enjoy his submission as much as he has enjoyed my Free Video which he received.

Next month's winning betcha comes all the way from Switzerland. . .What a journey!!!

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I need your help. I am in search of learning every "betcha" in existence.

For example, the oldest pool betcha known to man is where three balls are balanced on the end rail in a pyramid configuration and you bet your mark you can hit the top ball without knocking it off the table and without touching the other two balls first.

This is exactly what I want. So if you know any "grifts," even if they do not apply to pool, send them to me immediately.

I will give an autographed video for every betcha sent to me I have not seen before.

If you are not sure if I have seen it or not, send it anyway.

Please mail your entries to: **Chef Anton's Trick Shot Contest, 6213 Sacramento AV, Alta Loma, CA 91701.**

Thanks and Bon Appetit.

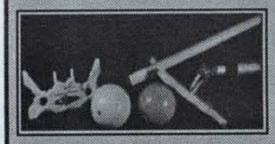
POOL GIZMOS & GADGETS

By RICHARD CARD

The product I'm reviewing has been around for several years. The product is called the *Stretch System.* You may have seen it on TV. Nikki Benish, *Women's Professional Billiard Association* touring player, has been using one for years.

The only thing I've found is you really need to try it. It is a great system. It enables you to reach impossible shots.

You know those shots: the object ball and the cueball are on the opposite sides and at the other end of the table. The object ball is behind a cluster of balls and the cueball is in the cluster. I can go on and on. Believe me, I speak from hard experience.



I will start by pointing out the different parts of the *Stretch System.* The bridge head was designed for several purposes. It has low grooves so you can apply draw. It has a string that goes around both sides (see diagram above).

As you stroke through the shot, the same motion brings up your cue. This will also bring up the bridge—out of the way of the rebounding cueball.

The bridge head adjusts to several angles. This feature is for shooting shots over other balls. The bridge extends from 29 to 94 inches.

This enables you to reach the harder shots at the other end of the table.

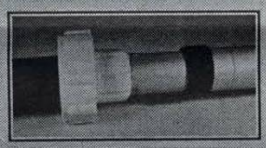
What I've already mentioned would make the *Stretch System* a great advantage to the user. But wait, there is more. . .it slices. . .dices. . ., no, I am just kidding.

There is more to the system. One more aspect is the cue extension. Yes, this extends the length of the cuestick. It attaches to the butt section of the cue by a compression fitting. Don't worry, it won't scratch your cue.

The cue extension is the part that will keep you in a normal stroking position. You can adjust the cue extension from 27 to 49 inches (see diagram below).

This device does take some getting used to. You have to practice using the system. Those to whom I have talked said, "It has *pulled their bacon out the fire* more than once."

Some of the comments I've heard said you come to rely on the *Stretch System.* I don't think this is true. In my opinion, the truth is so many things will affect your position play.



I will name a few: cloth on the table, how level the table is, rebound off the rails, old or new rails. . .I can go on and on. It seems only natural your position play may be off from time to time.

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to pull ahead.

Eventually Reyes reached the hill in the single race-to-15 contest and although Griffis was able to pull within 12-14, Efren ended matters in game No. 27.

Jones, the former *1994 BCA North American Amateur 8-Ball Champion* from Baytown, TX, registered one of his best finishes in only his eighth pro tournament.

Unfortunately, he had the dubious distinction of opposing Reyes twice at *Treasure Island Casino,* an occurrence more than the most experienced of professionals often cares to encounter.

Neverthess, Jones collected the third-place prize of $3,000, finishing just behind runner-up Griffis, who received $4,000.

Ellin's fourth-place share amounted to $2,500. He was followed by veterans Hopkins and Parica, recipients of $2,000 each for their 5th-6th places tie.

Wiley and Francisco Bustamante divided 7th-8th place prizes of $3,000, earning $1,500 apiece.

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very entertaining and delightful show.

Standing at attention in striking blue & white dress uniforms, the *913th Airlift Wing Honor Guard* from *Willow Grove Air Force Reserve Station,* Willow Grove, PA greeted the guests at the *Williamson Restaurant.*

The guard's appearance also set the stage for the opening ceremonies of the evening pool show with the presentation of the colors and the *Star Spangled Banner.*

Their presence, said Col. Richard Ross, *Commander* of the *913 Wing,* is a representation of our pride to have been a part of this memorable occasion.

