

Missouri 8 Ball Spring Session - January 18, 2009 to May 24, 2009

Division Highlights – Team Standings – Top Players

Tournament Results – All-Star Singles Winners

5-Player & 4-Player Board Winners – The Ultimate Challenge

Division #1 16 Weeks Tuesday

Hotshots Fenton won their first three matches and their last 8, was never out of first place, and ended with a 14-2 .603 showing. Their 173 wins, only 114 losses and with five players making the All-Star sheet, it's a good reason to see how they pulled it off. Also, the first three players on the sheet are Hotshots with **Scott Scholtz** taking Top Player honors. Scott's 40-7 .851 beat out teammates Matt Auclair (36-10 .783) and Ken Mann (33-12 .733). Add 27 wins from Scott Diebold and 24 from Nathan Kidd; yep, you can see how they did it.

First week's playoff winners were Fandangos #4 over Fandangos #1, 11-3. Kevin Hayes, Mike Lashley and Jim Hagan all went 3-0 for the win. The second match of the double-header saw JP's Corner #2 offered up 3-games head start to 21 Rock. They overcame that by taking 4-wins in both rounds one and two then finished off 11-7 with Larry Stuart leading the way with a 3-0 match. That set up the **Fandangos #4** and JP's Corner #2's rematch. Kevin Hayes and gang (Fandangos #4) came out on top of David West's team (JP's Corner #2), 11-8, even though Larry Stuart banged out a 4-win night for the losing JP's.

Division #2 16 Weeks Tuesday

Ivory Coast Bistro was outta first place for only one of the 16 weeks and came home 2-games ahead of Hotshots SC #1, 13-3 to 11-5. Ivory Coast Bistro had three players making the All-Star sheet all landing in the top five spots with **Bob Wanner** walking off with Top Player honors. Bob tied for the highest percentage of all Top Players with a great mark of 45-4 .918. Mike Renick (Hotshots) finished second, 38-11 .776.

Helping out in the 4th and 5th spots was brother Jim Wanner (23-9 .719) and Bistro owner Jerry Dodson (30-14 .682). Their 98 wins with only 27 losses proved to be too much for the rest of the field.

First playoff week was a tough come-from-behind win for Hotshots SC #1. Having to give the much weaker Hotshots SC #3 8-games on the wire almost cost them. At the conclusion of round three HS #3 led 12-11. And then taking the first game in round four upped their chances 13-11. But then Johnny Moore and Mike Nolan tied it up for Mike Renick. Renick pulled it out for a tight 14-13 victory.

The second match saw Hotshots SC #2 giving up 3-games to Wedge. Wedge carried a 7-6 lead into the 3rd round only to lose all five games. Hotshots SC #2 took the 2nd game in round four for a 12-8 victory with Dennis Dunbar, Brian Donovan and Bob Thum winning three games each.

Second playoff week was again between two South County Hotshots' teams. Playing even **Hotshots SC #1** took an 11-7 win from HSSC #2.

Division #3 16 Weeks Wednesday

Fandangos went wire to wire never really being challenged for first place. Their 11-5 was 2-games better than runner-up Hotshots Fenton, 9-7. Fandangos also placed five players on the All-Star sheet with **Bill Harwell** taking Top Player honors. Harwell began the 16-week trip by winning his first 16 games and was never out of first place. Bill's 38-5 .884 was .113 better than runner-up Brian Daniels (Hazzards), 37-11. 771.

Throw in teammates Mike Devers (32 wins), Brendan Sullivan (28 wins), John Porter (26 wins) and Jason Krentz with 19 wins, this was a hard team to beat.

First week playoffs saw 5th place Hotshots SC overcome a 3-game spot to 2nd place Hotshots Fenton for a 12-8 win. To meet Hotshots SC, 4th place Hazzards pulled an 11-7 victory over 3rd place JP's Corner. Brian Daniels put together a 4-0 night for the winners. And they didn't stop there. With the score 9-9, **Hazzards** won the final two games for an 11-9 victory getting a spot in the big show.

Division #4 16 Weeks Wednesday

Rumor has it that odds-makers lost money on this division. **Night Sky #2** was not favorites going in. I guess maybe they didn't get the memo. Not only did they pass the post 2-games in front, 13-3 to 21 Rock #1's 11-5, but put five players on the All-Star sheet all from the first nine positions.

Rick Storz led the attack by taking out Top Player, 33-8 .805 over teammate & runner-up Russ Sechrest, 28-8 .778. Other teammates were 5th Bob Chudy (28 wins), 8th Brian Williams (30 wins) and 9th Clint Lakamp (28 wins).

