

## **The 69th Missouri 8 Ball Pool League Fall Season in Review September 8, 2008 ran through January 5, 2009**

The 69th running of the Missouri 8 Ball Pool League Championships and All-Star Singles took place at Rader's Sports Bar, St. Peters, Mo. The 12 tournament tables turned out to be what the doctor ordered. That was two less than in past events and presented much more seating space and viewing area for players and their friends who came to root them on to victory. The Singles event took place the weekend of February 21-22 – and the team tournaments the following weekend, February 27, 28 & 29, 2009. The following is a rundown from each division, tournament results, Top Players and Chicks with Sticks. We end with a Memorial to a fine gentleman and long time Mo-8-ball player.

### **Division # 1 16 Weeks Tuesday**

With six players making the All-Star sheet it's understandable how Hotshots Fenton #1 crossed the finish line two games over runner up JP's Corner #2 (13-3 to 11-5). All six brought home 21-wins or more with Scott Scholtz leading with 36 and Matt Auclair with 30. Top Player Award goes to Fandango's #1 Chuck Hooper. Chuck (35-11 .761) outlasted Scott Scholtz, (36-12 .750).

The 'Most Wins' leader was from Fandango's #3. Tim Powers banged out 41 wins which hasn't been done from this division in awhile. Nice shooting, guys. For the second spot to the big show, Marty Hiles Fandango's #1 team was victorious over the other two Fandango teams.

### **Division # 2 16 Weeks Tuesday**

Hotshots SC #1 edged out Ivory Coast Bistro, 12-4 to 11-5 for first place honors. Talk about a great fight to the finish line, the top two players on the All-Star sheet were Hotshot SC #1 shooters and the next three were Ivory Coasters. Tom Davidson barely got past his teammate Mike Renick (34-7 .829 to 30-8 .789) to miss Saturday's elimination rounds. Mark O'Brian led his Ivory Coast Bistro team, 26-11 .703.

After the two-week playoff it turned out that Ivory Coast will be going to the tournament after all. They outlasted two Hotshots' and one Wedge team to get there.

### **Division # 3 14 Weeks Wednesday**

When a team has six players make the All-Star sheet and all are in the top 12, it's a good possibility they finished first. Fandango's (12-2) closed out the season two-games over Hazzards, 10-4. Not only that, but the top three players were Fandango's. Ross Belt (30-8 .789) barely edged out teammates Bill Harwell (33-9 .786) and Jason Krentz (28-9 .757). That was followed up with Brendon Sullivan (30 wins), John Porter (28 wins) and Mike Devers (19 wins). Congratulations to Ross Belt for a great race and another Top Player Award. Hazzards topped the playoffs over two 21 Rock teams and Hotshots SC.

### **Division # 4 14 Weeks Wednesday**

From outta nowhere, through the gray shadows of night, taking odds makers to the cleaners, we see... wait for it... Jack Patrick's! Huh! Yep, that's what everyone in division 4 is saying. Of the 28 players that made the All-Star sheet, only three were from 9th & Olive. Steve Galloway (12th place) led their attack with a 22-13 .629 showing, followed by 14th place Dan Wiseman's 16-10 .615 and 20th place Robby McDonald's 13-10 .565. But there's nothing in the rules that say the winning team has to place a certain number of players on the sheet, or even any players at all.

Conversely, second place, Shot Heaven #2 had five players make it and then seven players from the Wedge teams found spots and neither of those two teams made the playoffs. Go figure!

For the Top Player trophy, Dan 'the Man' Manchanda does it again. Big Dan raced teammate Rolla Hoffman to the finish line just percentage points apart. Dan won out 27-4 .871, to Rolla's 21-5 .808.

And it was this kind of shooting that put Shot Heaven #1 into the big showdown. They came out ahead of Shot Heaven #2, Libby's and G.E.D.

Division # 5 13 Weeks Thursday

It was a big two-horse race to the finish line here. The only real competition from this division was between both Hotshots' teams from Fenton. HF #1 edged out HF #2, 12-1 to 11-2. And between the two teams nine players made the hot sheet, including the first three positions. And when the smoke had cleared after the two-week playoffs it was Hotshots Fenton # 2 joining Hotshots Fenton #1 going to the 69th team showdown.

Top Player honors go to HSF #1, Steve Fox (23-3 .885), over teammate Paul Edstrom's 27-11 .711.

Division # 6 13 Weeks Thursday

Not only did Libby's #2 finish two-games in front of the 10-team pact, but two of their players made the top two spots for Top Player honors. Denis Dunbar (35-7 .833) got the nod over teammate Travis Cusik's 25-5 .833, even though they tied percentage wise. Three other teammates also made it into the top nine positions, 4th was Greg Martin (29 10 .744), 8th Larry Reifsteck (19-9 .679) and 9th Todd Kippenberger (also 19-9 .679). Liz's Place gained the second spot by beating out Wedge, Foley's #1 and G.E.D.

Division # 7 16 Weeks Monday

New Classic's #2 ran away with the division ending three games over Cocktails, 13-3 to 10-6. And notice the top three players on the All-Star sheet are from that same first place team. Top player goes once again to Charles 'Bushwhacker' Burrage. Charles bushwhacked 29 unsuspecting opponents and dropped only three games ending with a whopping .906 average. Teammates Lenzie Russ and Louis Erby fought it out for second. Lenzie edged out Louis, 25-10 .714 to 27-11 .711. What a great race!

The first week playoff saw Cocktails knock out Clubhouse #1, 11-5 and Bottle Cap edged by Charlack Pub, 11-9. The second week Bottle Cap immersed victorious over Cocktails for the second spot.

