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## 25th Annual Allen Hopkins Super Billiards Expo by Ricky Bryant

The 25th annual Allen Hopkins Super Billiards Expo, SBX, was held at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, Pennsylvania, which is in the Valley Forge area. Allen's team is continuing to make changes to the event to give the best experience for the spectators. The spacing for the vendors was better than ever making it easier to shop and browse. There were two Pro Arenas one was open to general admission and the other was a paid venue, with all of the other events open to general admission. This year the Expo had over a hundred vendors, American Cuemakers Association Show and the TAP League Rally in the Valley, plus the following Pool and Billiards events:

**Pro Pool Diamond Events:** Open 10-Ball, Women's Open 9-Ball and Open 1-Pocket, Professor Q Ball 3-Cushion Qualifier for Nationals – Team Exhibition, Challenge Matches and Clinics, Open Pro-Am Bar Box 9-Ball  
**Amateur Events:** Open Amateur, Women's Division, Seniors Division, Super Seniors Division, JR Events: Juniors 17 & Under and Juniors 12 & Under

All events had full fields for a total of 2011 entries and a waiting list of players that wanted to play.

### Pro Events

The three Pro Championships were directed by Tournament Directory Doug Ennis and Frank Del Pizzo. The events were played on 9 foot Diamond tables with Simonis 860 Cloth and Aramith Tournament balls. A player can enter multiple events but due to time constraints if there is a conflict the player will select the match to forfeit.

### Diamond Open 10 Ball

There was a full field of 64 players with a \$500 entry fee. The format was non-call shot 10 ball, lag for the break then rack your own alternating break. If the 10 is made on the break it was not a win but spotted. The race was to 10, double elimination, until the final 16 players. The final 16 would play single elimination format, race to 13. The event was again a Mosconi Points event for the selection of the 2017 US Mosconi Team.

There was a full field but the 2016 Champion John Morra was not in attendance. There was no controversy this year, no one soft breaking and everyone was in agreement on the use of the mesale cue ball.

Saturday, after two days of play the final 16 was redrawn. The redraw paired 8 players from the no-loss side, (Jason Shaw, Johan Chua, Jeffrey De Luna, Earl Strickland, Yu Hsuan Kevin



Cheng, Carlo Blardo, Shane VanBoening, Sergio Rivas), against 8 players from the one-loss side, (Hunter Lombardo Mika Immonen, Dennis Orcollo, Dennis Hatch, Skyler Woodward, Darren Appleton. Lee Van Cortea, Oscar Dominguez). They played a single elimination format, race to 13. The first round of the single elimination final bracket was played Saturday night. The following were the match ups:

Jason Shaw over Hunter Lombardo, Johan Chua over Mika Immonen, Jeffrey De Luna over Dennis Orcollo, Dennis Hatch over Earl Strickland, Yu Hsuan Kevin Cheng over Skyler Woodward, Carlo Blardo over Darren Appleton, Shane VanBoening over Lee Van Corteza, and Oscar Dominguez over Sergio Rivas.

Sunday the field was down to 8 players:

Chua defeats Shaw (13-12), Hatch defeated De Luna (13-8), Biado defeated Cheng (13-8), VanBoening defeated Dominguez (13-5). The final four would see Chua eliminating Hatch 13-7 and VanBoening eliminating Biado 13-8. There would be a delay for the with the hopes of starting the finals of the 10-Ball and 9-Ball at the same time. But after some delay the 10-Ball started. Shane played determined working for his 6th win in the event He took the early lead and finished it off with a 13 to 9 win. Congratulations **Shane Van Boening** for his 6 Pro win at Super Billiards Expo and becoming the 2017 SBX Diamond 10-Ball Champion.



### ***Diamond Women's Open 9 Ball***

The Women's Open event was scheduled for two days, Saturday and Sunday. This was double elimination format race to 9 until the final 8, which would be single elimination race to 11. There was a full field of 32 players with a \$300 entry. This was rack your own, alternating break and the 9 on the break was not a win but spotted.

The redraw on Sunday would pair off four women from the no-loss side (Karen Corr, Brittany Bryant, Emily Duddy, Heather Cortez) against four women from the one loss side, (LoreeJon Hasson, Jennifer Barretta, Vivian Villarreal, Rhio Anna Flores). In this first round of single elimination, LoreeJon defeated Karen Corr, Vivian Villarreal defeated Brittany Bryant, Rhio Anne Flores defeated Emily Duddy and Jennifer Barretta. The finally four would see LoreeJon and Vivian in a tight battle going to the hill with LoreeJon winning. The other match looked like a run away with Flores on 9 going to 11 and Barretta 3 games back. But Barretta showed a lot of heart and composure as she kept taking down one game at a time. Barretta no give up play gave here the win over Flores 11 to 9.