Julie Hemann led the female attack with a great 29-16 .644 showing. Which by the way was 10th on the All-Star list. Other ladies were Sharon Luitjens (28-16 .636) and Kris Schlaefli (27-22 .551). Nice shooting, ladies. First playoff week showed 5th place 21 Rock #2 taking an 11-7 decision from 2nd place 21 Rock #1. Mike Jones and Don French kicking in three wins each. Second qualifying match saw Night Sky #1 eke out an 11-10 win over JP's Corner. This all girl lineup was led by Donna Collins having a 4-0 night in a losing cause. Next time ladies! Second week playoff match went to **21 Rock #2**. They offered 4-games up to Night Sky #1 and overcame that by taking an 11-7 win to get to the big show. Mike Jones and Dan French led the attack with three wins each.

Division #5 16 Weeks Wednesday

G.E.D. (Git'er Done) took over first place from Jack Patrick's the 9th week and held on for 1-game over the finish line, 14-2 to 13-3. Jack Patrick's led all Mo-8 teams in games won/lost percentage, 166-107 .608, but fell one game short for the title. G.E.D. placed four players on the All-Star sheet with Anthony Trevisano leading the way, 39-11 .780. Tom Neisz had a great season, 36-14 .720. Vito Castelli and Steve Haukap added 41 wins between them.

Dennis Bullock (Libby's) edged out Steve Galloway (Jack Patrick's) for Top Player honors. Dennis, at 32-7 .821, was just a little over Steve's 38-9 .809. Great race, guys.

First week playoffs went to 4th place Wedge #2 over 3rd place Libby's, 11-9. Second place **Jack Patrick's** missed first place by a single game but wouldn't be denied in the playoffs. After taking an 11-6 decision over 5th place Wedge #1 they came right back by taking an 11-8 victory over Wedge #2.

Division #6 16 Weeks Thursday

Fandangos changed gears around the 6th week, won 9 of their last 10 matches and creamed the field with a 13-3 runaway. That was 3-games better than runner-up Hazzards' 10-6. With five players making the All-Star sheet, and the division leading female, **Liz Lammert** (17-13 .567), and team leading 167 wins, it's easy to see how Fandangos did it. As good as that was, it's only a close second to the other big story from this division.

Top News Story from #6: "John Porter has to be the luckiest player from this Division."

Check it out – after 15 weeks of play three Fandangos players were one-two-three on the All-Star sheet. John is 4th. With only one week remaining, John needed to go 5-0 to even have a chance for the title. So what happens? Porter gets his chance because Hazzards is scheduled against Night Sky #2, a cellar dweller packin' an O for 15 record. Try as they might, this team hadn't gotten a break the entire season even though they have been getting a ton on the wire. And tonight was no exception. Playing 14-points difference, Night Sky #2 received 10-games head start, which means they had to win only 6 games while Hazzards had to go to 16. Those few extra games allowed Mr. Porter the opportunity of getting those five wins.

Meanwhile, the three players ahead of John all had ample opportunities to take over the top spot. Had just one of those three players gone undefeated, that player would have taken the title. As it were, all three of them lost at least one game and that, with Porter's 5-0 night, allowed him to sneak into first place on the very last game of the season. So we say congrats to Top Player, Hazzards **John Porter**. His 26-9 .743 was .010 better than runner-up Matt Cox (Fandangos) 33-12 .733.

We pick the Third Top Story from the first playoff week between 5th place Hotshots Fenton #1 and 2nd place Hazzards. Skipping ahead to the 5th round we find the score is 10-10. The number one pill rolls out for Ron Burt (Hazzards) and Scott Diebold (Hotshots Fenton #1). Ron gets the break and wham... the '8' finds a pocket. Damn the bad luck for Scott, right. But wait. Just about the time you begin celebrating, something called divine intervention sneaks in. You can't believe its happening but it is. The cue ball is rolling and rolling and rolling toward a pocket... and... and... and falls. Who'd a thunk it? With Paul Edstrom going 4-0 and the 8-ball scratch, it was an 11-10 Hotshots Fenton #1 victory.

Meanwhile 3rd place 21 Rock gets 4-games head start from 4th place Hotshot SC and rode it out to an 11-8 win. Now, how did it play out for Hotshots Fenton #1? Their luck lasted only for that one playoff match. 21 Rock got three-games on the wire for the second playoff match and held on for a 12-9 decision and a spot at the big event. As thee say in thy books, "The Pool Gods give-ith and the Pool Gods take-ith away!"

Division #7 16 Weeks Thursday

Wedge #2 put together two 7-game winning streaks and needed them both. After running off their first seven wins, they dropped a tough 11-10 decision to Liz's Place. Another 7-game winning streak brought their record to 14-1.

With only one week remaining and a 2-game lead, the last week was for party time and fun. Wedge #2 ended with a 14-2 showing to runner-up Libby's, 13-3.