Then, in turn, *Brunswick's* Knox and *"The Twins"* Tom and Dan Birkbeck expressed the billiard industry's salute and recognition of the *50th Anniversary* of the *United States Air Force.*

Tuxedo-dressed, the team of Martin and Varner challenged West and Rempe to an enjoyable and entertaining game of (14.1) straight pool with a race to 150 points.

Presenting an exhibition of pool at its highest level, the players' professional skill of cueball control was interlaced with showmanship, humor and communication with the audience.

Martin and Varner jumped out to a commanding lead of 79 points over an accumulation of 27 points for West and Rempe.

This was short-lived however, when West and Rempe ran a series of racks to catch up and finally pocketed the 150th ball for victory.

As the show drew to a close, the audience expressed its appreciation for a wonderful evening with generous applause.

"This overwhelming response to our *Dinner Show,"* Knox said, "is what pool is all about."

The success of this show contributes to *Brunswick's* interest to continue to sponsor and provide this prestigious type of pool entertainment for the enjoyment of the families, fans and players of this great sport. Hopefully, the company will be involved in these typs of efforts for a long time to come.

Florida Contractor Experiments With Innovative Marble Pool Table Design

By NBN STAFF

HOLLYWOOD, FL—Anthony Arculeo is a fourth-generation marble contractor who has been successful in applying marble to various substances and believes he has succeeded where others have failed.

His success, he claims, is to provide the billiard industry with a first-of-its-kind marble pool table.

"When I first began phoning different billiard companies to tell them of my product," Arculeo said, "I realized that many had tried and failed to finish a billiard table in genuine stone.

"Previous attempts using *slab* marble failed due to the excessive weight involved and because marble has a tendency to crack when applied directly to wood," he continued.

"Using the right backer (patent-pending), I've solved these problems without compromising playability. I've been successful in applying marble to various substrates in making bars, coffee tables, fireplaces and countertops.

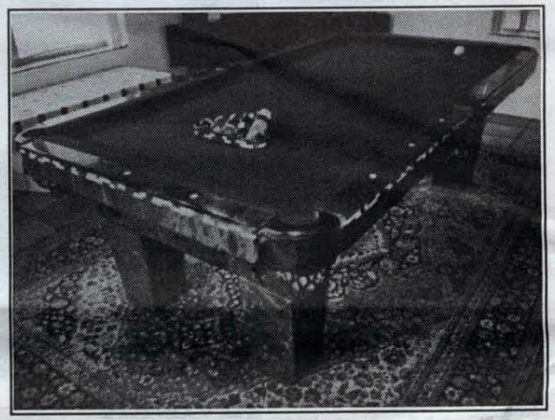
"When applied properly, the stone is impervious. It will not chip or crack from a miscued ball or cue stick. It will not fade, warp or decay for centuries.

"The marble is beveled and polished to 8500 grit/sq. in. and then treated to repel water. You could even put out a cigarette on it.

"A passing hand cannot feel joints or markers. Looking closely at polished marble, you see beyond the surface and into the stone. This is not the flat, two-dimensional look of *faux* marble or Formica, but the deep, rich look of genuine marble.

"I believe this table to be the first of its kind. I also understand companies that create *faux* or fake marble finishes cannot keep up with demands," concluded Arculeo, who owns and operates *Anthony Arculeo Tile and Marble Installations* in this Florida city.

Those interested in obtaining further information regarding this marble table can refer to the advertisement on Page 22 of this month's issue of *NBN* or phone Arculeo at *305-964-9646.*



MAGNIFICENT MARBLE. . .Innovative pool table design by Anthony Arculeo

Brunswick Billiards to Sponsor WPBA National 9-Ball Tourney

SIOUX CITY, IA—The *WPBA* is proud to announce *Brunswick Billiards* will be the title sponsor and table supplier to the *Women's Professional Billiard Association National 9-Ball Championships.*

Prize money for the 48-player field will increase to $85,000.

Brunswick Billiards is a long time supporter of the *WPBA,* the *Classic Billiards Tour* and many other billiard events.

Brunswick, now headed by *Brunswick Billiards President* Jim Knox and *Vice President* and *General Manager* Mark Stover, is a division of the *Brunswick Corporation.*

The company sponsors Ewa Mataya Laurance and has sponsored numerous professional tournaments, including the *U.S. Open 14.1* straight pool and *U.S. Open 9-Ball Championships,* as well as previous *WPBA Nationals* and the *Brunswick Munich Masters.*

Brunswick Billiards also is the major sponsor and official table for the *WPA World 9-Ball Championships* held this October in Chicago and was the official table for the historic *ESPN World Open 9-Ball Championships* and now in 1997 the official table sponsor of the *ESPN Ultimate 9-Ball Challenge.*

This is the 19th edition of the prestigious *WPBA Nationals* and promises to be the biggest and best ever with *ESPN* and *ESPN2* television coverage of the semifinal and finals to be broadcast at a later date.