Division # 8 16 Weeks Monday

Pirates Cove (12-4) waltzed past the finish line 3-games over Cactus Inn and New Classic's #2 (9-7 each). Mike Moore led their attack with his 37 wins followed by Mike McCormack's 31 wins. Two new players added to the assault, Brian Kissling with 30 'W's, and Mark Moore contributing another 26.

Top Player honors go to Cactus Inn's '8-ball Maker' Larry Baker. Larry held on for a 25-7 .781 first place edging out Airport Billiards' Ron Young, 32-11 .744.

Cactus Inn bummed out Jennings Station #1, 11-8, while Jennings Station #2 went past New Classic's #2, also 11-8. For the finals Cactus Inn (with three ladies in the lineup) got by Jennings Station #2. I've been warning you guys for years – you gotta watch out for those gals. They'll sneak up on ya.

Division # 9 16 Weeks Tuesday

It was no surprise that Billy Wimberly's team (Fucifino's #1) took top honors again. They squeaked past Charlack Pub, 13-3 to 11-5. Billy also led the Top Player charge outlasting Charlack Pubs' Bob Ackley, 39-6 .867 to 32-7 .821. Wimberly's teammates Rich Tanksley (33 wins), Shawn Kline (30 wins), John Lee (23 wins) and Tommy Webb (20 wins) also made the All-Star sheet.

First week of playoffs went to Charlack Pub 11-8 over Seansies Pub #2. Fucifino's #3 got over on Suwallers, 11-7. The second week Charlack Pub defeated Fucifino's #3, 11-6 to get to the big show.

Division # 10 14 Weeks Wednesday

It was another close call but Lehmann's Landing (10-4) pulled out a one-game victory over runner-up Clubhouse #1 (9-5). Five Lehmann teammates made the All-Star sheet to Clubhouse's four, but neither took top honors. That went to Streiler's Tony 'the Tiger' Gregory. Tough Tony seems to play with enough teams each session to where all he has to do is win Top Player Award from one of these teams and he fulfills his plan to skip Saturday's qualifying rounds. Go Tony... go Tony... go Tony, yeh!

Tony Gregory's 28-10 .737 was slightly ahead of Tyler Jones' 32-12 .727. And close behind was New Classics' Bill Levine at 28-11 .718. Great race, guys.

First week's playoff saw Clubhouse #1 defeat Pirates Cove very convincingly, 11-2, while Mimi's Subway barely getting by New Classic's, 11-9. Second week saw Mimi's come out of the fight 11-10 over Clubhouse.

#### Division # 11 14 Weeks Wednesday

They are still asking the burning question: How did TJ's Alibi Inn (10-4) get past the post ahead of Airport Billiards and Hotshots NC (both at 9-5)? Of the 20 players making the All-Star sheet, only two were TJ's. How close was it? You make the call. TJ's with a 136-105 .564 record to Airport Billiards', 134-104 .563. Almost as close as Chang and Eng!

Airport Billiards had four All-Star players with two racing to the wire. Tommy Cardwell (31-10 .756) barely edged out partner Allen Berkbiegler's 30-10 .750. Again, almost as close as... you know!

For the playoffs it was almost a Mi Familia meeting. The first week Mi Familia #1 got 4-games on the wire from Airport Billiards and rode it out for an 11-9 victory. Meanwhile Mi Familia #2 ran up a 6-point lead over Hotshots NC. But then the Pool Gods turned on them. Hotshots roared back taking 11 of the last 14 games for a great come-from-behind 11-9 victory. Hotshots NC kept the momentum going as they edged by Airport Billiards, 11-9 on week two getting a spot in the big tournament. Nice going, guys.

#### Division # 12 13 Weeks Thursday

Fucifino's #1 (11-2) claimed the first spot by two-games over both T.R. Gater's and The Office (9-4). Five players making the All-Star sheet didn't hurt. Fucifino's #1 teammates Joe Schieszer (22-9 .710) and James Wagner (17-7 .708) took first and second with 'fino's-2 George Allen (also 17-7 .708) tied for second. With only .002 the difference, it was a great race for the Top Player Award. T.R. Gater's came out of the two-week playoffs to earn the second spot at the big showdown. Nice shooting, guys.

#### Division # 13 13 Weeks Thursday

Final Destination #1 found the spotlight with a one-game edge over Mi Familia, 11-2 to 10-3. Leading the attack was Tommy Webb (24-10 .706) followed by teammates Shawn Tendiel and Wayne Lowrey Jr., both at 23-12 .657. But it was Mi Familia's Zeferin Bandaras taking top honors with his 27-8 .771 showing. Zeferin beat out Bob Frohne's 19-7 .731. Nice shooting, guys.

Mi Familia finished second in the race to the wire but that didn't stop them from turning it on in the two-week playoff. They outlasted Nuts, Cactus Inn and Final Destination #2 earning a shot to the big show.

#### Division # 14 16 Weeks Tuesday

This 5-team in-house division had a few surprises throughout the season. Now known as The Zamarripa Gang, Call 'Ur Shot #3 (14-2), led by Dangerous Donna Zamarripa, with husband Tricky Ricky, son Rapid Robert and dad Buffalo Bill Sneed, crossed the finish line two-games in front of Call 'Ur Shot #5.

Jerry Jordan picks up another Top Player trophy after a tough 16-week battle with Breckenridge Al Pruet. Jerry's 30-5 .857 was just .024 better than Al's, 20-4 .833. Great race, guys.

