


63rd Missouri 8 Ball Pool League Tournament Results
The 5-Player Board & The 4-Player Happy Hour Board
The 9-Ball Finals & The All-Star Singles Showdown
Venue: Gene Rader's - "Just One More" St. Peters Mo.

The 63rd Missouri 8 Ball Pool League session went 16 weeks for some divisions and 15 for others. There was a lot of action from September 12, 2006 to January 12, 2007. That included the 2-weeks playoffs. Many teams and players that took a rest from the summer competition were back in action for the Fall season. The following reports are a reflection of how teams and players fared.



9-Ball Championship

The first three names on the 9-Ball All-Star sheet were teammates from JP's Corner #1. Sudden Sam Bevell took a giant leap the final week with a 6-0 night slipping past both Mark Wieland (4-2) and Ed Medlock (2-3). That brought Sam's final totals to 53-17 .757. Mark came in second (43-15 .741) and Ed Medlock third (47-17 .734). Most wins by a player this season was Nick Kroenlein (Hotshots #2) with 60.

JP's Corner #1, captained by Roger Pheasant, went first past the post with a 10-4 record. Hotshots #1 came out of the Playoffs to earn the right to meet them for the Championship. The Championship match was a real battle as JP's gave up 5-points in the race to 17. JP's made up the spot as Mark Wieland went 6-0 and Justin Willenbrink shot out a 5-1 match. When it was all over the 9-Ball Championship Trophy and the 700-dollar first prize belonged to JP's Corner #1.

JP's Corner #1 members: Captain Roger Pheasant, Sam Bevell, Mark Wieland, Ed Medlock, Justin Willenbrinks and Shane Launius.

Hotshots #1 earned 177-dollars for runner-up. Members: Mike & Donna Shoptaugh, Brett & Diana Tribout, Dan New, Larry Miven & Todd Carter.

Division #1 Tuesday (16-weeks)

Pardella Club #2 began the session 5-0 and taking 9 matches of their first 10. Holding off The Phoenix was a chore as they finished 13-3. Pardella #2 finished with a 14-2 team record. The ironic thing about this is – the highest position on the All-Star sheet by a Pardella player is #20. Todd S. Davis, with a 29-19 .604 showing indicates how strong this Tuesday night division is.

The Wedge held off The Phoenix, JP's Corner & Bartman's for the second slot.

Top Player Award goes to Mike Renick (The Phoenix). But it wasn't easy. After 10-weeks Mike was 3rd at 23-7 .767. He was behind David West (19-5 .792) and Tom Davidson (22-6 .786). The following six weeks were some of Mike's best. While Tom went 11-4 .733 and David hit 14-4 .778, Mike hit another gear and sped off a 6-week run going 14-1 .933. This raised his .767 to a major .822. It was only .036 ahead of runner-up David West's (JR's Saloon) 33-9 .786, but a great come-from-behind win.

Division #2 Wednesday (16-weeks)

Wedge #1, captained by Jimmy Fried, jumped out in front of the pack by taking their first seven matches and looked like it was a going-away division championship! Not so 8-ball breath! By week 12, there was a 3-way tie. Wedge, Cotter's and Shot Heaven shared 9-3 records with Shot Heaven actually on top with the higher games won/loss percentage. Then Cotter's and Shot Heaven both lost their 13th round. Wedge #1 took over with a win and won out the rest of the way for a 13-3 finish. Jimmy was the team leader on the All-Star sheet coming in at #8 with his 29-12 .707. Ironically, the All-Star leader was also a Wedge player but from Wedge #2. This old-timer came out of retirement (ho ho), Mr. Harold Fuqua. Harold knows his way around a pool table. His 36-7 .837 was a mere .024 ahead of another veteran, Steve Galloway (Jack Patrick's). Steve proved he hasn't lost his stroke coming in at 39-9 .813. And the trio of .800 rounded out with Denis Dunbar's 37-9 .804.

Libby's managed to find another way to get to the big show from the Playoff spot. They out hit Shot Heaven, Cotter's and Jack Patrick's.

Division #3 Wednesday (16-weeks)

By winning their final two matches The Phoenix went first past the post at 11-5 just edging out both Hazzard's #1 and Bartman's at 10-6. Hazzard's #2 took the Playoff spot with Jeremy Cardwell's 30 wins. From the All-Star honor roll, there was really no competition for Jim Wanner. From day one Jim had the situation well in hand. He didn't lose a game until the 7th week where he was way ahead of the parade at 20-1. Jim settled at 38-6 .864, which was still a whopping .162 over runner-up Jim Stevens' 40-17 .702.