The venue will be the *Treasure Island Resort* and *Casino,* situated near Red Wing, MN. Tournament dates are Dec. 4-7, 1997.

The *WPBA* also has secured a major sponsorship of the *Nationals* from *Viking Cues,* based in Madison, WI and headed by Gordon and Nancy Hart.

Viking Cues will be the presenting sponsor and will provide bridge sticks for use in the tournament..

The *WPBA* also thanks *McDermott Cues* for providing a new state-of-the-art electronic scoreboard for use at all future *WPBA* events as part of *McDermott's* scoreboard sponsorship of the *Brunswick National 9-Ball Championships.*

Tickets for the *Nationals* are available for the event. For information regarding tickets or any other aspect of the *WPBA Brunswick National 9-Ball Championships,* contact the *WPBA* office at 712-252-4789.

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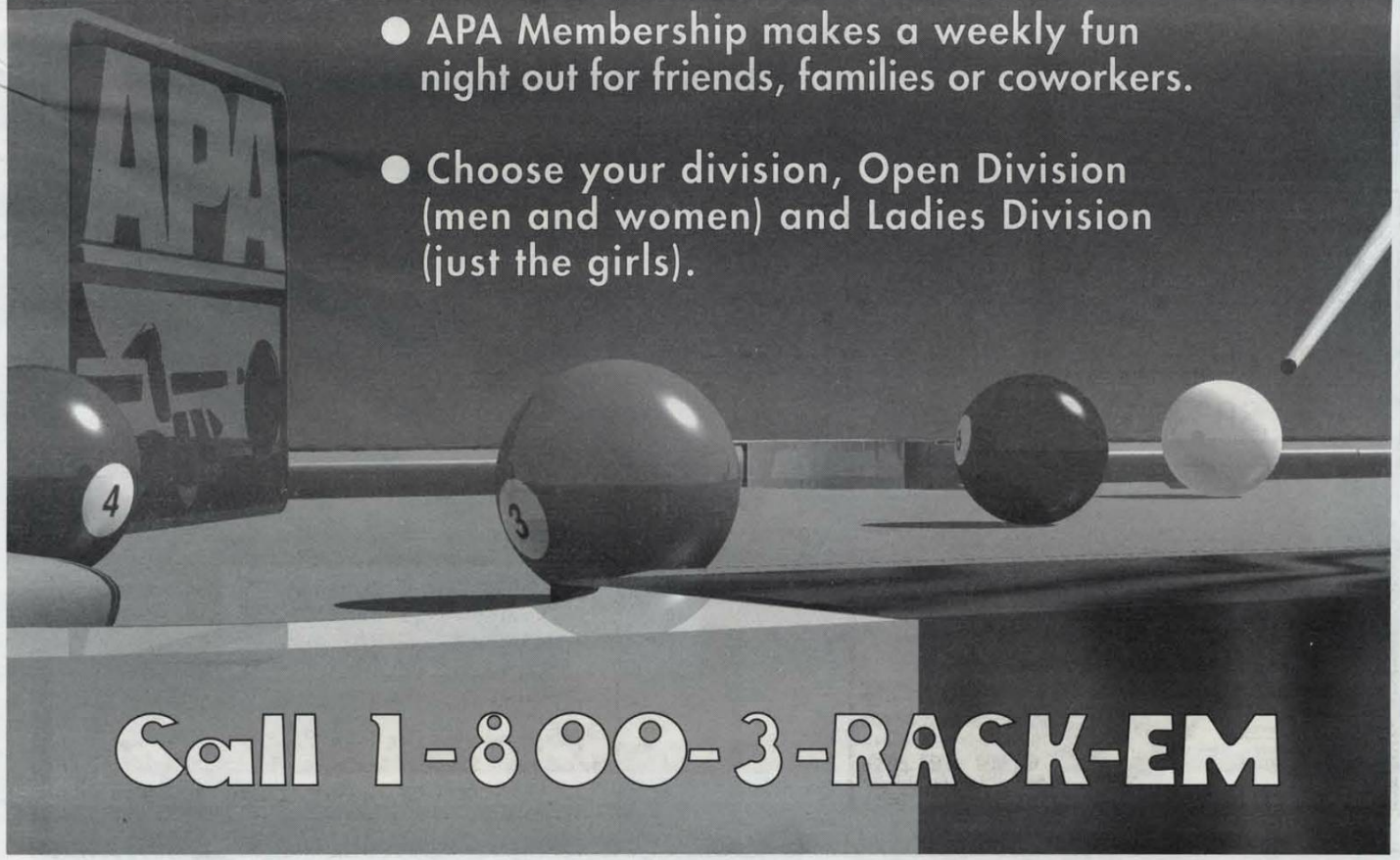