First week playoff matches: C.U.S. #5 received a forfeit win from C.U.S. #4. The second match: Down 9-5, C.U.S. #2 put on a last ditch surge and took 6 of the final 7 games for an 11-10 come-from-behind win over C.U.S. #1. For the second slot C.U.S. #5 pulled it out over #2, 11-9.

#### Division # 15 13 Weeks Thursday

Call 'Ur Shot #3 led this little 4-team in-house division to the finish line 9-4, only one scant game over C.U.S. #4. Of the ten All-Stars, four were from C.U.S. #3, including Top Player Award winner, Jerry Jordan. Jerry found the spotlight again, this time with a great 31-7 .816 season. Teammate and All-Star Al Pruet helped out with his usual .700 at 21-9. Other teammates were Dan Sugar (22 wins) and Bill Millikan with 19. Ed Chier (C.U.S. #2) came out of the 2-week playoffs getting the second spot.

Division # 16 14 Weeks Wednesday

Rader's #3 pulled out a one-game victory over Rader's #8 from this 8-team in-house Wednesday night division. Elmer Sargent led the winners at 20-8 .714 with assistance from teammates Tim Mislark (26-14 .650), George Chaffin (24-13 .649) and Pistol Pete Maassen (17-13 .567).

But it was a Rader-8 taking Top Player honors. Keith Valet has finally been found out. KV led the division with a cool 35-9 .795. Teammates Rusty Brandmeyer (23-7 .767) and Mel Winkler (27-12 .692) helped getting them to second place.

From the two-week playoffs we see Runout Rich Sager's #2 team immerge victorious for the second spot.

Division # 17 13 Weeks Thursday

According to all polls, this is the toughest division in the Missouri 8 Ball Pool League. It's also a 7-team in-house division out of Rader's Sports Bar. So it stands to reason when you see of the 18-players making the All-Star sheet only two are rated a '5'. There are nine '6's and seven '7's. I'd say this is the place to be if you're looking for good stiff competition. It also stands to reason the team first past the post had a hard way to go getting there.

Rader's #1 (10-3 and games 112-91 .552) edged out #'s 6 (9-4 and games 113-94 .546) for top spot. They missed out by a single game getting the free ride to the big show but #6 pulled it out through the two-week playoffs over #'s 4, 2 & 7. And then they go all the way. See below.

There's an old saying, "If you can keep your head while all others about you are..." something or other... anyway, this certainly applies to Jeff Landherr. Jeff took out Top Player honors from Rader's #5. His 21-6 .778 beat out Randy Enlow's 25-9 .735. Not only was Jeff the only player to make the honor roll from #5, his team finished last. So how was that for earnest concentration! Pretty cool customer this Mr. Landherr.

Division # 18 13 Weeks Thursday

Rader's #3 crossed the finish line by a nose ahead of Rich's Place #1, 10-3 to 9-4. Good thing they won that last match because Rich's games W-L % was higher, .555 to .533. That kind-a goes against placings on the All-Star sheet. The first three are Rader #3 players. For Top Player Jason Helmholtz (30-4 .882) beat out teammates James Helmholtz Jr. (19-5 .792) and Rick Spies (25-8 .758). Gloria Mahady (Rader's #2) came out of the two-week playoff earning the second slot to the big tournament.

Jefferson County Division # 19

A pair of Darwin teams shot it out for first past the post and the Divisional Champs were led by Mike Wills. From the playoffs Mark Emmons' Darwin's guys pulled it out.

Jefferson County Division # 20

Jerry Smith, John Pedrolie and Company out of JP's Eureka ran to the wire for Divisional Champs. From the two-week playoffs the other JP's team led by Tim Miller earned the second spot.

**Top Players from 5-Player Teams**

Top Player	Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Runner-up	Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Div. # 3 Charles Burrage	New Classic's #2	29	3	.906 ***	Lenzie Russ	New Classic's #2	25	10	.714
Div. # 5 Steve Fox	Hotshots Fenton #1	23	3	.885 ***	Paul Edstrom	Hot. Fenton #1	27	11	.711
Div. #18 Jason Helmholtz	Rader's #3	30	4	.882 ***	James Helmholtz	Rader's #3	19	5	.792
Div. # 4 Dan Manchanda	Shot Heaven #2	27	4	.871 ***	Rolla Hoffman	Shot Heaven #2	21	5	.808
Div. # 9 Billy Wimberly	Fucifino's #1	39	6	.867	Bob Ackley	Charlack Pub	32	7	.821
Div. #14 Jerry Jordan	Call 'Ur Shot #2	30	5	.857	Al Pruett	Call 'Ur Shot #5	20	4	.833
Div. # 6 Denis Dunbar	Libby's #2	35	7	.833 ***	Travis Cusik	Libby's #2	25	5	.833
Div. # 2 Tom Davidson	Hotshots SC #1	34	7	.829 ***	Mike Renick	Hotshots SC #1	30	8	.789
Div. #15 Jerry Jordan	Call 'Ur Shot #3	31	7	.816	Ken Morisaki	Call 'Ur Shot #2	35	9	.795

Div. #16 Keith Valet	Rader's #8	35	9	.795	Rich Sager	Rader's #2	24	7	.774
Div. # 3 Ross Belt	Fandango's	30	8	.789 ***	Bill Harwell	Fandango's	33	9	.786
Div. # 8 Larry Baker	Cactus Inn	25	7	.781	Ron Young	Airport Billiards	32	11	.744
Div. #17 Jeff Landherr	Rader's #5	21	6	.778	Randy Enlow	Rader's #6	25	9	.735
Div. #13 Zeferin Bandaras	Mi Familia	27	8	.771	Bob Frohne	Fucifino's #1	19	7	.731
Div. # 1 Chuck Hooper	Fandango's #1	35	11	.761	Scott Scholtz	Hotshots Fen #1	36	12	.750
Div. #11 Tommy Cardwell	Airport Billiards	31	10	.756 ***	Allen Berkbiegler	Airport Bill.	30	10	.750
Div. #10 Tony Gregory	Streiler's	28	10	.737	Tyler Jones	Lehmann's	32	12	.727
Div. #12 Joe Schieszer	Fucifino's #1	22	9	.710 ***	James Wagner	Fucifino's #1	17	7	.708
					George Allen	Fucifino's #2	17	7	.708