This set the final which would be the last event to start. The match as close then LoreeJon took a lead. With LoreeJon needing just two games for the win when Barretta picked up her play. Jennifer was on a runout with the 8 and 9 the only remaining balls on the table. The 8 was on the rail and Jennifer missed the cut down the rail leaving an easy out for LoreeJon. The next rack would seal the deal for LoreeJon and crowning her Champion. Congratulations to **LoreeJon Hasson** the 2017 SBX Diamond Women's 9-Ball Champion.

### ***Diamond Open 1 Pocket***

The Diamond Open 1-Pocket event was scheduled for three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This was a single elimination format with 2 sets race to 3 and if tied a one game sudden

death playoff. There was a full field of 32 players with a \$225 entry. This was rack you own, alternating break. The matches were all played on the tables in Hall A, the main room of the Expo. These were free access for anyone with a general admission pass.



Sunday the field was down to 4 players, Darren Appleton, Adam Kielar, Derek Schwinger, and Vincent Cimorelli. Schwinger defeated Cimorelli, 3-1 and 3-1 to claim the first spot in the final. Darren would take the second spot in the final eliminating Kielar 3-1 and 3-1. Darren was the defending champion from 2016. Having been eliminated from the 10-ball on Saturday night Darren was more focused on the one pocket. The final match had Darren defeating Schwinger 3-1 and 3-0. Some say One Pocket is slow but was actually the first Pro event to finish at the 2017 SBX. Congratulations to **Darren Appleton** the 2016 SBX Diamond 1-Pocket Champion and his second SBX One-Pocket title.

### ***2017 SBX Payouts for Pro Events***

#### **10 Ball**

1st: \$10,000 & Trophy Shane Van Boening  
2nd: \$5000 Johan Chgua  
3/4th: \$3500 each Dennis Hatch & Carlo Biado

#### **Women's 9 Ball**

1st: \$5000 & Trophy LoreeJon Hasson  
2nd: \$2500 Jennifer Barretta  
3rd / 4th: \$1500 each Vivian Villarreal & Rhio Anna Flores

#### **One Pocket**

1st: \$1600 & Trophy Darren Appleton  
2nd: \$1200 Derek Schwinger  
3rd/4th: \$800 ea. Adam Kielar & Vincent Cimorelli



## 2017 SBX Allen Hopkins's Players Championships by Ricky Bryant

### SBX Amateur and Pro-Am Events

The Amateur Players Championships were managed by returning Tournament Directory Cecilia Strain. There are five events all with full fields; Pro-Am Bar Table (32 players), Open Amateur (1024 players), Women's Amateur (156 players), Senior Amateur (384 players) and Super Senior Amateur (164 players). The events are all 9- Ball, single elimination on Diamond 7 foot table (Bar Box). The Pro-Am was race to 6, best 2 out of 3 sets. The other four events were race to 5, best 2 out of 3 sets.

### Junior Events

The Junior Championships were managed by JR Tournament Director, Jessica Endara, daughter of Cecilia Strain. The 2017 Pennsylvania JR State 9- Ball Players Championship was partnered with the Billiard Education Foundation (BEF). There were two events 17 & Under (64 players) and 12 & Under (59 players). Entry was Free but required advance signup and each is limited to a maximum of 64 players. The winner of each event got a paid entry into the 2017 BEF Junior National 9- Ball Championship which will be in Las Vegas, NV August 2nd – 5th ([www.BilliardEducation.org](http://www.BilliardEducation.org)). Top finishers in each event also received pool accessory prizes donated by sponsors and vendors with first through fourth getting a cash prize. The format was single elimination, race to 4, best 2 out of 3 sets.



**Trenton White-2017  
Pennsylvania  
12 & Under Jr 9-Ball State  
Champion**



**Junior's 17 and Under Shane  
Wolford – 2017 Pennsylvania  
17 & under junior 9-ball state  
(1-TIME 12&U, 4-TIME 17&U)  
CHAMPION**

**Christopher Byers - Open  
Amateur Division  
- 1,024 Players –  
1st: \$5,000 & Trophy  
2nd: \$2,500 & Plaque  
3rd/4th: \$2,000 each  
5th-8th: \$1,500 each  
9th-16th: \$1,200 each  
17th-32nd: \$1,000 each  
33rd-64th: \$900 each**