What Libby's did do was end the season with the highest w/l Pct., .581, and Top Player **Todd Kippenberger**. Todd jumped to the head of the pack the 13th week and held on for a 27-6 .818 showing to runner-up Semir Ekic's 42-10 .808. Great race, guys. **Donna Pope** (G.E.D.) led the division from the female side, 30-17 .638. Of the 35 players on the sheet, Donna was 18th best. Nice going, lady.

First playoff week saw 4th spot Liz's Place get 5-games on the string from Ivory Coast Bistro and run out a 12-8 win. Second place Libby's made a decision not to play Ed Libby and still had to give G.E.D. 4-games head start. After losing the second game, Libby's ran off nine straight games (and 10 of 11) taking an 11-6 victory.

Not playing Ed was a good ploy so they decided to sit Ed out of the second playoff match. Libby's still had to give Liz's Place a 3-game lead, but after taking nine of the first 10 games, **Libby's** came out 12-7 winners. Dennis Dunbar and Todd Kippenberger led the charge by winning three games each.

Division #8 16 Weeks Monday

Classics was either tied or in first place the entire 16 weeks ending the season, 12-4, only 2-games ahead of Airport Billiards. And of the 15 players on the All-Star sheet, six are Classic's shooters, led by James Adkison's 28-13 .683. Although Airport Billiards finished second from the team standing, two of their players finished first and second for Top Player. And it did not begin until the 12th week. Huh!

Yep, when the 12th week's sheet came out the names at the top were Louis Erby and Mike Zomphier. Before that neither of these guys were thought to be in town. Then, bingo, they show up for a race to the finish line.

For the final five weeks Louis and Mike fought each other for the title. Finally **Louis Erby** prevailed, 30-7 .811 to Mike's 27-9 .750. Great race, guys. **Carla Granderson** (Airport Billiards) led the ladies with a nice 17-12 .586.

First week of playoffs: Third place Bottle Cap behind the 4-0 night of Jerry Jordan defeated 4th place Charlack Pub by the slim margin of 11-10. Over at Airport Billiards they gave 7-games on the string to Streilers. By winning 10 of the first 11 games, Airport was flying high and closed out the match for a 13-10 win. Carla Granderson and Mike Zomphier led the attack with three wins each.

The second week was almost like the first week. It was the Carla and Mike show as each again won three games apiece. Giving Bottle Cap one, **Airport Billiards** came back with an 11-6 victory and another shot at the big show.

Division #9 16 Weeks Monday

Seldom is a team race to the wire as hotly contested as this one was. The first five teams finished just 2-games apart. **Pirates Cove** closed out the campaign 12-4. Three teams, New Classic's #3, Cactus Inn and Jennings Station #2 all came in at 11-5, and Jennings Station #1 at 10-6. What a race this turned out to be.

Pirates Cove placed four players on the All-Star list: Tony Gregory (39-11 .780), Brian Kissling (29-15 .659) Mike McCormack (29-18 .617) and the division leader **Mike Moore** taking the title with 45 wins, only 4 losses at .918. That .918 makes it a two-way tie for the highest shooting average for this session.

And speaking of Mike Moore coming in at 45-4 .918, we would be remiss if it wasn't pointed out the Mr. Moore won his first 26 games. That was followed by a 3-game losing streak. Ah ha, but then Mike got back in stroke by running off 19 out of his last 20. Talk about a great season.

Mike Moore was being pushed by another Mike – Mike Remiger. Remiger turned in a great 44-8 .846 of his own. And the third place finisher was '8-Ball Maker' Larry Baker (Cactus Inn). Larry's impressive, 40-10 .800 was good for only 3rd place. That would have been good for the title most any other time, but this was definitely Mike Moore's season. Great shooting, guys.

Week one of playoffs saw 5th place **Jennings Station #1** knock off 2nd place New Classic's #3, 11-6, with Thad Pecoraro's 3-win match. While that was taking place, over at Cactus Inn '8-Ball Maker' Larry Baker pumped another four '8' balls in as 3rd place Cactus Inn downed 4th place Jennings Station #2, 11-8.

Second playoff week: Playing heads up Jennings Station #1 jumped out in front of Cactus Inn and held on for an 11-8 victory with Rich Vobrick and John Jimenez dealing themselves 3-wins each.

Division #10 16 Weeks Tuesday

Fucifino's #2 practically waltzed to the finish line with their 13-3 team record and division leading 158-111 .587 games record. With five shooters making the 15-player sheet, and two at the top, this comes as no surprise. And the Top Player also comes as no surprise... Mr. **Todd Berry**. Yep, for those of you who thought that Todd won the

lottery and retired to places unknown, it didn't happen. He's alive and well and still dropping '8' balls over at Fucifino's. Todd's 29-6 .829 was slightly ahead of teammate Mike Stevenson's 28-8 .778. Great race, guys.