\*\*\* Teammates for Top Player and Runner-up

### Chicks with Sticks

Div. #109	Julia Gabriel	(6)	Rader's #9	38	18	.679
Div. #16	Heather Robison	(4)	Rader's #6	22	12	.647
Div. #13	Jeanine Dunn	(3)	Aftershock	25	15	.625
Div. # 7	Carla Granderson	(5)	New Classic's #2	21	13	.618
Div. #105	Rachel Slusser	(4)	Cocktails	28	19	.596
Div. #108	Rhonda LaPointe	(4)	Cocktails	19	13	.594
Div. #14	Loreli O'Rando	(5)	Call 'Ur Shot #1	20	15	.571
Div. #18	Tracie Gray	(2)	Rader's #2	13	10	.565
Div. #101	Dana Armbruster	(4)	Hazzards	19	15	.559
Div. #12	LaJuania Henry	(5)	Fucifino's #2	13	11	.542
Div. #18	Dawn Utterback	(4)	Rader's #2	18	16	.529
Div. # 4	Mary Brockman	(4)	Iron Horse Saloon	15	14	.517
Div. # 8	Cathy Nickles	(2)	Cactus Inn	25	26	.490
Div. #14	Donna Zamarripa	(4)	Call 'Ur Shot #3	13	17	.433

**14 players with 4 wins in one Match:** - Ed Chier (Call 'Ur Shot), Scott Pogue & Chris Herman (Darvin's), Steve Schultz, Gene Rader, Dennis Gallagher & Rich Sager (Rader's), Russ Alewel (AMVETS), Winston Mays (Classic's), Mike Nolan (Hotshots SC), Dennis Dunbar (Libby's), Robert Birkley (Liz's Place), Jim Wanner (Ivory Coast Bistro) and Ben Pona (Fenton Hotshots).

Winnings Streaks	Team	Total Payout for all three Tournaments
10 Jon Williams	Rader's #17	5-Player Board \$15,600.00
9 Chris Herman	Darvin's #19	4-Player Board 6,400.00
7 Scott Pogue	Darvin's #19	<u>All-Star Singles</u> 4,700.00
7 Mike Wills	Darvin's #19	\$26,700.00
7 Mike Nolan	Hotshots SC #2	

	Games gave Up	Games Received
7 Dennis Gallagher	Rader's #109	18-Rader's - Jon Williams
7 Dustin Dunham	Rader's #17	17-Ivory Coast - Jerry Dodson
7 Rich Sager	Rader's #16	14-Rader's - Lisa Crosby
		11-Rader's - Tony Napoli
		8-Darvin's - Mike Wills
		17-T.R.Gater's - Harold Seider
		15-T.J.'s - Bobby Heideman
		14-Darvin's - Mike Wills
		14-Hotshots - Bob Urberger
		11-Rader's - Gloria Mahady

Division # 10116 Weeks Monday

There are 12 teams in this Happy Hour Division and six finished in double figure wins. Here's the unbelievable part: The number six team, Hotshots SC #4 (10-6) had the highest games won-lost percentage (.573) and the only team that didn't lose 100 games. And they didn't make the playoffs. Talk about tough. Phoenix #3, led by Pat Bruce, held off the pack at 13-3, one-game over Hotshots SC #1. The

next three came in at 11-5. Hotshots SC #3 held out over Hotshots SC #1, Fandango's and 21 Rock earning the second spot to the big show. Teammates Ross Belt and Mike Devers raced to the wire for Top Player honors finishing one-two. Ross outlasted Mike, 36-5 .878 to 28-8 .778.

Division # 10216 Weeks      Monday

AMVETS #2 and Keith's tied with 12-4 records, but it was Keith's games won-lost percentage that made the difference, 121-101 .545 to 124-112 .525. That didn't stop AMVETS from blowing out the competition in the two-week playoffs. They outlasted Libby's, Shot Heaven and Jody T's.

Top Player goes to Libby's Justin Timmons. Justin's 34-7 .829 was 100 percentage points over runner-up Derrick Pickles (AMVETS #2), 35-13 .729. Teammate Timmay Henderson finished third, 34-13 .723.

Division # 10316 Weeks      Monday

The two burning questions from this division are: How can a team finish with a 10-6 record yet lose more games than they won? And have a \$64.90 surplus? **90-cents**? No doubt questions for the ages. Mary's Blue Ribbon won 136, lost 140 (both division leading totals) and ended at 5th place .493%. Go figure.

However, Wedge #1 claimed top spot going 11-5. With Ray Ridenour winning 40 games, Mac McDonald kicking in 35 and Frank Millerman adding 24, it's easy figuring how they finished first.

We can add this too, how a 5th place team with a losing record (7-9) but ended with a games W-L % of .502? And this Pardella Club #1 took out the second spot going to the big showdown without one member making the All-Star sheet. Another Go Figure. Frank Depoutot led the 18-player All-Star parade with his 32-7 .821 for Top Player. Frank beat out runner-up Ray Ridenour's 40-12 .769. Great race, guys.