**PRO-AM**  
**Billy Thorpe ,right,**  
**Pro-Am Barbox**  
**Champion**  
**Pro-Am Division**  
 - 32 Players –  
 1st: \$4,000 & Trophy  
 2nd: \$2,000  
 3rd/4th: \$1,000 each  
 5th-8th: \$500 each

**Oscar Bonilla left,**  
**Senior Division Winner**  
**Senior Amateur**  
**Division**  
 - 384 PLAYERS –  
 1st: \$3,000 & Trophy  
 2nd: \$1,700 & Plaque  
 3rd/4th: \$1,000 each  
 5th-8th: \$800 each  
 9th-16th: \$650 each  
 17th-32nd: \$500 each



**Lyn Wechsler,right,**  
**Super Senior Winner**  
**Super Senior Division**  
 - 164 PLAYERS –  
 1st: \$2,000 & Trophy  
 2nd: \$1,200 & Plaque  
 3rd/4th: \$800 each  
 5th-8th: \$500 each  
 9th-16th: \$350 each

**Briana Miller left,**  
**Women's Division**  
**Winner**  
**4-Time winner**  
**(3rd Consecutive)**

**Women's Division**  
 - 156 PLAYERS –  
 1st: \$1,800 & Trophy  
 2nd: \$1,200 & Plaque  
 3rd/4th: \$800 each  
 5th-8th: \$500 each  
 9th-16th: \$200 each





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## Chico Billiards Academy

by **Jacqueline Karol** • House Pro at Oais Bar & Grill Chico Ca.,  
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### Back to the Drawing Board...or Table

Here is a new way to analyze position play. You can do this with any layout or scenario. For example, let's use the "6-Ball Rotation Drill". Object balls #1 through #6 are all placed on the rails (top diagram) and must be shot in rotation in the corner pocket. A video of this can be found at [www.AngelOf-Billiards.com](http://www.AngelOf-Billiards.com), "Academy" tab, "Advanced Course" section. Get a box of colored chalk to draw on the table with. I like to use the corresponding colors to the balls. Surprisingly, the chalk comes out pretty easily. If you don't press down too hard, it also makes it much easier to brush or vacuum off the markings later.

First, draw 2 lines to show where the reasonable limits are that the cue ball could arrive in order to pocket the object ball and also allow you to get shape on the next ball. This will end up looking like a piece of pie or a triangle. Next, choose your ideal angle noted with an arrow pointing towards the shot. Third, put an "X" on the ideal angle line to denote the ideal distance that you want the cue ball to land in. Lastly, put a semi-circle on the side of the angle line that you rather error to (bottom diagram).

Do this with another player or a coach or student and discuss the reasons why you chose each thing. Then execute it. The act of actually drawing it and putting into a visual existence has really helped a lot of players.