Division #4 Wednesday (16-weeks)

From the 9th week to the 15th week, if you had Dan French or Bill Owens on your 'hot' sheet to take out the All-Star Award – YOU LOSE! These two went back and forth the final six weeks. And no one figured that an outsider was hanging in the wings making his move. Not once did Mark Mann (21 Rock # 3 & 25-6 .806) appear on the sheet until the final tally was in. Mark was always one or two credits short the entire session, until the final week. It has happened several times in the past where a player made up what was needed to *surprise* jump right into the numero uno spot. It's legal, it's fair, it's in the rule book. There's nothing in the book that says a player has to appear on the All-Star sheet more than once. And once is all it takes for the title, as long as it's the final week. So we say congratulations to Mark Mann who joined a very select few. Bill Owens finished ahead of Dan French, 36-10 .783 to 36-11 .766. Nice race guys!

Bill and Dan figured in another race. Their teams were also head to head throughout. Bill's JP's Corner #2 and Dan's 21 Rock #2 tied at 13-3. From the games won/lost percentage, JP's 146-114 .562 beat out 21 Rock's 150-125 .545. Can't get much closer than that!

From the Playoff board The Phoenix took the second slot.

Division #5 Thursday (15-weeks)

Dave Braley once again led The Phoenix out of the ashes. They finished 2-games ahead of JP's Corner #2 and Bartman's, both 11-4. Bartman's took out the Playoff slot.

Joe Maciocia (JP's #1) romped home top of the All-Star list with a great 31-6 .838. He edged out a pair of Phoenix teammates, Mike Renick (39-9 .813) & Dennis Agnew (36-9 .800). Nice race guys.

One more time Liz Lammert was top female player from this division.

Division #6 Thursday (15-weeks)

Three teams tied with 10-5 records from this tough division. Libby's had the higher games W/L % so they got the free ride. Filling Station and Wedge fought it out with Liz's Place and Foley's for the Playoff spot. Filling Station put in some high octane fuel and reached the finish line first.

On the All-Star sheet it says that Ed Libby finished first with his 27-5 .844. But from this division an '8' level player had to hit at .920. Ergo (that means therefore, Bob), the runner-up, Semir Ekic as a '5', did hit above what was needed and takes the award. Semir's 36-10 .783 was slightly better than new-comer Dan Manchanda's 32-11 .744. Nice going for the first time, Dan.

This happened along the way: About the sixth week into the session Filling Station's Semir Ekic was at the table. An opposing team captain told his player "not to worry, you'll run over this guy." As an afterthought the player answered "you know he speaks four languages!" Responded the captain, to wit, "Yeah, but he can't run a rack in any of them." It hasn't been confirmed that Mr. Ekic overheard their conversation, but from that night on Semir shot at a robust .810 clip finishing second on the All-Star sheet. It isn't clear what the moral of this story is unless it doesn't matter how many languages a player speaks, just as long as he/she can get out when they are supposed to.

Division #7 Thursday (15-weeks)

Jody T's & Slo Tom's tied at 10-5 team records. The games W/L % went to Jody T's 151-112 .574 to 145-119 .549. The surprise of the playoffs was the 5th place team, Foley's, knocking off the others and they finished the season 5-10. Their games W/L was 122-148 .452. And of the 15-players on the honor roll, none were from Foley's. Go figure! Keeping a low profile, huh, guys?

Steve Haukap couldn't keep a low profile if he tried. His 33-13 .717 lead the parade on the All-Star sheet. And check out his nearest rival. Yep, that's her. Dawna Kunz was hot on his heels to the end. Dawna's 25-11 .694 was a great session for her. Nice going, guys.

Division #8 Monday (15-weeks)

McDuff's held on to eke out a 142-116 .550 record nipping Classic's #2 147-144 .505. No big surprise when six of their players made the honor roll. Cocktails took out the Playoff spot knocking off Classic's #1, Cactus Inn and New Classic's #1.

"8-Ball Burner" Wayne Turner came in with a big 37-8 .822 leading the parade of All-Stars. But Wayne as a '7' came up a little short. For this division all 7-speed players have to hit .845. A little .023 was all the difference. Runner-up Derek Helms (Cocktails) gets the nod with his 31-8 .795. And he almost didn't get that. He went 2-1 the final week and Dave Lehner went 1-2 dropping him to 4th.

Of the 33 players on the honor roll Mary Stillwell was top female again. Her 18-8 .692 was 9th.