And nice shooting to Fucifinos #2, **LaJuania Henry** for leading the female contingency, 23-15 .605. This is the second division Ms Henry is top female player.

First playoff week showed 2nd place Charlack Pub waltzing off to an 11-3 victory over 5th place Game Day Sports Bar with Pub's Steve Lowrey leading the way with three wins. And in a surprise turn of events 4th place Suwallers (getting 3-games on the wire) turned the tables on Billy Wimberly's crew. And it could be because **Terri 'Terrific' (Hopfer)** was the lone winner in round two. That may have inspired the Suwaller gang because they came back with four wins in round three for the 11-7 victory. Hang in there, Terri. One day they'll learn to play you more.

For the second playoff week against Charlack Pub they didn't need Terri as a pinch-hitter. **Suwaller's** got 3-games on the string and rode it out for a 12-6 win getting another shot under the big top.

Division #11 16 Weeks Tuesday

When it got down to the nitty-gritty, **Hotshots NC** jumped in front of the pack the 13th week and held on to win by a single game. Their 13-3 was one game better than Cactus Inn (12-4) and two games better than Tigers Inn (11-5). Hotshots NC placed five players on the All-Star sheet with Greg Mayfield taking top team honors, 24-9 .727.

But the division's Top Player was **David Smith** (Cactus Inn). David's 32-8 .800 was slightly better than runner-up Dave Simpkin (Duncan's Place), 27-8 .771. Great race, guys.

First week's playoff were two tight matches. Third place Tigers Inn gave up 1-game to 4th place Duncan's but took an 11-9 decision behind the 4-win night of Jeff Williams. Teammate Mark Fannin pitched in with three wins of his own. Second place Cactus Inn had to give 5th place Fucifino's #2 5-games on the wire and then lost the opening game to be down 6-love. Obviously that didn't sit well with Cactus Inn. From there they roared back taking 12 of the next 15 games and k.o.'ed Fucifino's #2, 12-9. Rob Lincoln was 4-0 and Chad Heidbrink was 3-0 for Cactus. Second playoff week: **Cactus Inn** overcame a 2-game head start to Tigers Inn and pulled out an 11-8 win. Top Player David Smith with teammates Darryl Anderson and Rob Lincoln contributed three wins each.

Division #12 16 Weeks Wednesday

It seems unlikely but it does happen about once every five or six years where there is a tie for Top Player. This season it happened twice and this is one of them. After 15 weeks of play the three leading contenders were only .022 apart. The final week one went 2-2, another 3-1 and the third 4-0. The final tally showed Joe Rogers (Red Birds) and Mike Heidbreder (New Classics) tied, 39-11 .780. Based on the tie-breaker system, **Joe Rogers** is declared winner. Joe was the player that was 4-0 the final week.

Saying that a team went wire to wire never being outta first place sounds like they had complete control over every situation. Not true 8-ball breath. Case in point: **Clubhouse #1** did go wire to wire and finished up 12-4. That was one-game better than New Classics (11-5) and two games over Streiler's and Pirates Cove (both 10-6). So what's the big deal? Glad you asked. Going into final week's play Clubhouse could lose their last match and still end up in first place – but – they had to win at least 8 games. Not only that, New Classics had to either lose their last match, or if they won, they had to lose at least 8 games. Because had the first part of this scenario not happened and New Classics won, say 11-7, their games W/L percentage would have overtaken Clubhouse #1's W/L percentage.

Well, Clubhouse lost their last match, but did win the required 8 games. It was all academic as New Classics lost their final match anyway. But there was always the chance that it could have been a 15-week run for Clubhouse only to lose out the final week.

So what was New Classic's fate in the playoffs? From bad news to worse news! They were beaten the first week by 5th place Red Birds, 11-6. You just never know how the balls will roll. Jerry Congleton had 4-wins for the Birds. 3rd place Streiler's stayed alive by knocking off 4th place Pirates Cove 11-5 with Mike McCormack going 4-0.

The final outcome? It was a tough match. **Red Birds** flew over Streiler's and dropped on them an 11-10 squeaker. Jim Davis went 4-0 for Streiler's in a losing cause. For the Red Birds Top Player Joe Rogers and teammate Bryan Davis put three wins each on the board. Great shooting, guys.

Division #13 16 Weeks Wednesday

There is more than one story coming out of this division. There's the Mexican-connection of how Mi Familia #2 lost four of their first six matches, and Acapulco Restaurant winning 9 of their first 10 matches.

And then there's **Tyler Jones**: He had it, lost it, and then got it back.