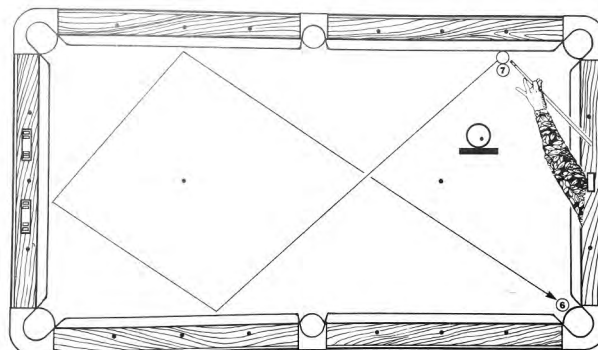
### Richie's Shot

by **Robert Byrne**

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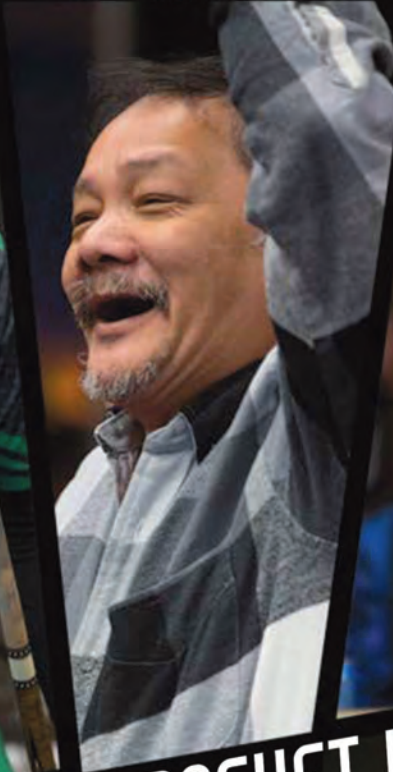
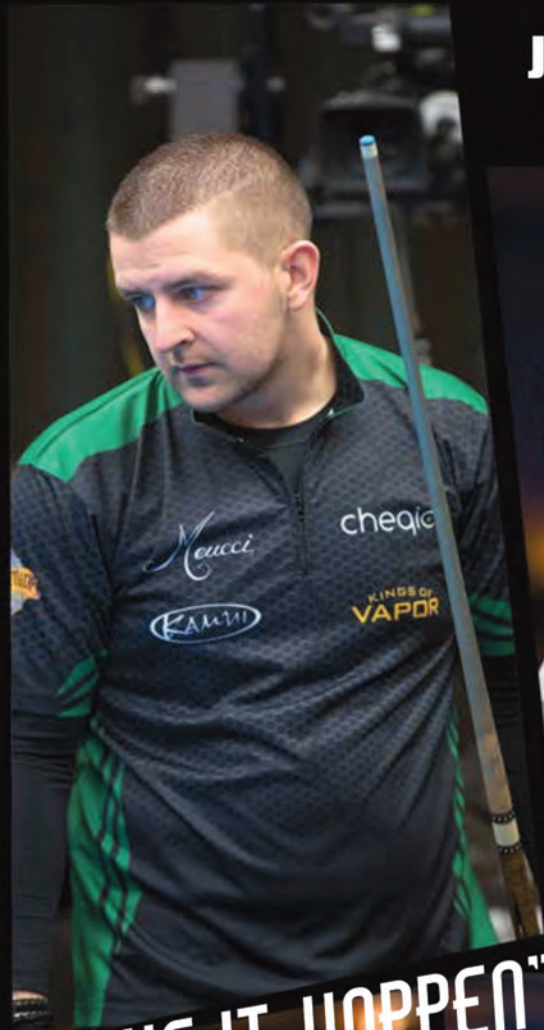


This was one of the late Richie Florence's favorite exhibition shots. To make it you have to be able to follow straight through to avoid fouling the 7-ball with your cue, and you have to shoot hard, not only to get around the table but also to avoid moving the 7-ball.

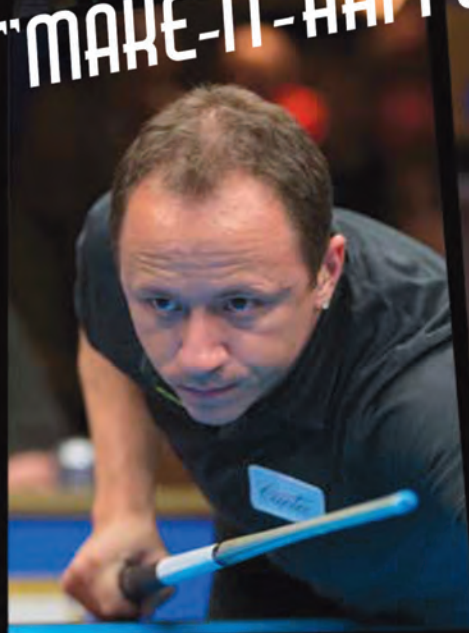


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## ***The Sweep is Real...***

### ***Deuel Dominates AndyClothUSA.com Wyoming Open***

#### ***Corey Deuel swept all three pro events during the historic 10th Wyoming Open***

**T**hey're going to have to start giving away participation trophies next year because of Corey". That was the statement made by former US Open Champion Rodney Morris, the player with the most success in Wyoming. The "Prince of Pool" Corey Deuel showed his mastery of all games as he took first place prize in the Masters 10-Ball, Masters Saratoga, and the Masters 8-Ball at the 10th AndyClothUSA.com Wyoming Open. But it wasn't the finals he expected in two of them.

The Wyoming Open consisted of 11 divisions of pro and amateur tournaments event that filled up with 300 players in the fields 6 weeks before the tournament date, a new record. The popular event features 8-Ball, 9-Ball, 10-Ball, Saratoga, the Women's WY Open, and the Wyoming State Junior Championships disciplines to be mastered at the 3 day Rocky Mountain pool extravaganza. In addition, the livestream was free and filmed by [www.OnTheRailTV.com](http://www.OnTheRailTV.com).

Mayor Ed J. Glode's 10th year of the Wyoming Open. A monumental accomplishment in billiards.

Local player Ruben Silva kept his hot streak of pros falling to his cue sword with a win over India's Raj Hundal this time. He had already previously defeated Johnny Archer and Rodney Morris twice in the Saratoga Masters. He cruised to the finals for a re-match with Deuel, the only pro he had not defeated yet.