Division #9 Tuesday (16-weeks)

It was a perfect season for Airport Billiards. Turning in a 16-0 record first the first time in many moons. Four of their heavy hitters made the All-Star board. The team had a 177-104 .630 record leading in every category. It's been awhile since a team produced a .630 W/L percent. Fucifino's #1 came out of the Playoff's for the second spot.

For Top Player it was the Skip & Joe Road Show. These teammates from Airport Billiards had a combined 70-13 .843 record with Skip Barnum taking the award 38-6 .864 to Joe Branstetter's 32-7 .821. Nice going guys.

Division #10 Wednesday (16-weeks)

Sometimes you wonder if the Pool Gods are against you from the start... or do they give you false hope and wait until the end to show you who is in charge? Case in point: Lehmann's Landing #1. They finished 2nd in the standings 11-5, one game behind the leaders, Fucifino's. Of the 20 players on the All-Star sheet Lehmann's placed five. It didn't help a feather's worth. They were beaten out by TJ's Ali-by Inn in the Playoffs, a team that finished 3rd and had only two of their players make the board. Go figure!

Jackie Austin-Mike Kiwala, Jackie Austin-Mike Kiwala. That's the way it went the last four weeks. The final week Jackie went 3-1 and Mike went 3-0 just enough to reclaim the lead for the trophy. Mike's 38-12 .760 squeaked past Jackie's 34-11. 756. What a great race.

Division #11 Wednesday (16-weeks)

When a team plays and plays and plays their hearts out the entire session only to be derailed by situations beyond their control, it's tough to take. Case in point: After 13 weeks the three leading teams are Streiler's (9-4 & .513), Lucky's (8-5 & .527) and Shenanigan's (8-5 & .525). Streiler's loses their remaining three matches falling to 5th place (but still in the playoffs). Lucky's and Shenanigan's win their 14th & 15th week and stay even at 10-5 (Lucky's on top .537 to .530). Here's the kicker: Shenanigan's take their final match 11-6 bringing their team standings to 11-5 & 159-137 .537 – up .007. While that is going on Lucky's luck ran out. At first it wouldn't seem so because their final match was against Joe's Pub. And Joe's Pub shows up with only three players. You following me here?

They play the match and Lucky's is getting 2-bye wins each round. Sweet! Or is it? Do the math. At the end of three rounds Lucky's is up 10-5 but only four are real wins. They do take the first game in round four for an 11-5 victory, but in actual games played it was 5-5. Bye wins never count in the W/L %. That 5-5 actually dropped their games W/L percentage from .537 to .535, or .002 out of first place. Bummer! It's a fluke, just something you can't count on. But in actuality, had Joe's Pub enough players they may have beaten Lucky's and knocked them into 2nd place anyway. But we'll never know.

We know Shenanigan's eked out 1st place, so who took out the Playoff spot? Was it Lucky's? Nope! Tiger's Inn outlasted Streiler's, Classic's #1 and Lucky's.

The All-Star board was a runaway. Rich Norris (Tiger's Inn) shot to the top of the heap and finished Big Time with a 35-6 .854. It was a whopping .114 over runner-up Tony Gregory's 37-13 .740. WOW!

Division #12 Thursday (15-weeks)

The gang from Homers knocked out 11 of them plus a 142-122 .538 games average. Fucifino's #1 also had 11 wins but their .518 was a little short. From the Playoff board Just Bill's Place outlasted Mi Familia and Fucifino's #'s 1 & 3.

The All-Star Trophy went to Jake Embry in a runaway. Jake literally smoked the field with his 31-3 .912 shooting; the widest margin of all divisions. It's a big .141 over runner-up John Richardson's 37-11 .771. LaJuania Henry was the top female. Her 27-13 .675 was 6th on the list of 25 All-Stars. You go, girl!

Division #13 Thursday (15-weeks)

Another 2-way tie for first place saw Nuts #2 (Not Uncle Thursday' S) coming out on top via games W/L % forcing BrewskeeZ to go to the playoffs. But Shenanigan's was victorious over BrewskeeZ, Final Destination and Nuts #1. Shenanigan's is being captained by Jim Davis (out of retirement) who brings a touch of stability to a team that could make the playoffs for many seasons to come.

From the All-Star board Jim finished third proving that he hasn't lost much if he has lost anything at all. His 31-9 .775 was just under a new-comer to Missouri 8 Ball, Valdo Olguin (Cancun #1), who shot a whopping 34-5 .872 for his inaugural season. That was a little better than runner-up Steve Croce's (BrewskeeZ) 29-5 .853. Gayle Medvik was top female player with a 21-18 .538.