Beginning with the Top Player race: Monty Caldwell took over top spot the 10th week with Tyler Jones right on his heels. Tyler jumped ahead the 11th week and held on for four weeks. The 15th week Monty was back on top and the only way he could lose the title is to play and lose one game. Of course Tyler Jones had to go undefeated in four games; not three, but four. And that's what happened. It was literally the last game of the season that won it for Tyler (or lost it for Monty) depending on your point of view. It's called 'the last game blues.' Caldwell went 3-1 the final week ending at 40-14 .741, while Jones was 4-0 bringing his final stats to 35-12 .745. Another great race!

Acapulco took off running like Border Patrol was closing in. By taking 9 of their first 10 matches it seemed like Acapulco Restaurant was going to be known for more than their hot tortillas. However, fate and Pool Gods were unkind. They ended their last six matches 1-5 for a season ending 10-6. Still playoff status. But, while Acapulco's game was going down the drain, **Mi Familia #2** (after losing 4 of their first 6 matches) regained their shooting eyes and rallied by winning 9 of their next 10 matches taking over first place with a great come-from-behind 11-5 record. Only three Mi Familia #2 players made the All-Star sheet: Zeferin Bandaras (33-15 .688), Santiago Godooy (20-12 .647) and Miguel Pinales (24-21 .533). But that was good enough.

What's unique about this situation is that the next four teams all finished with 10-6 records. In order (by games W/L %) are: Lehmann's (.513), Airport Billiards (.509.57), Acapulco (.509.50) and Cactus Inn (.505).

We'll never know how the Acapulco gang would have done in playoffs because for some unknown reason they failed to show up for their playoff match with Airport Billiards. (You think Border Patrol... nah!)

5th place Cactus Inn received 3-games on the wire from 2nd place Lehmann's Landing and held on for a 12-9 victory. Some strange-strange turns of events.

The second playoff week Cactus Inn got 2-games head start but wasn't enough. **Airport Billiards** took the last seven games and finished 11-6 behind the 3-win effort of Tommy Cardwell.

Division #14 16 Weeks Thursday

T.R. Gater's and Pirates Cove were neck and neck throughout this race. Gater's was out of first place only one of the 16 weeks and ended up 2-games ahead of both Pirates Cove and Fucifino's #1, 13-3 to 11-5.

Of the 20 that made the All-Star sheet there were only two Gater's listed, 3rd place Zach Westover (36-14 .720) and 18th Jared Seider (21-16 .568). But there is no rule that says that a first place team has to have any of their players there. In fact it has happened in the past. So how did this happen? I don't know either, I just report it.

And speaking of Micah McCoy: We were? We are now. **Micah McCoy** has the proud distinction of being Top Player. What's so unusual about this you ask? Micah McCoy is a good player. True-true! There are two things: One, Micah McCoy's team (Fucifino's #2) finished 7th in this 8-team division. Their 5-11 was hardly enough to scare anybody. But they placed three players on the All-Star board, and Micah McCoy was numeral uno. Yep; and here's the kicker: Micah McCoy appeared on the sheet the seventh week but not the 8th, or the 9th, or the 10th, etc. etc. It wasn't until the very last week - the 16th week - did Micah McCoy again land there, and guess what - all those eight weeks he was behind in games played he made up the 15th week.

Micah McCoy edged out runner-up Billy Wimberly, 26-7 .788 to 27-8 .771. Talk about a sneak attack.

LaJuania Henry (Fucifino's #1) led all ladies with a great 28-14 .667. (She also led Division #10.) LaJuania had a very good session finishing 7th on the list of 20 players.

Two tight matches the first week of playoffs. Pirates Cove overcame a 3-game spot to Mi Familia for an 11-9 win. Andy Foust, Mike Foust and Tony Gregory all turned in 3-win performances. It was a little rougher for Fucifino's #1. They had to spot Fucifino's #3 5-games head start. From there it was back and forth. Billy's gang took all five the first round to even the match, 5-5. Number 3 came back with four the second round for a 9-6 lead. Fino's-1 kicked it up for four wins in round three for another tie, 10-10. For the deciding game Billy Wimberly and Waddell Whitehead drew each other for the third time, each winning one game apiece. This time it was Wimberly coming out on top for the 11-10 win sending 'fino's #1 to the second week playoff.

As hard as it was to win the first playoff match, the second was a walkover. Billy's gang spot Pirates Cove 1-game on the string; and that's all they got until the 11th game. **Fucifino's #1** ran off 10 in a row and 11 of the 12 played for an 11-2 embarrassment over Pirates Cove.

Division #15 16 Weeks Thursday

Final Destination #1 came out of the gate smoking. By the 11th week they were around the far turn and headed home with an 11-0 record. Life was good. They stumbled the next two weeks but regained momentum and closed

out the race by taking their last three matches ending up 14-2. Final Destination #1 crossed the finish line 3-games in front of Seansies Pub and Cactus Inn #2 both at 11-5.

