

50th Missouri 8-Ball Tournament Results

Singles, Sept. 28/29 & Team Oct. 5/6, 2002



Hard to believe that Mo-8-Ball turned the big Five-Oh. Well, actually, at three meetings per year that would be only 17 years that Rusty has been with us. Just a kid, just a kid. Looking at it from that angle it doesn't make him or us whom have been around from the beginning seem as old does it. After the next tournament (51st) it will be a full 17 years. At present it is the second longest running 8-Ball league in the area but can legitimately claim the most active members. Your participation is greatly appreciated and acknowledged. Thanks for staying with us.

All-Star Singles Results

As always due to the summer season many regular members took off this session. But we still had more teams and players than anticipated. There were 142 qualifiers that signed up for the singles event that was held at Teachers. And it was another great showdown. In fact, I would have to do some research, I believe this is the first time since the format was changed several years ago that two 'AA' players met for the finals. Just about the time you think you've seen it all, huh?

After receiving a bye for the opening round, Jerry Terbrock took off like Matt Dillon was after him. Maybe the Marshal of Dodge City wasn't but several sharpshooting bounty hunters were. Those who were out to waylay Mr. Terbrock soon found themselves a shallow plot in boot hill, and the place was filling up fast. They came at him hard and they came at him fast. He was forced into battle after hard nose battle until there was only one left to face. His opponents were very capable of taking him out but J.T. out shot and outsmarted them at every turn.

Runout Rich Sager is fast on the draw as everyone knows, but today was not his day and Sager was the first to head south. Hillsboro, Missouri badman Kenny Vaughn was next on the list followed by the High Sheriff Paul Verhulst. Big Chuck Lenceski, whom has been known to bulldoze his way through walls, didn't get off a shot against the quickness of Jerry Terbrock. Another brave soul came out of the shadows in the form of Larry Foust. Jerry was fast and Jerry was determined and Larry went down in a hail of shots like those before him. Terbrock dropped opponents as fast as Doc Holliday dropped the McLowery's at the O.K. Corral. One could get the impression that he had a high-profile date waiting in the next County. But there still was one more very determined adversary to face down. Until that time arrived Jerry was seen preparing his equipment and taking a few shots of Red-eye.

California Bob was defeated his first round going down to Rich Sager. That set up the match between Jerry and Rich. As they were shooting it out Bob was waiting to see which one he would face as they all are in the 'A' and 'AA' divisions. Jerry was victorious and the Rich and Bob show was on once again. California Bob returned the compliment and sent Sager packing to the other end of the building where he was last seen picking on some unsuspecting pigeon.

Being on the one-loss side isn't where many players yearn to display their talents but you sure get to rack up a lot of table time. After disposing of Runout Rich, Bob toppled 'Fast Train' DeWayne Joliff then kicked out Kenny Vaughn. He smoked Steve Monko, edged out Paul Verhulst and creamed Kurt 'Slick' Liliensiek.

Chuck 'the Ice Cream Man' Lenceski had the best chance of advancing by knocking Bob out. The match had the railbirds' attention from the beginning. Chuck opened the first game by making the '8' ball on the break sending it into the side pocket. Chuck didn't make a ball on the next break and Bob methodically ran out for a 1-1 tie. In the third game Bob was on his way out when he attempted to cut a ball into the side pocket. The ball came to rest on the lip and died. Neither the object ball nor the cue ball touched a rail and the Ice Cream man's eyes lit up like he had just received an order for a dozen banana splits and a two-pint Blizzard.

Perhaps the thought of knocking California Bob out of the tournament got too overwhelming? Maybe the adrenaline over reacted and ran rapid as he approached the table? Excitement set in. Chuck had Bob by the short ones and only four solids lying about for the pickings. But something happened (and we've all been there). This was not a good time to have a meltdown. Lenceski made the first ball and got a little out of line for the second shot. Big Chuck missed the next shot. Bob's remaining two stripes were straight in. Chuck had to settle for 5th place money, which isn't bad for a field of 142 players.

Given a new lease on life Bob faced his next foe, Mac McDonald. When the smoke had cleared California Bob sustained a real Mac attack. McDonald put up a very good front but was forced to settle for fourth place cash. The ever-tenacious California Bob was still standing. Only Larry Foust stood in his way to once again meet the man who put him on this rough uphill road. A few minutes later Larry was history. There is no doubt that this was Larry's finest moment in the Missouri 8-Ball tournaments. Consigned to a third place finish was Larry's fate. Not bad for the highest placing 'C' player of the weekend.