Division # 14 (15-weeks)

Starlite's in-house division showed a few surprises when the final tally was in. Soldiers ran away from the pack with their 12-3 record, a full 4-games in front. That left Misfits (8-7), Smokin' (7-8) and Hell Razors (3-12) going for the Playoff spot. Take a wild guess as to which team won out? Hell Razors of course. The same Hell Razors that would finish second from the 5-player team board. Go Figure!

Soldiers' top soldier was Marland Choy. He out-lasted Charlie Heavel Sr. for the All-Star Trophy 37-11 .771 to 29-9 .763. When I say out-lasted, the final week Charlie went 1-1 and Marland went 3-1 to retake the lead. Great race, guys.

Division # 15 (15-weeks)

Just One More #4 (12-3) took top team honors 2-games over JOM #2 & Planet 8 Ball, both at 10-5. Not to be denied, JOM #2 earned the 2nd spot through the Playoffs. And as you will read later went on to capture the 5-player board championship. Of the 18 players that made the All-Star list five were from JOM #2, and four from JOM #4.

Top player was John Snyder (JOM #4). It was Tattoo John's second Top Player Award as he also took out Division 109's Happy Hour. Snyder's 32-11 .744 was just enough to sneak past Jon Williams' (JOM #2) 27-10 .730.

Division # 16 (15-weeks)

How close is this? Check it out. Just One More #1 and Rich's Place at 11-4 each, right! So the games W/L % goes in. JOM has 149-120 .554. Rich's comes in at 147-120 .551. Just two little wins difference. So Rich's loses out at the wire. And it gets worse. They get knocked out in the Playoffs by JOM #2. That's the way the balls roll.

The last four weeks the top player lead changed four times. The final week Mike Rose went 2-2 while Ron Sellers brought home a 3-1 match and traded places with Mike and went into first place. To make it even sweeter it was Ron Sellers first session in Missouri 8 Ball. His 33-9 .786 edged by Mike's 35-10 .778 by a slight .008. Okay Ron, what do you do for an encore?

I couldn't help but notice that Larry Otte was dropped to a '4'. How much did it cost you, Larry?

	Top Players	Team	W	L	PCT.	Runner-up	Team	W	L	PCT
Div. 12	Jake Embry	Fucifino's	31	3	.912	John Richardson	Homer's	37	11	.771
Div. 13	**Valdo Olguin	Cancun #1	34	5	.872	Steve Croce	Brewskeeze	29	5	.853
Div. 9	Skip Barnum	Airport Billiards	38	6	.864	Joe Branstetter	Airport Bill	32	7	.821
Div. 3	Jim Wanner	Hazzard's #1	38	6	.864	Jim Stevens	The Phoenix	40	17	.702
Div. 11	Rich Norris	Tigers Inn	35	6	.854	Tony Gregory	Shenanigan's	37	13	.740
Div. 5	Joe Maciocia	JP's Corner #1	31	6	.838	Mike Renick	The Phoenix	39	9	.813
Div. 2	Harold Fuqua	Wedge # 2	36	7	.837	Steve Galloway	Jack Patrick's	39	9	.813
Div. 1	Mike Renick	The Phoenix	37	8	.822	David West	JR's Saloon	33	9	.786
Div. 4	Mark Mann	21 Rock #3	25	6	.806	Bill Owens	JP's #2	36	10	.783
Div. 8	*Derek Helms	Cocktails	31	8	.795	Charlie Jones	Nuts	29	8	.784
Div. 16	**Ron Sellers	Planet 8 Ball #2	33	9	.786	Mike Rose	JOM #1	35	10	.778
Div. 6	*Semir Ekic	Filling Station	36	9	.783	Dan Manchanda	Shot Heaven	32	11	.744**
Div. 14	Marland Choy	Starlite	37	11	.771	Charlie Heavel Sr.	Misfits	29	9	.763
Div. 10	Mike Kiwala	Lehmann's #1	38	12	.760	Jackie Austin	TJ's Ali-by	34	11	.756
Div. 15	John Snyder	Just One More #4	32	11	.744	Jon Williams	JOM # 2	27	10	.730
Div. 7	Steve Haukap	G.E.D.	33	13	.717	Dawna Kunz	Slo Tom's	25	11	.694

* Div. 6 Ed Libby 27-5 .844 not high enough for Award.