Putting five players on the All-Star sheet no doubt assisted in their runaway. Led by Shawn Tendiel (40 wins) and followed with Scott Ward (26 wins), Tommy Webb (24), Scott Young (24) and Wayne Lowey Jr (21), the team record of 169-122 .581 was amongst the League's highest.

There's a new Sheriff in this part of town. First-timer **Kevin (the Terrible) Torraiba** (Cactus Inn) made his presence known in a big way. This is unquestionably the best race for Top Player we have ever had in the 24 years of Missouri 8 Ball. It isn't the closest race as there have been ties, but two players going undefeated for so long.

Check it out. After six weeks of play Kevin Torraiba is 18-0 and Shawn Tendiel is 17-0. The 7th week Shawn won his first game for a personal season high 18 straight wins before Jon Lourie (Aftershock) put a halt to Shawn's string. Kevin continued his winning ways going 3-0 opening up a gap at 21-zip. Still not a lot of breathing room!

It wasn't until the 11th week that Kevin's string was broken. By this time he was 29-0. Cactus Inn #2 was playing Final Destination #1 (Shawn's team). But it wasn't Shawn that gave Kevin his first loss. It was Zach Rinehart. Both Kevin and Shawn went 2-1 this night and brought their records to 29-1 and 28-3. Tight!

After 13 weeks it tightened up even more. Kevin went 2-2 (the only week he lost two games), and Shawn was 3-1 for a race of 32-1 to 30-3. It went up to 36-4 to 36-5 the 14th week and 39-4 to 39-6 the 15th. The final week both players went 2-1 for a final total for Kevin Torraiba, 41-5 .891, and for Shawn Tendiel, 40-7 .851. Talk about a great race. Really, great shooting, guys.

First playoff week: Fucifino's #2 got 4-games head start but wasn't enough to sustain Cactus Inn and the fine shooting of Top Player Kevin Torraiba. Kevin turned in another stellar performance by going 4-0 in a 12-10 decision. Teammate Shawn Embree kicked in three wins of his own.

Seansies Pub got a 1-game spot from Fucifino's #1. After taking four games in both rounds one and two for a 9-2 lead, it was basically over. Fino's-1 mounted a small comeback with four wins in the 3rd and two in the 4th, but wasn't enough as Cactus Inn held on for the 11-8 victory.

Second week: **Seansies Pub** received 3-games on the string from Cactus Inn and rode it out for a 12-9 win. Each team won nine games but that 3-game spot was very important as it sent Seansies to the big show.

Division #16 16 Weeks Thursday

Now I ask ya... does this seem fair to you? **Call 'Ur Shot #3** ran off 182 wins, a big games W/L .547 Pct., finished 13-3 (2-games over the field), and the first four spots on the All-Star sheet gobbled up by their players? Fair or no, that's the way it wound up! And **Dave Rauch** (37-11 .771) worked his way up the ladder for Top Player. After five weeks Dave was 8th on the list. He kept pecking away and week after week climbed higher until he landed number one just barely beating out teammates Dan Young (34-11 .756), Josh Carroll (29-12 .707) and the only female to make the honor roll, **Nikki Carroll**. Nikki was 4th on the sheet of 10 players with a great 30-13 .698. Nice going!

There was only one playoff match as team #1 dropped out. The lone match was taken out by **Call 'Ur Shot #2**. They opened up by getting 5-games on the wire from #4 and waltzed home with a 12-4 victory. Jon Lancaster led the massacre with a 3-win night.

Division #17 16 Weeks Thursday

This 6-team in-house division from Bird Birds proved competitive, for three teams. Red Birds #4 came outta the chute winning their first seven matches. But their pace began to slow and by week nine #2 took over. Red Birds #2 pulled away like a jet against a Piper Cub. **Red Birds #2** won their final eight matches ending the campaign at 14-2, 3-games over #4 and 4-games over #5.

Of the first eight players on the All-Star sheet five were from Red Birds-2. New player **Bob Mannecke** led the attack with his 33-8 .805, also good for Top Player. Runner-up was teammate Jeremy Johnson at 26-9 .743.

Also new to Missouri 8 Ball **Kriss Gabel** (Red Birds #3) led from the female side, 21-14 .600.

First playoff week: To begin the match Red Birds #4 gave RB-1 4-games on the string. And then allowed them only two little wins for a walkover, 11-6 (11-2). Ron Claggett, Jay Decker and Dave Andrews all with three wins each. Across the room **Red Birds-3** (a.k.a. Drunkards) was getting 4-games head start from RB-5. With Andy Luebbers staying sober and kicking in a 4-win match, #3 barely held on for an 11-9 decision.