Deuel's road was a bit tougher as he drew Danish Champion Peter Nielsen his first match, and then defeated Rodney Morris, before winning a hill-hill thriller over local Johnny Vasquez who defeated Johnny Archer earlier. After surviving that bout, he easily overcame Chris McDaniel to make his third consecutive finals.

The finals had a lot at stake. Deuel had the chance to be the first player to ever sweep all 3 pro events at the Wyoming Open, while Silva could win his first pro-am title and become one of the very few players not on the pro tour to ever win the Masters.

Deuel started off strong with a 3-1 lead. A botched shot gave Silva an easy game and then 2 break and runs turned the tide to 4-3 in his favor. The crowd was sensing an upset as the pressure was mounting. But a missed open shot in the next



**Corey Deuel and Mayor Ed J. Glode'**

game gave Deuel an opening. Corey however missed position and was left no open shot and it looked like Silva would be on the hill momentarily. Then Deuel took aim at an off angle combination down the rail the length of the table. An extremely difficult shot, especially with the match hanging in the balance. He made it.

Deuel then played defense the next match, and Silva clearly did not want to engage Corey in a strategic game, so he went for a very difficult out and nearly did it until he missed a straight in 8ball into the side pocket when the cueball rested near the rail. Deuel ran out and then broke and ran a difficult rack for the win.

"I didn't think Corey could get through that last rack", said Hundal impressed by the maneuvering of Deuel's cueball.

"I was frustrated when I missed position at 3-4 down. But I told myself to get over it, and I took on that tough combo. I really didn't have any other shot. I wasn't thinking about the three event sweep until today after I beat Rodney. I thought I had a good chance to do it because 8-Ball is one of my best games", said Deuel.

"I'm really happy. I've won my last 4 tournaments in a row starting back to Washington state last week. And this is the first time I've ever swept all the events at any tournament. So these trophies are definitely keepers!", finished Deuel.

# Precision – 9 Ways to Improve Right Now

by Tom Simpson, Founder, National Billiard Academy 614 975 8337  
Contributing Writer

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**W**e play one of the most precise games in the world. In pool, missing your aim angle by one or two degrees is sometimes enough to make you miss the shot. Missing position by a fraction of an inch can sometimes cost us a game.

**There is always a higher level of precision available.** You can pocket a ball, but a better player can pocket that ball in a specific portion of the pocket. You can get position for your next shot, but a better player can get closer position or a better angle. You have pretty good speed control, but guess what – somebody else has better, more precise speed control. So, one way to get better, no matter what your current level, is to find ways to become more precise. The following are nine physical things to check or try to move toward more precision:

**Flatter cue** – Sidespin makes the cueball curve. The more elevated the butt of your cue, and the more sidespin, the more curve. This is fine if you're planning on it, but devastating if you're not. Lots of good players know better, but don't realize they could elevate less. Get your stick down to a finger thickness above the rail whenever possible.

**Shorter bridge** – Think of your bridge as a fulcrum (a pivot point). Any side-to-side wobble error you might have in the back of your stroke shows up in side-to-side tip movement at the cueball. The further that pivot point is from the cueball, the more error shows up at impact. The pros get away with their long bridges because they have very straight, very grooved strokes. Sink about a million balls, and your stroke will be that straight too. Meanwhile, trade off some of that 16" bridge for some accuracy.

**Snug bridge** – Sure, you have a good, versatile closed loop bridge. But is it absolutely solid? Your bridge should be a rock. Once you are in position, it should have no motion and there should be no way for the stick to slip around in the bridge. You can make bridge improvements your whole pool career. Shake it a little, snug it in different ways, make it broad & stable, change your wrist angle a degree or two, put more pressure on it.

**Come to a full stop at the cueball** – Before you take your shot, come to a full stop at the front of your stroke and check your contact point on the cueball. Are you going to hit it precisely where you intended? You can see this much more

clearly when you stop. Adjust your bridge to make micro-corrections to the tip placement.

**Aim with tip close to cueball** – When you bring your tip near the cueball, make sure you are actually bringing the tip close to the ball. If you are three inches from the cueball, your judgment about where the tip is actually going to hit the ball is suspect. Since your swing is an arc (like a pendulum), the tip is not going to move forward in a straight line. The closer you bring your tip, the more likely you will hit where you think you'll hit. Test this by bringing the tip to a stop and then slowly pushing the stick forward until you touch the cueball. You might be astonished at how far away you were. Try for under an inch.

**Short stroke** – Long, swoopy strokes may be beautiful, but they are not easy to control. Sometimes it pays to take a very short hit stroke. If it's a difficult, high-pressure shot where speed is not a big concern, you might try the short stroke. It's harder to go off your aim line when the stroke is only a few inches. Make the ball.