Division # 10416 Weeks      Tuesday

Bullet Bob Pendergrass and team redeemed themselves with a first place 11-5 finish from this Tuesday morning in-house division. With three players of the eight making the All-Star sheet, Bob finished third, 30-17 .638. Teammate Victor Day took Top Player, 34-13 .723, beating out Mike Warfel's 35-16 .686.

From the playoff position, 'fino's #3, led by John Shields and LaJuania Henry outlasted #'s 1 & 2 for the second team going to the big dance. Nice shooting, guys.

Division # 10516 Weeks      Tuesday

Cocktails held on to take first place by a single game, 13-3, over Lehmann's Landing #2, 12-4. With four players on the All-Star sheet plus a division leading .568 games won-lost percentage, with 133 wins, it's easy to figure. It looks as if Rachel Slusser is using VooDoo or something. Her teams always seem to make the big show. As usual Rachel is the leading female from #105 with a very respectable 28-19 .596.

First week playoff winners are both Lehmann's teams. LL #1 knocked out Brewskee, 9-6; and by the same score, LL #2 k-o'ed New Classic's #1. For the finale LL #2 knocked out LL #1 for the second spot. Top Player goes once again to Mike Doak (Lehmann's #1). Mike edged out Paul Fitzgerald (Lehmann's #2) by a scant .005. Mike at 32-11 .744 to Paul's 34-12 .739. Great race, guys.

Division # 10613 Weeks      Thursday

According to the Mo-8 Office, #106 is the third toughest division going. And mostly because there are more heavy hitters coming out of Classic's Sports Bar. With five teams of the eight on the schedule, and three finishing 1,2,3... sounds reasonable to me. And of the 16 players making the All-Star sheet, there are ten Classic players, all '5's, '6's and '7's.

Classic's #4 topped the crowd at 10-3, one-game over Classic's #3, 9-4. No doubt coming from three of the top seven slots are #4 shooters. Devin Mays takes Top Player honors again. Devin's 29-6 .829 was slightly ahead of runner-up Wayne Turner, 36-10 .783. Devin's teammates included Steve Monko (31-9 .775) and Winston Mays (17-10 .630). Great shooting, guys. It was a toughie but Lehmann's Landing #1 outshot Classic's #'s 2 & 3 and Kenny's Korner from the playoff spot.



### Top Players from Happy Hour 4-Player Teams

Top Player	Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Runner-up	Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Div. #110 John Snyder	Rader's #1	29	2	.935	Brian Kroeger	Rader's #4	27	6	.818
Div. #101 Ross Belt	Fandangos	36	5	.878 ***	Mike Devers	Fandangos	28	8	.778
Div. #102 Justin Timmons	Libby's	34	7	.829	Derrick Pickles	AMVETS #2	35	13	.729
Div. #106 Devin Mays	Classic's #4	29	6	.829	Wayne Turner	Classic's #3	36	10	.783
Div. #103 Frank Depoutot	Mary's	32	7	.821	Ray Ridenour	Wedge #1	40	12	.769
Div. #108 Dale Fallon	Suwallers #1	24	7	.774	Rick Stehr	Airport Bill.	19	7	.731
Div. #109 Dennis Gallagher	Rader's #2	42	13	.764	Dwayne Heneger	Rader's #8	25	10	.714
Div. #105 Mike Doak	Lehmann's #1	32	11	.744	Paul Fitzgerald	Lehmann's #2	34	12	.739
Div. #107 Dave Gase	New Classic's #2	34	12	.739	Ron Clagett	Brewskeez	31	13	.705
Div. #104 Victor Day	Fucifino's #4	34	13	.723	Mike Warfel	Fucifino's #2	35	16	.686

### Total Payout: 69th Missouri-8-Ball All-Star Singles - \$4,700 February 21-22, 2009

Place	Player	Skill	Winnings	Place	Player	Skill	Winnings
1.	John Snyder	(7)	\$1000 & Trophy	13/16.	Alan Oliver	(6)	\$50.00
2.	Keith Valet	(5)	800 & Trophy	13/16.	Victor Day	(6)	50.00
3.	Scott Schultz	(5)	600 & Trophy	13/16.	Mike Doak	(5)	50.00
4.	Jon Williams	(7)	450	13/16.	Jay Krisher	(4)	50.00
5/6.	George Chaffin	(5)	325	17/24.	Ross Belt	(7)	25.00
5/6.	Steve Fox	(4)	325	17/24.	Ed Chier	(6)	25.00
7/8.	<b>Julia Gabriel</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>200</b>	17/24.	Ken Morisaki	(6)	25.00
7/8.	Tommy Webb	(4)	200	17/24.	Tony Napoli	(6)	25.00
9/12.	Jay Carlton	(6)	100	17/24.	Chuck Hooper	(5)	25.00
9/12.	Tim Mislark	(6)	100	17/24.	Dave Gase	(5)	25.00
9/12.	Johnny Moore	(5)	100	17/24.	Ron Young	(4)	25.00
9/12.	Robert Zamarripa	(3)	100	17/24.	<b>Dawn Utterback</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>25.00</b>

150 players signed up for the 69th All-Star Singles event. The \$4,700 was paid out to the top 24 players. John Snyder met and defeated some strong talent and took out his first Singles Championship.

Not only was Tattoo John a Top Player (Div. 110), he brought with him the highest won-loss record for the season, 29-2 .935. John got a pass from Saturday's elimination rounds, but there was no question he was prepared for Sunday's shootout.

After Snyder knocked Jon Williams, Dennis Gallagher and Ross Belt into the one-loss side, I.Q. Jones put things in perspective when he said: "Snyder opponents were dropping faster than babies out of that octuplet mother."