* Div. 8 Wayne Turner 37-8 .822 not high enough for Award

** Div. 6 & 13 & 16 First time players

Female Players

Div. 7	Dawna Kunz (Slo Tom's)	25	11	.694
Div. 8	Mary Stillwell (Classic's #2)	18	8	.692
Div. 12	LaJuania Henry (Fucifino's #3)	27	13	.675
Div. 1	Rhonda Bartram (Bartman's)	28	15	.651
Div. 11	Mary Stillwell (Classic's #2)	32	18	.640
Div. 3	Rhonda Bartram (Bartman's)	26	18	.591
Div. 11	Tammie Corey (Lucky's)	27	19	.587
Div. 7	Fran Russell (Libby's)	19	14	.576
Div. 8	Tina Wykoff (New Classic's #1)	20	15	.571

Female Players

Div. 5	Liz Lammert (Bartman's)	17	14	.548
Div. 13	Gayle Medvik (Final Destination)	21	18	.538
Div. 4	Kris Schlaefli (JP's Corner #3)	26	23	.531
Div. 7	Tina Wiedner (G.E.D.)	23	21	.523
Div. 8	Rose Boul (Fucifino's)	15	14	.517
Div. 8	Aleeta Fahrenholz (Charlack Pub)	14	14	.500
Div. 4	Lisa Kissel (JP's Corner #1)	25	26	.490
Div. 4	Julie Hemann (JP's Corner #3)	20	21	.488

5-Player Team Results \$15,600 Payout (36 teams)

Team	Captain	Winnings	Team Members:
1. Just One More	Brian Hedrick	\$6,000 & Trophy	Dustin Dunham, Eric Rackley, Jason Oberdas Jared Speckmeter, Bob Buck & Jon Williams.
2. Starlite Hell Razors	Mike Bendell	3,200	Scott Waters, Jason Waters, Candie Waters, Dale Waters & Chris Bense.
3-4. JP's Eureka	Jerry Smith	1,600	John Pedrolie, Justin Flynn, Rob Simmons, Bob Johnson, Jeremiah Thompson & Matt Parcell.
3-4. Libby's	Denis Dunbar	1,600	Todd Kippenberger, Chad Stephenson, Allan Raney, Dennis Bullock & Don Kirchoff.
5-8. Airport Billiards	Dave Branstetter	800	Joe Branstetter, Mike Lashley, Skip Barnum, Mike McGhay, Stan Leonhard, Fred Gerber & Bill McGhay.
5-8. Just Bill's Place	Robin Field	800	Butch Feathers, Larry Jackson, Steve Lowrey, Pete Napoli, Irvin Taylor & John Taylor.
5-8. McDuff's	Dennis Wood	800	Darryl Anderson, Chris Reno, Greg Govenal, Bill Lottman, Jonny Schaijo, David Lehner & Frank Wood.
5-8. Just One Moore	Mario Webster	800	Tracie Gray, Steve Schultz, Rich King, John Snyder, Melissa King & Larry Kissinger.

Division #101 Monday (15 weeks)

Wedge # 1 (12-3) went past the post 2-games ahead of Mary's Blue Ribbon's #1 & #2 (both at 10-5) and Liz's Place, also 10-5. Playoff Winner was Mary's Blue Ribbon #1. They knocked out their sister team to get to the big show.

400-year-old Gary Heffernan (Liz's Place #1) showed he still knows how to make a lot of '8' balls. Gary took over the lead the 8th week and held on to finish with a 32-8 .800. It was 8 wins ahead of AMVETS #2 Bill Crawford's 24-8 .750. Nice going, Gary.

Division #102 Monday (15 weeks)

Hotshots #1 held on to get past the post first with their 11-4 record to edge out Ten Mile House by a single game, 10-5. Playoff winner was 21 Rock #2.

Bill Ray (JP's Corner #1) shot to the top of the heap the 12th week and held on for top All-Star honors. Bill's 32-7 .821 was a slight .043 better than Hazzard's Earl Bettis' 35-10 .778. Nice race, guys.

Division #103 Tuesday (16 weeks)

Fucifino's #3 made their way to the forefront almost from the get-go. They finished 2-games ahead of the pack. Fucifino's #2 took out the Playoff spot.

If Gentleman Jim Crosby hadn't gotten sick the final week of the session he possibly could have tucked away another All-Star trophy. Both Jim and Lisa caught the flu bug and couldn't make the final week's play; and guess what? Bullet Bob Pendergrass took over. All Bob had to do was win two games and sit out the rest of the match. That would have guaranteed him to "Skip Saturday" in the Singles tournament. But unlike some others who have taken advantage of this situation and backed into it, Bob played. Bob went 3-0 bringing his totals to 26-8 .765, a mere .015 ahead of Jim's 30-10 .750. Bad time to catch the bug, Jimbo. Congrats to Bob for winning and being a gentleman.