If Bob could pull it off it would be the fourth time he became the 'man'. Missouri 8-Ball history was going to be rewritten irrespective of the outcome. To date only three players have won this grueling race to two event three times. But Mr. Terbrock had different ideas. Bob, of course, would have to defeat Jerry twice to take the title. With the score tied 1-1 in the first set, Bob was playing a side rail safety. The shot was hit too lightly and the object ball failed to make contact with the rail and Terbrock received cue ball in hand.

Jerry pocketed the first ball, ran the cue ball into his last ball separating it from the '8', and got out from there. It was a great match and as usual a great tournament. California Bob made believers of those who may have thought he was way off his game. By winning nine tough matches in a row Bob came in with a very respectable second place finish. It was the fifth time that California Bob finished this high, three firsts and two seconds.

It was great theater. And Jerry Terbrock, always the gentleman, received a very gracious round of applause from the spectators. Congratulations to Jerry and all participants.

Top 12 places with prize money

1.	Jerry Terbrock	'AA'	\$ 750.00 & Trophy	7/8.	Kurt Liliensiek	'B'	125.00
2.	Bob Strachan	'AA'	550.00 & Trophy	7/8.	Joe Kimble	'C'	125.00
3.	Larry Foust	'C'	425.00 & Trophy	9/12.	Paul Verhulst	'BB'	75.00
4.	Mac McDonald	'CC'	300.00	9/12.	Waddell Whitehead	'B'	75.00
5/6.	Chuck Lenceski	'B'	200.00	9/12.	Al Delaloye	'CC'	75.00
5/6.	Kurt Sellman	'B'	200.00	9/12.	Tim Auclair	'C'	<u>75.00</u>
							\$ 2,975.00

4-Player Team Results

It was a semi-rematch for the championship from the 4-player divisions. I say semi-rematch because Classic's was there with their entire team from last session. Ten-Mile House sat out the session as did Blarney Stone so Dock Rockers met Classic's and took out the event. But, half of the Dock Rockers were from Blarney Stone. Did these guys think they were pulling a fast one? No, not really. It was another case of some members from Blarney Stone decided to sit out the summer session and some wanted to play. So they joined forces with a few others and played out of Dock Rockers.

Terri Gerber's Classic's team opened with a convincing 9-4 win over Airport Billiards and followed that up with a 9-4 victory over Pat and Roses. From the bottom half of the board while the two Players Pub teams drew each other, Dock Rockers got a free ride into round two.

As usual Players Pubsters gave each other fits, as the final tally was 9-8, Bob Bohn's guys coming out on top. Practicing on the sidelines, the Rockers stayed in stroke and put together a 9-4 job over Players Pub to meet Classic's in the finals.

Dock Rockers continued their fine shooting by jumping out to a 3-1 lead after round one. They split rounds two and three to hold on to a 7-5 lead. Classic's made it close by winning the first game in round four but the Rockers rocked their boat with the next two for a 9-6 final.

Congratulations to Dock Rockers Captain Mike Kissel and teammates Rick McBride (SC), Mike Nejelski, Jim Davidson, Joe Curlee and Dave Collins. See ya next time.

Champions: Dock Rockers \$1,000 and Trophy. Second: Classic's (Terri) \$300.

5-Player Team Results

How many times has it been mentioned? It is tough to repeat as champions. Dock Rockers took out the 4-player division and a new comer, a team of very determined guys and gals, Just Bill's Place, shot their way through a 28-team field to become the 5-player champions.

Saturday's competition began at high noon. Three matches were on the schedule and the four teams that prevailed would be back for the finals Sunday. From flight #1 JP's Sports Bar faced stiff competition. They defeated Bartman's 11-6, Teacher's Billiards 11-7 and squeaked out an 11-9 victory over Victor Day's Action Billiards team.

From flight #2 Wayne's Action Billiard guys began with an 11-2 win over Hotshots, followed that up with an 11-7 victory over former champs Olde Bridge Inn and ended the day with an 11-9 squeaker over Brett's Classic's team.