The Drink Gods, along with the Pool Gods were kind the following match. RB-3 received 7-games head start from RB-4. (Now, I wasn't there but rumor has it that the 7-game spot allowed them a few extra shots of Schnapps, Hot

Damns, Budweisers and such; and they still staggered home with a 13-7 victory.) That's what happens when you're loose. Life is good. Nice shooting, guys.

Division #18 16 Weeks Tuesday

Call 'Ur Shot #1 claimed both honors. Top Player **Jerry Jordan** jumped the line the 4th week and held on to once again pull off the trick. Jerry's 29-7 .806 was just ahead of runner-up Clayton Scott (Call 'Ur Shot #3), 17-6 .739. From the team side CuS #1 finished 3-games over CuS #4, 13-3 to 10-6. Aiding and abetting Jerry Jordan were teammates Bill Millikan (24 wins), Jon Lancaster (21) and Butch Matlock (19).

Coming out of the playoffs for the second slot was **Call 'Ur Shot #4**. This team led by Donna Zamarrippa got a four-game spot and parlayed that into an 11-4 win knocking off CuS #3.

Division #19 16 Weeks Wednesday

To give an idea of how tough and competitive this division is there were originally nine teams that started the season, eight out of Rader's Sports Grill & Bar and one from Eagles Nest Pub. At the end only seven remained. Eagles Nest Pub flew the coop after the 7th week when they had a 1-6 record and that lone 'W' was a bye-win. From week nine to week 12 there were eight teams. That's when Rader's #5 opted to quit. They weren't doing much better than Eagles Nest with a 2-10 record and one was a bye-win. The other was a legitimate win over Eagles Nest. They quit the 13th week the week they were to receive another bye-win.

This now became a 7-team in-house division and five of the seven teams finished in double figure wins. Rader #'s 3 & 2 ended at 12-4. But **Rader's #3's** games W/L % was higher, .562 to .532. With five players in the top 13 positions on the All-Star sheet kinda gives you a better insight of maybe they really belonged number one. Especially since the first two shot it out for Top Player the final six weeks. **Don Nelson** sneaked past teammate Jeff Ford the final week taking the title, 23-5 .821 to 23-6 .793; only one loss difference. The other three were 6th place Rich Sager (32-13 .711), 12th Alan Oliver (22-13 .629) and 13th John Schneider (18-11 .621).

First playoff week: Rader's #7 showed up with only four of their seven players and had to forfeit one game per round. As good luck would have it three of those forfeit losses landed to the best player from their opponents, Keith Valet. Had they been drawn against weaker players, the score would have been closer than the 11-7. Because of that bit of luck, #7 took the match with only four players. Mario Webster 4-0, Mike Welker 3-1, Ron Heron 3-0 and Tammy Heron 1-2. The second match saw Rader's #2 give #5 five-games on the wire. #2 took four wins from round one and all five from round two for a 9-6 lead. Three outta four in round three wrapped up a 12-7 (12-2) decision. John Bissel and Gene Rader led the attack with 3-wins each.

Second week action saw Tony Napoli's gang give up 6-games head start to #7. Number 7 managed to win only two games to go with the 6, and **Rader's #2** took an 11-8 (11-2) contest to move into the second spot to the big show.

Division #20 16 Weeks Thursday

Rader's #5 and Rader's #3 was neck and neck to the very end. With 10-6 records the games W/L % goes to #5, 146-142 .507 to 147-147 .500. Let me remind all that this in-house division is the toughest division in the Mo-8 League. Several things point to this. Firstly, the top five teams can play 30-32 points any given match. Second, the winning team was barely over the .500 mark (.507). Third, Top Player seldom hits much higher than .700 because of the stiff competition. This season **Randy Enlow** (Rader's #3) takes the title, 36-16 .692. Believe me this is one tough bunch of '6's, '7's and '8's. Of the 15 players on the All-star sheet there was only one '5'. That's tougher than David Letterman trying to squirm his way out from under the Sarah Palin jokes about her daughter getting knocked up by A-Rod in the 5th inning at Yankee Stadium. Or whatever the inning was!

Randy's 36-16 .692 was slightly ahead of runner-up Brain Kroeger (Rader's #1) 37-18 .673. Great race, guys.

First playoff week: Mario Webster and his Rader-1 gang ran over R-2, 11-4 with Mario leading the charge with three wins. Meanwhile Rader's #3 edged by R-6, 11-9. Jon Williams went 4-0 for the winners and Keith Valet had 4-wins for the losing team.

Second playoff week shows that **Rader's #3** out-gunned R-1, 11-6. Top Player Randy Enlow led with 3-wins.

Division #21 16 Weeks Thursday

This 12-team division was more evenly split than most. Only two teams managed to win in double figures. Rader's #2 took first past the post with a 12-4 showing and runner-up Allstars #2 was 10-6. Four players made the All-Star

sheet from **Rader's #2** led by Tim Graves (34-14 .708). Allstars #2 had only three, and Aaron Akers was their leader (42-17 .712) and the division leader with 42 wins.