**More athletic stance** – Your stance should be unwavering. Once you are in position, there should be zero motion in your stance. Many players are moving a little, and are not aware of it. Try taking a more athletic stance. More distance between your feet. No locked knee joints. No squatting. Reasonably balanced weight distribution side-to-side and front-to-back. Feel like a stable tripod.

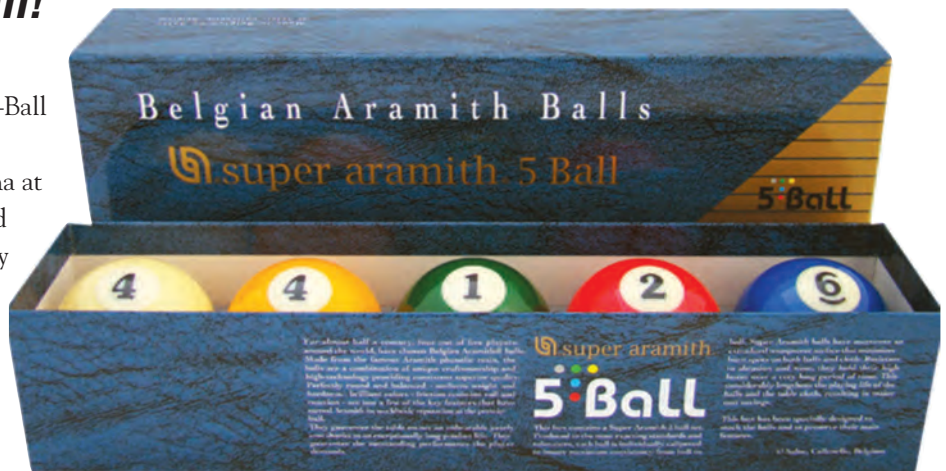
**Eyeglasses** – Yes, there is a good thing about eyeglasses. You can use the top of the frame or lenses to see when your eyes are off level. If your eyes are tilted, it's very hard to aim accurately. You may be surprised to see how much your head tilt varies.

**Tip shape** – Your tip shape (how curved is it) determines how much spin you get for how far the shaft is displaced from the center of the cueball. A dime radius tip (same curve as a dime and more sharply curved than a nickel) gives more spin with a given offset, but requires far more precision from the player to get consistent spin. It also takes more frequent maintenance to keep that shape. Use a nickel radius unless you are a very advanced player.



## Super Aramith 5 Ball!

On March 31, 2017 Professor-Q-Ball Promotions held a very special challenge in the 3-cushion arena at the Super Billiards Expo. Junior boys and girls plus their parents teamed up to enjoy an innovative “new carom game” called Super Aramith 5 Ball! Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman assisted Paul “Professor-Q-Ball” Frankel with an explanation of the rules and scoring.



It was obvious from the beginning shot that this unique game created a special bonding of competitive spirits and shared cue sport interest and fellowship. Each of the youthful competitors received a billiard glove supplied by Mazin Shooni, President of the USBA.

On April 1, 2017 several matches were also played with anyone in or near the 3-cushion arena. The unique game of 5 Ball drew the attention of dozens of players and fans that were eager to hit the colorful carom balls and garner a “new game” experience on the carom table. Each match provided a magnetic excitement for the players, plus a large audience watching the interaction of each player assured the enjoyment of each shot.



The novel game of Super Aramith 5 Ball was a “Super” hit at the “Super” Billiards Expo with all that participated, and several individuals purchased a set of balls to take back home and to share their challenge memories with their fellow billiard room players and friends!

Note: 5 Ball sets are produced by Aramith and are available from Paul “Professor-Q-Ball” Frankel by calling 901.210.7251 or by email: [paul@professorqball.com](mailto:paul@professorqball.com).

Enjoy the “Carom” Roll!



## Professor-Q-Ball Qualifier at SBE Sends 4 To Nationals

Once again 3-Cushion Billiards was prominently featured at the 2017 Allen Hopkins Super Billiards Expo. Held in Oaks, Pennsylvania from March 30 through April 2. Professor-Q-ball Promotions (Paul Frankel) presented a series of events all centered around 3-Cushion Billiards, culminating in a USBA National Qualifier tournament.

Twelve players entered the event at the SBE with the hope of winning one of four entries to the USBA 3-Cushion National Championship to be held June 6-11 at the Casino Del Resort in Tucson, Arizona.