Division #104 Tuesday (16 weeks)

Talk about head to head! New Classics & Lehmann's Landing #2 ended the session with 11-5 records. That sent the deciding factor to the games won/lost percentage. And that was another close one. New Classics edged out Lehmann's by a narrow 132-113 .539 to 125-110 .532. That .007 pops up a lot. But it was Lehmann's Landing #1 coming out of the Playoff spot. Formerly from TJ's Ali-by Inn, Mike Doak moved operations to Lehmann's and found themselves a new home and another trip to the big show.

But TJ's wasn't completely shutout. The first two players on the All-Star sheet come from there. Jim Crangle just barely edged out teammate Roger Mangrum. Jim's 29-12 .707 was a shade higher than Roger's 31-13 .705. Tom Dooley (New Classics) also finished 31-13 .705. Great race, guys.

Division #105 Thursday (15 weeks)

Four of the seven teams in this division shoot out of Classics. So it was no surprise that one of them finished first. The other three finished 2nd, 3rd & 4th. Classics #2 edged out #3 by a game. And it was the last week of the session that decided the outcome. They faced off and #2 beat #3, 9-6. So besides the remaining Classics teams only Lehmann's #2 had a shot; and they pulled it off. Unbelievable but true. Of the 14 players that made the All-Star sheet Paul Fitzgerald was the only one from Lehmann's #2.

Here is another great indication of how classy one player can be. Pat Row from Classics #2 had Top Player in the bag. Pat's 23-8 .742 was impossible to overcome. But Pat, being a team player, tried to help his team in the final standings went and played two games – losing both. Because of putting his team ahead of personal goals Pat lost out to Steve Monko who played and won both games he played. Even though Pat lost out on Top honors (he finished 4th) his team did win the final week

Classics #3 produced five players that made the honor roll and the top two, Steve Monko and Wayne Turner, fired off for the top spot. Steve's 24-9 .727 was a little better than teammate Wayne's 28-12 .700. Byron Devroux also ended with 28-12 .700. Another classic race from the Classics' guys.

Division #106 Thursday (15 weeks)

It's been awhile since a representative from Coltrane's made the big show. But with Carroll Parker back in action it isn't surprising now. Coltrane's #1 finished 3-games in front of the pack. Mr. Parker also finished second on the All-Star sheet with a 32-9 .780 showing. These guys could be a force in this division for a long time. Shenanigan's pulled off the Playoff Winner's circle.

Top All-Star honors go to Joe Branstetter once again. There's no stopping this guy. Joe's 43-10 .811 outdistanced Carroll Parker's 32-9 .780.

Division #107 Thursday (15 weeks)

Airport Billiards and Cocktails ran a hot race to the wire; AB at 11-4 & Cocktails at 10-5. And when the Playoff smoke had cleared there was Cocktails headed to the big show right behind AB again.

The top three positions on the All-Star sheet were filled by AB players. Jake Embry led the attack with his division leading 39-7 .848. That was followed up by Jerry Jordan's 42-10 .808 and Bill Millikan's 36-14 .720. But, alas, Mr. Jake, as a '7' had to hit .860 to take the award. He was a little shy of that mark. So the Trophy went to runner-up Jerry Jordan. Great chase guys!

Division #108 Monday (14 weeks)

Five of the six teams in this division are out of Just One More. JOM #1 hit the ground running and didn't look back. They finished 3-games in front, had a 10-4 .714 team standing, 119 wins, only 99 losses, and .546 percent, all division leaders. JOM #2 took out the Playoff Winner's slot.

Top All-Star player was new-comer Tony Cochran. I'll ask the same question I always ask when a new player wins the first time: What have you got to look forward to now, Tony? Easy, a repeat performance! Note: To date no new player to Missouri 8 Ball has ever repeated the following season. Perhaps Tony will be the first! Tony beat out some heavy-duty hitters from this tough division. Guys like Runout Rich Sager, Walter Crane Senior and Walter Junior, Gene Rader, Pat Tobin and a host of others. Big ups, Tony! I guarantee you'll have a hard time repeating. But good luck. Tony's 28-7 .800 was slightly ahead of Walter Crane Sr., 26-9 .743 and Rich Sager's 23-8 .742. Again, congrats.