Flight #3 Just Bill's Place took on the ever tough Mr. T's from Hillsboro defeating them 11-5, moved hard on Hazzards, also 11-5, before playing another tough set against Players Pub. The double hill match went 12-11 and Just Bill's Place was just in coming back Sunday.

Flight #4 saw the gang from Wedge come out determined to make a noted stand. They knocked off Fucifinos, 11-9, made it closer against Filling Station, 11-10, and put the finishing touches on 21 Rock, 12-8.

Ironically the same 12-9 score was the outcome of both of Sunday's opening matches. JP's Sports Bar knocked out Action Billiards and Just Bill's eliminated Wedge. JP's allowed Just Bill's three games on the wire for the final and almost pulled it out. It got down to another double hill situation. JP's captain Johnny Pedrolie was on call for his team and Bill Millikan was next in line for Just Bill's. It went back and forth as both players had two opportunities to get out. Johnny was left with one ball on the table that required a long rail backward bank. If the ball goes, the '8' is sitting a few inches from the same corner pocket. It didn't.

Bill had a ball in the jaws of the far corner and a second just inches straight out from the opposite corner. He picked that one off, nailed the one in the jaws then stroked in the '8' to bring home the 50th team champion trophy and \$3,500.

Congratulations to Just Bill's Place with Captain Jake Embry and teammates, Butch Matlock, Kimberly Way, Bill Millikan, Mo Carlton, Sherry Carlton, Steve Cointen and Shannon Simpkin. See you next time. Who knows, possibly you will be the team to repeat.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Prize Money</u>	<u>Total Payout for the 3 Tournaments</u>
1. Just Bill's Place Trophy &	\$3,500	5-Player team payout \$7,800 (28 teams)
2. JP's Sports Bar	1,900	4-Player team payout 1,300 (6 teams)
3/4. Action Billiards (Wayne)	900	<u>All-Star singles</u> 2,975 (142 players)
3/4. Wedge	900	Total payout \$12,075
5/8. Action Billiards (Victor)	150	
5/8. Classic's (Brett)	150	
5/8. Player Pub (Josh)	150	
5/8. 21 Rock	<u>150</u>	
	\$7,800	

Players with 4 Wins in a Match

Steve Brown (Chilsters), Johnny Pedrolie and Greg Martin (JP's Sports Bar), Mike Carpenter and Semir Ekic (Filling Station), Mike Withers (Hideaway Café), Victor Day (Action Billiards), Steve Monko (Classic's), and Jake Embry (Just Bill's Place).

Same Match Opponents: Neil Romstad (Fucifino's) and David Frazier (Wedge).

Consecutive Winning Streaks

1. 10 Tom Vogt (Action Billiards)
- 2/3. 6 Steve Monko (Classic's)
- 2/3. 6 Greg Martin (JP's Sports Bar)
Several with 5

Place Teams with 30 Wins

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| 1st. | Just Bill's Place | 54-34 | .614 |
| 2nd. | JP's Sports Bar | 55-36 | .604 |
| 3/4. | Action Billiards (Wayne) | 39-30 | .565 |
| 5/8. | Classic's | 31-22 | .585 |
| 5/8. | Action Billiards (Victor) | 31-27 | .534 |

10 or more Wins

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| 1. | Greg Martin | 15-4 | (JP's Sports Bar) |
| 2. | Jake Embry | 14-4 | (Just Bill's Place) |
| 3/4. | Tom Vogt | 12-3 | (Action Billiards) |
| 3/4. | Bill Millikan | 12-7 | (Just Bill's Place) |
| 5/7. | Jim Wanner | 11-6 | (JP's Sports Bar) |
| 5/7. | Derrick Bockius | 11-8 | (JP's Sports Bar) |
| 5/7. | Johnny Pedrolie | 11-8 | (JP's Sports Bar) |
| 8. | Mo Carlton | 10-6 | (Just Bill's Place) |

See ya next time for the 51st Missouri 8-Ball get together. We appreciate your support. We strive to make Missouri 8-Ball entertaining as well as competitive and as fair as possible for all our players. Thanks to your participation we feel that we have the best Pool League in the bi-state area.

Rusty Brandmeyer-League Operator

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And yours truly, Jay L. Carlton. As always, it's been great fun.