It was three matches down and three to go to be last man standing on the winner's side. Getting to the Title match Snyder had to get past Jay Carlton and George Chaffin to meet Scott Schultz. It all sounds easy in print but John was down 1-0 to Jay and came back for the 2-1 win. Same with George. But he was in the zone for the Hill match defeating Scott Schultz, 2-0.

Meanwhile Keith Valet was steamrolling opponents from the one-loss side like he steamrolled opponents from Division 16. Keith was knocked into the one-loss side by Scott Schultz. From there his run began by eliminating Dave Gase, Mike Doak, Johnny Moore, Tommy Webb, Steve Fox, Jon Williams, and a return engagement with Scott Schultz. This encounter ended with Valet knocking Schultz out setting up the final with Snyder. John prevailed for his first Singles Championship and the \$1000 first prize. Kudos, John. See you next time.

Two ladies cashed. Always tough Julia Gabriel tied for 7th taking away \$200, and Dawn Utterback took away \$25 for her first singles tournament. Great shooting, girls!  
The breakdown from each division: Three '7's, eight '6's, seven '5's, four '4's, and two '3's. And of the 24 players that cashed, ten were first-timers. Congratulations. See you next time for the 70th.

**Total payout and results from the 5-Player Tournament Board \$15,600  
February 27-28-29, 2009**

You'll have to excuse me while I wipe up the bloodstains and carry off the wounded. Five times Jon Williams and his Rader's Raiders were challenged, five times they circled the wagons to defend themselves and five times invaders were repelled. Defending their territory is what they do.

Listen, you don't go into the woods with a bear. You don't go into a fog with Freddy Kruger. You don't get into a car with Don Vito Corleone. You don't wander into the Alamo with Davy Crockett, even if he did kill him a bear when he was only three.

And you don't come into Rader's Sports Bar with expectations of taking on the best team in the hardest division thinking there won't be one heck of a fight, not unless you have a note pinned to you, telling them where to send the remains. If any.

This team is unique. No other lineup consistently plays at 32-points. Or they could play less, but that wouldn't be fair to their opponents. They could go out and find a good '4', a maybe '5', but why! This unit has been together for some time. They rely on each other, their own abilities, and they'll either get the job done or they won't. And besides, they like a good challenge. In fact, they insist on a challenge. Bring on your best. How many games do you need; four, five, six... you got it. But they do it with respect. No personal malice. Not trying to be something they aren't. And get this, they have never complained about their skill levels being raised or about other teams' being too low. Again, they go about business and get the job done or wait for next season. Too bad others aren't this understanding.

**"The Showdown"**

The first wave came at them at 4p.m. Saturday afternoon. New Classic's was given one-game head start and after taking four games the first round it seemed like the contest was in the bag. The lead lasted about as long as Caroline Kennedy's chances of being New York's next Senator. The William's gang took the whole second round and the first three from the third frame for an 8-game winning streak, and finished with 10 of the last 12 for a great come-from-behind 11-7 victory.

They were getting their shooting eyes warmed up. And their momentum continued when they began by taking the first six games when the second attack began around 7:30 that evening. Lehmann's Landing received 4-games on the wire and won only four as they went down 11-8.

The action picked up Sunday. South County Hotshots rode in at noon; and rode out about noon-30. It really wasn't that fast, but it might have seemed like it to Mike Renick's guys. The William's gang took four from both the first and second frames, then three the third for a fast 11-6 victory.

It wasn't over by a long shot. Another tough Hotshots gang, Bob Urberger's from Fenton, got 6-games head start. Rader's lost no time getting those back Rader's knocked out four wins from each of the first two rounds making the score even, 8-8. They split the first four games in round four and now were 10-10. Alan Oliver got the call for Rader's and pulled out the deciding game, and his fourth win of the series, for a squeaky 11-10 victory.

The final showdown would be between the two teams with the best tournament won-lost records. Darwin's, from Crystal City and led by Mike Wills, came in at 55-26 .679, and Jon Williams' Rader's, from St. Peters, were 44-18 .710.

Many railbirds were thinking Darwin's had an excellent chance of taking out the first prize trophy, and by past performance very well could have. They creamed their last two opponents 11-5 and 13-2. The points going in were 32 for Rader's and 24 for Darwin's giving the Crystal City team a 5-point lead before the first rack was broken.

The guys out of Rader's Sports Bar caught a couple breaks the first frame and took all five, then the first game in the second round for a 6-game streak that put them in front, 6-5. By splitting the remaining four games, Rader's was ahead after two rounds, 8-7. Jon Williams and Co. took the first and second games in round three getting on the hill, 10-7. Rodney Kozlowski kept Darwin's hopes alive with his 12th win of the weekend, and the 8th match win. But it was over when Alan Oliver once again won the deciding game and their first Championship for this Rader's gang. Congrats to all for a fine tournament.