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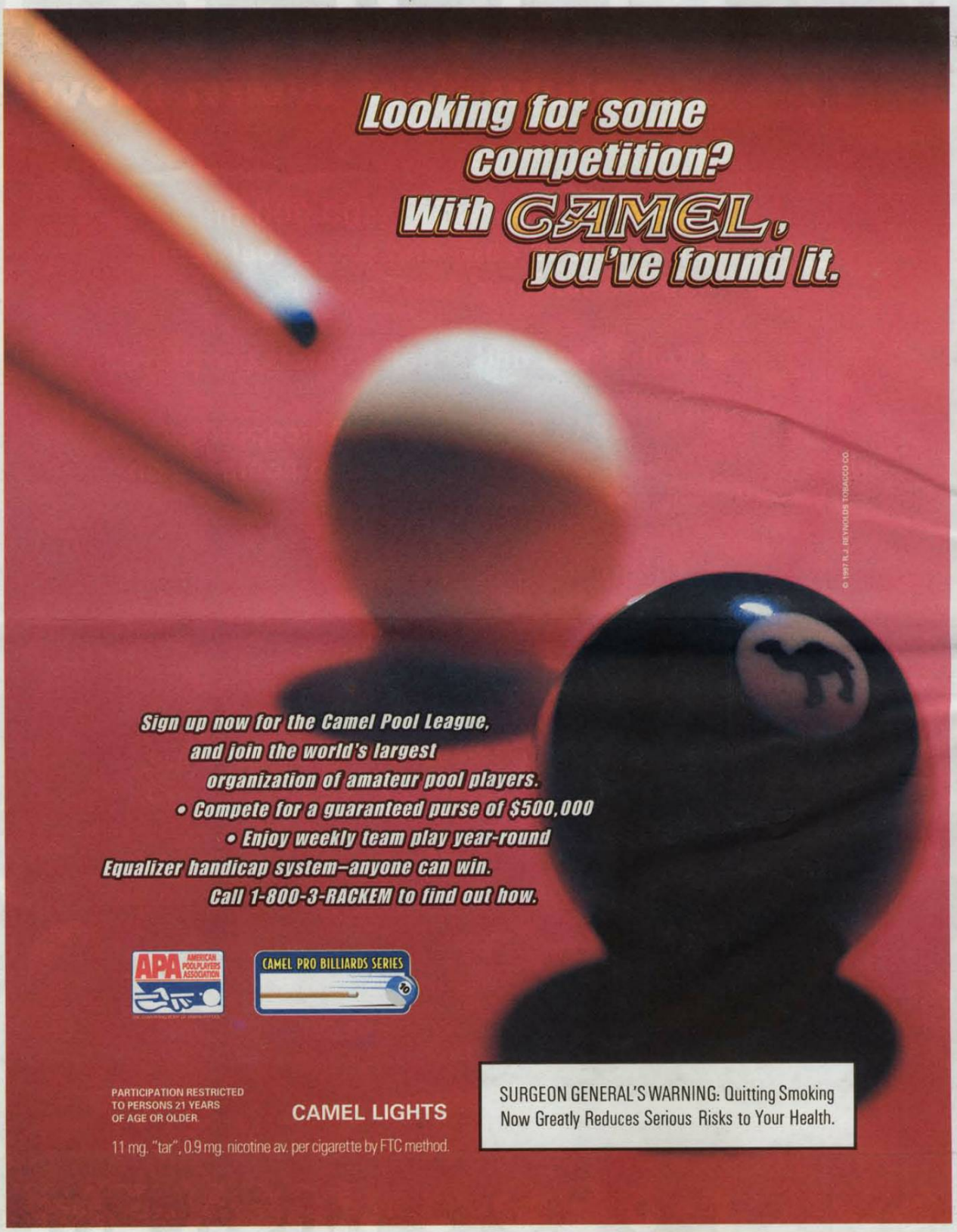
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