The players were divided into two flights of six to play in round robin format. The top two players from each flight were awarded the free entry into the National Championship. In addition, the third place finishers in each flight received \$100. And each flight also awarded the player making the high run \$50.

In Flight A it was Tom Paley going undefeated to take first place with Ken Holstrom taking 2nd. Third place and \$100 went to Jairo Lenis. The high run of 4 was split among 5 players.

In Flight B it was Peter Hull first and Paul Frankel 2nd winning free entry into the Nationals. Third place and \$100 went to Tom Rossman. High Run of 5 was split between Peter Hull and Paul Frankel.

The Super Billiards Expo held each year by Allen Hopkins has been host to a number of great 3-Cushion events in the past. Besides the tournament, this year's event featured an introduction to the new carom game of 'Five Ball' which attracted many new players to the beautiful Gabriels tables that were brought in for the event.

And next year? Who knows what surprises Professor-Q-Ball has in store. Stay tuned.

**Ken Holstrom, top right  
Tom Paley 1st, right and  
Peter Hull 1st and  
Paul Frankel 2nd far right**

Group A	Paley	Holstrom	Cozza	Carpenter	Lenis	Warren	Wilcox	Total Points	Total Wins	Grand Average	High Run	Best Cue	Final Ranking
Paley		20	20	20	20	20	20	100	177	0.565	4	0.690	1
Holstrom	9		19	20	20	20	20	88	205	0.429	4	0.556	2
Cozza	10	20		20	15	16	20	81	174	0.466	3	0.541	5
Carpenter	6	7	19		20	16	20	68	210	0.324	4	0.385	6
Lenis	14	18	20	19		20	20	91	203	0.448	4	0.800	3
Warren	15	20	20	20	19		20	88	196	0.449	4	0.606	4
TOURNAMENT AVERAGE:													0.443

Group B	Palmer	Keskin	Rossmann	Hull	Hughes	Frankel	Wilcox	Total Points	Total Wins	Grand Average	High Run	Best Cue	Final Ranking
Palmer		20	20	20	16	20	20	85	161	0.528	4	1.000	4
Keskin	11		20	18	20	20	20	77	178	0.433	4	0.588	5
Rossmann	11	16		20	20	20	20	87	169	0.515	4	0.645	3
Hull	20	20	17		18	20	20	95	169	0.562	5	0.833	1
Hughes	8	14	12	20		20	20	58	162	0.358	4	0.435	6
Frankel	20	20	16	14	20		20	90	142	0.634	5	0.952	2
TOURNAMENT AVERAGE:													0.502





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### 2017 American Cuemakers Association Awards by Ricky Bryant

This marked the 25th year of the Super Billiards Expo and the 23rd year for the ACA event. There were three presentations at the annual member's dinner which is held at the Super Billiards Expo. The ACA has two main sponsors Diamond Pool Tables and Simonis Cloth. The dinner is attended by the members who are some of the best Cuemakers in the United States. The annual membership meeting follows the dinner.

The first presentation was Cue Maker of the Year which was presented to Stephen James of Joss Cues of Towson Maryland. Stephen started with Joss in 1979 when he was 18 years old. He has learned the trade from his dad. Dan James was one of the founders of Joss Cues in 1968. Dan and Stephen still work side by side in the shop. Joss cues were chosen for the film "The Color of Money", even the cue passed off in the movie as a "Balabushka" is really a Joss.



**Pete Tonkin, Brandon Jacoby, Joe Pechauer, Stephen James, and Chris Nitti**

The second presentation was the Annual People's Choice Cue Award which is actually three awards. This is presented for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place or as the emcee says Win – Place – Show! The cue makers make something special to put on display at the Expo each year and visitors to the ACA booth vote for their choices. Every year the competition gets tougher, there were eleven cues entered this year.

Third place went to Tonkin of Tonkin Custom Cues, second place went to Brandon Jacoby of Jacoby Custom Cues, first place and Cue of the year went to **J. Pechauer Custom Cues**.

The third presentation was Cuemakers Cue Choice Award. The voting was done by the ACA members based on the same cues entered in the People's Choice competition. The award was a tie and went to Pete Tonkin of Tonkin Custom Cues, Willow Creek, California and Nitti Custom Billiard Cues, Orlando, Florida.