Division #109 Wednesday (16 weeks)

With five of the six teams in this division shooting out of Just One More, Rich's Place must have felt like a stepchild that was being ganged up on. Yep, they finished dead last. JOM #5, captained by Bullet Bob Pendergrass, led his team with 40 wins on the way to the wire leaving the field a big 4-games behind. JOM #2, piloted by Gene Rader, knocked off two sister teams gaining the Playoff Winner's spot.

There was a new chapter added to the All-Star final standings. Never before did the top two players have the same names. Well, not exactly but close. Tattoo John Snyder outlasted no-tattoos John Schneider for top honors. Tattoo John's 42-13 .764 was a shade better than No-Tattoos John's 32-11 .744.

Division #110 Monday (15 weeks)

Keith's took both honors from this division. The top team ended 2-games up over Super Bungalow. But it was Double D's coming out of the Playoffs earning the second spot to the big show. Double D's was counted as an underdog having only five players and two of those were ladies, Kelly Diaz and new-comer Kris Cunningham. Not that that means anything these days but both teams they beat to get that second spot were licking their chops. But here's the kicker – all five DD's players made the honor roll. Only four of Keith's six did that.

Part two: The top two players on the All-Star sheet were teammates out of Keith's – Adam Bent and Mike Moran. Adam beat out Mike 24-7 .774 to 30-12 .714. Great race, guys!

	Top Player	Team	W	L	PCT.	Runners-up	Team	W	L	PCT
Div. 107	*Jerry Jordan	Airport Bill. #1	39	7	.848	Bill Millikan	Airport Bill #1	36	14	.720
Div. 102	Bill Ray	JP's #1	32	7	.821	Earl Bettis	Hazzards	35	10	.778
Div. 106	Joe Branstetter	Kitty's	43	10	.811	Carroll Parker	Coltrane's #1	32	9	.780
Div. 101	Gary Heffernan	Liz's Place #1	32	8	.800	Bill Crawford	AMVETS #2	24	8	.750
Div. 108**	Tony Cochran	Hotshot's 94	28	7	.800	Walter Crane	JOM #1	26	9	.743
Div. 110	Adam Bent	Keith's	24	7	.774	Mike Moran	Keith's	30	12	.714
Div. 109	John Snyder	JOM #1	42	13	.764	John Schneider	JOM #2	32	11	.744
Div. 103	Bob Pendergrass	Fu's #1	26	8	.765	Jim Crosby	Fucifino's #4	30	10	.750
Div. 105	Steve Monko	Classic's #3	24	9	.727	Wayne Turner	Classic's #2	28	12	.700
Div. 104	Jim Crangle	TJ's Ali-by	29	12	.707	Rodger Mangrum	TJ's	31	13	.705

* Div. 107 Jake Embry Airport Billiards 39-7 .848

** Div. 108 First time player

Total Payout all Tournaments

5-Player 15,600

4-Player 6,000

Singles 4,815

'9' Ball 877

\$27,292

	Ladies	Team	Record
Div. 107	Rachel Slusser	Cocktails	18-13 .581
Div. 110	Kelly Diaz	Double D's	20-15 .571
Div. 110	Kris Cunningham	Double D's	23-18 .561

4-Player Happy Hour Team Results \$6,000 Payout (20 teams)

Team	Captain	Winnings	Team Members:
1. Keith's	Dave Collins	\$3,000 & Trophy	Joe Curlee, Mike Moran, Duane Coberly, Pat Bruce & Adam Bent.
2. Fucifino's	John Shields	1,500	LaJuania Henry, Don Rash, Charles Meredith & Lee Davis.
3-4. Airport Billiards	Jake Embry	750	Terry Ray Dalton, Jerry Jordon, Bill Millikan Steve Cointen, Mo Carlton & James Embry.
3-4. Wedge	Frank Millerman	750	Ray Ridenour, Mac McDonald, Jimmy Fried, Eugene Rhoden & Joe Krull

The last two matches for the championship had more twists and turns than a Sir Arthur Conan Doyle mystery. Even Sherlock Holmes couldn't have predicted this outcome. It started when Airport Billiards had an 8-5 lead going into the last round with Fucifino's. In a wild turn of events Fucifino's took all four games and the match 9-8. Meanwhile Keith's was knocking off The Wedge.