### Final 8 Placings from the 5-Player Tournament Board

1. Rader's Sports Bar (St. Peters)	\$6,000 & Trophy Playoff Winner	Team Members – Captain Jon Williams, Randy Enlow, Dustin Dunham, Jared Speckmeyer, Alan Oliver & Nick Fernandez
2. Darwin's Sports Bar (Crystal City)	\$3,200 Division Champs	Team Members – Captain Mike Wills, Darwin Lemme, Chris Herman, Joe Vichard, Scott Pogue, Jim Kelly & Rodney Kozlowski
3-4. T.J.'s Alibi Inn (Breckenridge Hills)	\$1,600 Division Champs	Team Members – Captain Bobby Heideman, Bob Heideman, Dave Wadlow, Jeremy Petzon, Bill Wadlow, Kelly Smith & John Williams
3-4. Hotshots Fenton (Fenton)	\$1,600 Playoff Winners	Team Members – Captain Bob Urberger, Ben Pona, Bryan Higginbotham, Ken Mann, Tom Davidson & Rich Parshall
5-8. T.R. Gater's (Florissant)	\$800 Playoff Winners	Team Members – Captain Harold Seider, Jered Seider, John Layton, Mike Boyles, Justin Lindner, Zach Westover & Matt White
5-8. J.P.'s Bar & Grill (Eureka)	\$800 Playoff Winners	Team Members – Captain Tim Miller, Jeff Woolsey, Dan Sabine, Mark Claspill, Brian Birks & Chris Blake
5-8. Jack Patrick's (St. Louis)	\$800 Division Champs	Team Members – Captain John Saputo, C.J. Woods, Steve Galloway, Dan Wiseman, Robby McDonald, Bob Wrablick & Geoff Duvall
5-8. Hotshots SC (South County)	\$800 Division Champs	Team Members – Captain Mike Renick, Tom Davidson, Dave Canady, Mike Radake, Mike Nolan & Johnny Moore

There were 40 teams that qualified for the 5-Player Board. Play began Friday night Feb. 27, and concluded Sunday evening around 11p.m. When the smoked cleared the eight teams that cashed came from eight difference areas. Can't remember the last time this happened.

### Players with 10 or more Wins

Player	Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Player	Team	W.	L.	Pct.
1. Dustin Dunham	Rader's #17	13	2	.867	8. Dennis Gallagher	Rader's #109	11	5	.688
2. Jon Williams	Rader's #17	11	3	.786	9. Chris Herman	Darvin's #19	13	6	.684
3. Scott Pogue	Darvin's #19	14	4	.778	10. Jim Crosby	Rader's #110	10	5	.667
4/5. Gene Rader	Rader's #110	10	3	.769	11. Nick Fernandez	Rader's #17	10	6	.625
4/5. Tom Vogt	Rader's #110	10	3	.769	12. Mike Wills	Darvin's #19	11	7	.611
6. Randy Enlow	Rader's #17	12	4	.750	13. Rod Kozlowski	Darvin's #19	12	8	.600
7. Tony Napoli	Rader's #110	11	4	.733	14. Lisa Crosby	Rader's #110	10	8	.556

### Total payout and results from the 4-Player Tournament Board \$6,400 February 28-29, 2009

1. Rader's Sports Bar (St. Peters)	\$3,200 & Trophy Division Champs	Team Members – Captain Tony Napoli, Gene Rader, John Snyder, Tom Vogt, Randy Horst & Travis Rader
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| 2. Rader's Sports Bar<br>(St. Peters)     | \$1,600<br>Playoff Winners | Team Members – Captain Lisa Crosby, Jim Crosby, Pat Tobin,<br>Steve Schultz & Dennis Gallagher                |
| 3-4. Classic's Sports Bar<br>(Florissant) | \$800<br>Division Champs   | Team Members – Captain Kelly Ambrose, Devin Mays, Winston Mays,<br>Steve Monko, Ron Deloney & John Logan      |
| 3-4. Fucifino's<br>(Berkeley)             | \$800<br>Playoff Winners   | Team Members – Captain John Shields, LaJuania Henry, Daniel Holtzer,<br>Arthur Love, Lee Davis & John McCrary |

Twenty teams qualified for the 4-Player Happy Hour tournament board. And the final four were all veterans when it comes to the final four shootouts. John Shields' Fucifino's gang knocked out Dale Fallon from Suwallers and Jason Skrbin's South County Hotshots before losing to Lisa Crosby's Rader's.

Classic's Sports Bar, led by Kelly Ambrose, from Florissant, defeated Chris Zugmaier and Cocktails, and Wayne Ferrell's Rader's before being eliminated by Tony Napoli's Rader's.

There would be two Rader's teams going for the big prize. Tony and his gang entered the contest at .704 with a 38-16 record, to Lisa's 41-24 .631. Both shooting very well. Tony would give Lisa one-game head start. After Pat Tobin opened with a win over John Snyder and Lisa followed by clipping Tony Nap, they were on top 3-0.

But as the say in books, one round doesn't mean much. Tony's guys came back with three in the second frame and another three wins in the third for an 8-5 lead. And then the two Captains met in the fourth. This time it was Tony defeating Lisa for a 9-5 win for the Championship. Congrats and nice shooting.

And lastly: A few thoughts about a fine person that will be sadly missed.

**Walter V. "Red" Penrod  
"End of an Era"**

Somewhere it's going to happen; today, tomorrow, next week. Perhaps it'll be next month or next year. It will be an end to another era. A period of time characterized by particular circumstances; memorable events of years and decades gone by; unforgettable personages and characters that remains indelible on our minds. A permanent mark ever lasting not easily erased or washed away.

Without exception general consensus has always been as long as there is one person left from that precise point in time, the memory will last. Forgotten only when the last link of the chain has moved on. Such is the case of Walter Penrod. It is this time of which I speak. Another part of a long ago era has moved on. It ended Wednesday, December 31st, 2008. It will be an easy date to remember; it was the last day of the year. New Year's Eve is supposed to be remembered for its gaiety, its celebrations. A time to look forward to new beginnings. But not this time. This New Year's Eve was bitter-sweet. For we close the chapter and say goodbye not only to a good friend, but like a member of the family. For that's what Walt was for many years, a member of the Missouri 8 Ball family.