Congratulations to everyone and to learn more about the ACA visit the web site [www.cuemakers.org](http://www.cuemakers.org)

# Professor's National Tournament Directory

## APRIL 8 - 9

### Hippo's Billiards

Yorkville NY 315 768-0218

\$1,500 Added

Entry fee Pro \$120

Non Pro \$70

Joss 9-Ball Tour

## APRIL 15

### The Club House

Lynchburg, GA

434 239-7665

Q-City 9-Ball Tour

## APRIL 15

### Carom Café Billiards

Flushing Queens

646 528-3238

USA Snooker Tour

## APRIL 16

### Mickey Milligan's Sports Bar

New Bern, NC

252 637-3711

\$250 Added

Alternate Break

Q-City 9-Ball Tour

## APRIL 22

### Diamond Billiards

Midlothian, Va

804 794-8787

Q-City 9-Ball Tour

## APRIL 22-23

### Southaven Recreation

Southaven, MS.

\$50 Entry (Includes green fee)

,Ladies get 2 on the wire, \$1,000

added-Bar tables

Jake Waymire-901-216-5786

## APRIL 13-16

### Big Tyme Billiards-Spring, TX

5th Annual Big Tyme Classic

\$8,000 Added

Guaranteed

Open 9-Ball- 128 Players Max

\$50 Entry-Diamond Bar tables,

Billy Sharp:

281 288-0800

## APRIL 26

### Steinway Billiards

Astoria. NY-

718 472-2124

\$1,000 added 9-Ball

Tri-State Tour

## APRIL 28-30

### CR's Sports Bar

Coon Rapids, MN

Upper Midwest

PRO-AM

\$6,000 Guaranteed added , 8-Ball

Limited to 16 players, \$2,000 Guar-

anteed added

10-Ball Limited to 32 players,

Contact Jerry: 612 240-1018

## APRIL 29-30

### Markley Billiards

Norristown, PA.

610 278-1595

JPNEWT Winner receives paid

qualifier spot to NAPT

Division 1 Pro Event

## APRIL 30

### Amazin Billiards

Malden, MA

248 910-4466

\$200 Added Stop 9

Ride the 9 Tour

## MAY 6

### Skinny Bob's Billiards

Round Rock,Tx (512) 733-1111

Open & Amateur

9-Ball

\$1,000 Added

Lone Star Billiard Tour

## MAY 6

### Q-Master Billiards

757 499-8900

\$500 added

Q-City 9-Ball Tour

## MAY 7, 2017

### Stix & Stones

800 Brockton Ave.,

Abington, MA 02351

339.788.9381

Glori,Tour Director 401 212-2112

Ride the 9 Tour

## MAY 13

### Mr Cues II

Atlanta, GA

770 454-7665

\$500 Added

Guaranteed

Q-City 9-Ball Tour

## MAY 20-21

### First Break Café

Sterling, VA 703 444-2551

JPNEWT Winner receives paid

qualifier spot to NAPT

Division 1 Pro Event

## MAY 20-21

### Season Finale

### Bo's Bar & Billiards

33 Lambert Lind Hwy

Warwick, RI 401.732.7665

\$2,500.00 added (must qualify)

Glori,Tour Director

Ride the 9 Tour 401 212-2112

## JUNE 3-4

### Snookers Billiards

Providence, RI

401 351-7665

Entry fee Pro \$120

Non Pro \$70

\$1,500/\$500 Added

Joss Tour

## JUNE 8-11

### Sandcastle Billiards

Edison, NJ- 732 632-9277

Accu-Stats You Make It Happen

One Pocket- see ad on page 19

## JUNE 10-11

### Bogies Billiards

Houston, TX

281 821-4544

Open & Amateur

9-Ball

\$1,000 Added

Lone Star Billiard Tour

## JUNE 24-25

### Champion Billiards Sports Bar

5205 Buckeystown Pike

Frederick, MD- 301-846-0089

Winner receives a paid qualifier

spot to

NAPT Division 1 Pro Event

## JULY 17-19

### Griff's

3650 S Decatur Blvd

Las Vegas 702-222-1011

US Open 10-Ball Championship

WPA Points Event!, Mosconi

Cup Points Event!, Prize Money

\$10,000 Added, Winner's Prize

\$15,000

## JULY 19 - 29

### 41st BCAPL

### National Championships

Las Vegas

Prize Money \$800,000

Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino

3700 W. Flamingo Road

## AUGUST 23 -27

### 6-Pockets Billiards

Decatur, Al 256 686-3171

Southeastern 9-Ball Champi-

onship

\$5,000 Added

Entry \$100 -Includes Green

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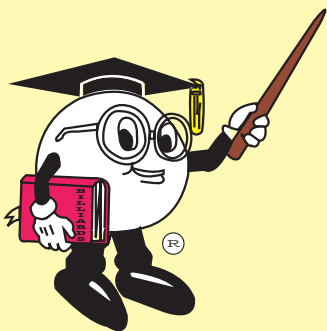
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