Now we skip ahead to the final round of the Championship match between Fucifino's & Keith's. Fucifino's is up 8-6, needing only one win from the next three games. You know the Pool Gods are agin ya when the next two players scratch on the '8' ball. Now at 8-8, 'fino's best player draws the number one pill, and doesn't get there. Dave Collins (Keith's Captain) plays a couple well-placed safeties and pulls it out for the Championship Trophy. It was a wild finish.

All-Star Singles Results \$4,815 Payout (150 players)

1.	Ed Libby	'8'	1,045 & Trophy	9-12.	SteveMonko	'6'	140
2.	Semir Ekic	'5'	800 & Trophy	9-12.	Floyd Dooley	'5'	140
3.	Mike O'Rourke	'3'	600 & Trophy	9-12.	Skip Barnum	'5'	140
4.	John Bissel	'6'	450	9-12.	Jason Uttley	'4'	140
5-6.	Jake Embry	'7'	300	13-16.	Gene Rader	'6'	90
5-6.	Bill Lavine	'4'	300	13-16.	Joe Branstetter	'6'	90
7-8.	Wakt Crane Jr.	'5'	200	13-16.	Darryl Anderson	'5'	90
7-8.	David Lehner	'5'	200	13-16.	Fred Gerber	'3'	90

150 players signed up for the 63rd Singles Shootout. Saturday's finals presented an eclectic array of talent that qualified from all skill levels. When the tourney concluded Sunday Feb, 18th, 16 players walked out with All-Star money. There is at least one represented from each skill-level that played. There were no '2's in this tournament. If anyone thought that Mr. Ed Libby had seen better days better do a double-take at the numero uno spot. This former fireman doused every flame in going undefeated this weekend. He was 3-0 Saturday and 6-0 Sunday on his way to the Championship Trophy plus the \$1,045 first prize money that went with it.

There's a story here about Ed Libby and runner-up Semir Ekic meeting at the end. Kinda ironic since they finished 1-2 from Division-6 for top All-Star honors. As Ed didn't hit high enough to capture the crown, being next in line, Semir got it. Ed sort of took out his revenge in the Singles.

Quips from the Sidelines:

This was the first All-Star singles event for both '3's, Mike O'Rourke and Fred Gerber. O'Rourke was getting out from everywhere on the table. One railbird said, "He's running patterns backwards, from the middle, sideways... every which way but the right way!"

He did have opponents thoroughly confused throughout the two-day affair. Another railbird was overheard to say, "If this guy's a '3', I'll go see the Spice Girls in concert when they reunite."

Mo-8-Ball Note: Hey dude, don't go out on a limb that far! (Although it would be nice to see Baby Spice again!)

JOE LOMBERDOZZI: After losing the toss to break 16 times in a row – then winning – as he approached the table Joe stopped and asked Rusty, "Do we still break behind diamond number two?"

Our Joke de jure
(The Week before Christmas)

It was just a few days before Christmas. At the North Pole Santa Claus was really having a bad time. There was a good chance of not getting children's toys and gifts finished on time for Christmas Eve night. Several Elves were sick and that caused production to fall behind. A few complained about working conditions and threatened to strike. The union rep was called in but he and his dog sled were stuck in a snow drift somewhere in Saskatchewan and wouldn't be able to make it 'til February. Mrs. Claus was having her own problems and was spending more time out in the sub-zero weather.

Several reindeer were heckling Rudolph because his nose was fading out. A few were caught up in mad reindeer disease (or something like it). Dasher wasn't dashing, Dancer wasn't dancing and Prancer wasn't prancing. And Comet lost a few steps getting down the line. And for the first time in history it looked like Santa was not going to make it and Christmas was going to be put on hold.

None of this went unnoticed by the tinkerbelle-sized angel that was watching from Santa's shoulder. She had to cheer up Santa and formulated a plan. She flew out the window and circled around the forest looking for the perfect little Christmas tree. After a few minutes she found one just her size that surely would cheer up Santa Claus. She cut it down and flew back inside the castle and landed on Santa's shoulder.

She leaned over and whispered in Santa's ear, "Oh, Santa. I have been watching and I know how badly things have been going these last few days before Christmas. I know you are behind. I know some of the Elves are sick and slowing production down. I am aware that some reindeer are suffering and may be under the weather. I know time is running out and Mrs. Claus isn't feeling very well. But, look Santa; look what I brought you. It's a lovely little Christmas tree. Where would you like me to stick it?"

Here's wishing all our players the best for coming sessions. Our office doors are always open. Contact us any time for questions pertaining to all future events. We have 12 tournaments annually, three All-Star Singles, three Doubles events, three 4-Player Happy Hour & three 5-Player team tournaments.

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