I'm not sure of the actual date, I can only tell you it was almost fifty years ago, 1960 or '61, the first time I walked into Poor Pete's, a small five-table establishment owned and operated by Pete Cheatham, located at the water tower circle way up North Grand Avenue in St. Louis. I knew Walt Penrod only by sight. He was twice my age back then. He exchanged courtesy nods with me and that, I thought, showed class. I watched him perform a few times, along with Fat Bill and other local talent. And if there was no action at Poor Pete's, there was another room a few miles down at Grand & Olive.

Across the street from Poor Pete's was a bar co-owned by two St. Louis Cardinals players, outfielder Rip Repulski and third-baseman Steve Bilko. North Grand Avenue was the place to be. One side of the street you could rub shoulders with pro baseball players after the game that day or night, not only Cardinals players, but also from visiting teams' players. And on the other side of the street bum around with some of the best pocket billiards talent St. Louis had to offer.

Walt Penrod was a regular at Poor Pete's. Better known as "Red" in his pool playing hey-day, closed out what could be the antepenultimate chapter of North St. Louis pool. There's still a couple of us around, but when it came to the fine art of running racks of '9' ball, the best may all be gone. Fat Bill Taormina (The Italian Stallion) passed away seven or eight years ago. Lean Gene Burgin has been gone three years now. Tom Ferry, Leroy Johnson among others; and now - "Red" Penrod.

Vernon Humphrey is still with us. Terry Huelsmann is active and with Marc Cooper co-owns and operates "The Break" in Cahokia, Illinois. And that's pretty close to it.

### **Fast forward 35-years:**

Now I run into Walt at Crooked Cue and Classic's Sports Bar on West Florissant, Florissant, Mo. As a member of several teams the last dozen years, Walt still handled a pool cue like the old days; straight and smooth. And I would be remiss if it wasn't mentioned that "Red" Penrod reached back and brought out of himself what many consider to be his finest season of Missouri 8 Ball competition.

Case in point: It was the 2008 summer session when Walt did all but hi-jack the Top Player Award from Division 106. Walt (22-4 .846) outlasted a younger Pat Row (31-6 .838), and a much-much younger Floyd Dooley (27-6 .818). And here's the kicker, at that time Red was 82 years of age... 82! Can you dig it! This was the "Red" of old. He owned this division like Ali owned the heavyweight division.

Red was like a lion surveying its dinner from the bushes; with coolness and patience. You never knew he was there waiting, stalking then pouncing when the moment presented itself. It was like the old days, running out rack after rack week after week. Keeping many of the game's best players in their chairs. Performing as if five decades had magically disappeared. But then, what difference did it make? When you're hot... you're hot. Thirty-two or 82, it was the same clear blue eyes surveying the perimeter, the same steady hand stroking the cue stick making the shots, pocketing ball after ball closing out another win. It was vintage Penrod at his best.

According to a reliable source, one league night a young opponent snickered when he drew Walt. He told his teammates that this game is going to be like a walk in the park. The old boy looks a little tired. Probably has a hard time making it around the table. That he would make it easy on Walt so he wouldn't have to get outta his chair.

It was a walk in the park... for Walt. More like a comfortable stroll down Primrose Lane. As the kid relaxed in his chair, awaiting his turn at the table, watching as Walt made the group of solids methodically disappear one by one, his expression turned to what one bystander described as 'panic', like he knew the Titanic was going down, but there was no life-preserver for *him*.

After Walt dropped the '8' and the handshake done, the kid mumbled to himself as he walked back to his table. When a teammate asked how it felt to get beat up on by Mr. Penrod, who was *only* 82-years-old, the kid responded that he was so embarrassed that if he were totally submerged under water he would scarcely kick to bring himself to the top. That's the way a lot of opponents felt after taking the taciturn Red Penrod lightly.

### **"In Commemoration"**

Long-time friend Terry Huelsmann: "Talk about a breakout moment, a comeback season. There is no question that this was the "Red" of bygone days? It was like being back at Poor Pete's. Red's life to this point was remarkable and one more sparkling and praiseworthy chapter was added."

To borrow a quote from Grantland Rice: 'Something one rarely sees beneath a sun that shines upon few novelties.' An example could mean: "When was the last time an 82-year-old waltzed through opponents 30-40-50, even 60-years his junior?"

We may never again see a season matching this season from an octogenarian with such a profound influence over opponents and teammates as Walter V. “Red” Penrod pulled off. No flash or dash, no show-offish, and never stand-offish. Certainly one of the most polite and accomplished diplomats to represent our game.”

I.Q. Jones: “Walt Penrod went after the Top Player Award the way Ty Cobb went after another batting title, with earnest determination. No quarter asked for, no quarter given. Whereas Cobb was hard and ruthless, Penrod was soft and quiet. There was gentleness to Walt. A friendliness that was unforced. Friends and teammates from Classic’s Sports Bar and the Missouri 8 Ball Pool League in general will have to go quite a distance before it picks up a sports-gentleman the quality of this rarest of individuals.”

Missouri 8 Ball Pool League Office: “Walt Penrod had a history. A man that just turned four-score and three (twenty-six days earlier) would have a lot of memories. And those of us who knew him will have endless stories to share. Great shooting, Red; it’s been a fun ride and a great pleasure knowing you.”

Walter V. “Red” Penrod: December 5, 1925 – December 31, 2008

That’s it. See you at the next big event:

Rusty Brandmeyer – Missouri 8 Ball Pool & Dart Leagues Operator

Roger Pheasant – Internet Expert & All around Good Guy

Dusty Brandmeyer – Bag Man, Magician and Sleight of Hand Expert

Jay L. Carlton – Tournament Director & Assistant to the Wheels