Rich Sager did it agin. This must be the 9th or 10th time Sager finished first on the sheet but didn't hit high enough to take the title. Going in Rich knew he had to bat a 1.000. He finished 37-4 .902. So who was in the right place at the right time? **Jason Helmholtz** gets the photo-shoot. From the third week to the end of the line Sager ran first and Jason second. Jason's 36-5 .878 was .102 better than third place Rick King's 38-11 .776.

From the female side: **Heather Robison** (Rader's #5) finished 19th of the 30 players on the list with a very respectable 27-19 .587. Nice shooting, lady.

First playoff week: With his 4-win night Rick King led Rader's #5 to an 11-6 victory over Riches Place #1. Teammate Kevin Kline chipped in with 3-wins. The 2nd match saw Riches Place #2 outlasting Allstars #2, 11-8. Randy Miller, Drew Caruso and Bob McFarland contributing 3-wins each for the winners.

Second playoff week had **Riches #2** giving Rader's #5 1-game start but pulled out a tough 11-9 decision. This time it was Kyle Wagner leading Riches #2 with a 3-win match.

Division #22 Jefferson County

Division Champs – Hillsboro Billiards – Johnny Neels Top Player – Johnny Neels

Playoff Champs – Kenny's Bar & Grill – Mark Emmons

Division #23 Jefferson County

Division Champs – Brothers – Oscar Wells Top Player – Oscar Wells

Playoff Champs – JP's Bar & Grill – Jerry Smith

<u>Division</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Div. # 9	Mike Moore	Pirates Cove	45	4	.918	Mike Remiger	New Classic's #2	44	4	.846
Div. # 2	Bob Wanner	Ivory Coast Bistro	45	4	.918	Mike Renick	Hotshots SC #1	38	11	.776
Div. #15	Kevin Torraiba	Cactus Inn #2 (x)	41	5	.891	Shawn Tendiel	Final Dest #1	40	7	.851
Div. # 3	Bill Harwell	Fandangos	38	5	.884	Brian Daniels	Hazzards	37	11	.771
Div. #21	Jason Helmholtz	Rader's #4	36	5	.878 (b)	Rich Sager	Allstars #3	37	4	.902
Div. # 1	Scott Scholtz	Hotshots Fenton	40	7	.851 ***	Matt Auclair	Hotshots Fenton	36	10	.783
Div. #10	Todd Berry	Fucifino's #2	29	6	.829 ***	Mike Stevenson	Fucifino's #2	28	8	.778
Div. # 5	Dennis Bullock	Libby's	32	7	.821	Steve Galloway	Jack Patrick's	38	9	.809
Div. #19	Don Nelson	Rader's #3	23	5	.821	Jeff Ford ***	Rader's #3	23	6	.793
Div. # 7	Todd Kippenberger	Libby's	27	6	.818	Semir Ekic	Filling Station	42	10	.808
Div. # 8	Louis Erby	Airport Billiards	30	7	.811 ***	Mike Zomphier	Air. Billiards	27	9	.750
Div. #18	Jerry Jordan	Call 'Ur Shot #1	29	7	.806	Clayton Scott	Call 'Ur Shot #3	17	6	.739
Div. # 4	Rick Storz	Night Sky #2	33	8	.805 ***	Russ Sechrest	Night Sky #2	28	8	.778
Div. #17	Bob Mannecke	Red Birds #2 (x)	33	8	.805 ***	Jeremy Johnson	Red Birds #2	26	9	.743
Div. #11	David Smith	Cactus Inn	32	8	.800	Dave Simpkin	Duncan's Place	27	8	.771
Div. #14	Micah McCoy	Fucifino's #2	26	7	.788	Billy Wimberly	Fucifino's #1	27	8	.771
Div. #12	Joe Rogers	Red Birds	39	11	.780 @	Mike Heidbreder	New Classics	39	11	.780
Div. #16	Dave Rauch	Call 'Ur Shot #3	37	11	.771 ***	Dan Young	Call 'Ur Shot #3	34	11	.756
Div. #13	Tyler Jones	Lehmann's Landing	35	12	.745	Monty Caldwell	Charlack Pub	40	14	.741
Div. # 6	John Porter	Hazzards	26	9	.743	Matt Cox	Fandangos	33	12	.733
Div. #20	Randy Enlow	Rader's #3	36	16	.692	Brian Kroeger	Rader's #1	37	18	.673

*** Teammates 1 & 2 for Top Player honors

@ Div. 12 - Joe wins Top Player by tie-breaker

(b) Div. 21 - Rich Sager had to hit 1.000 to be Top Player. Ended at 37-4 .902.

(x) Div. 15 & 17 - New players to Mo-8 winning Top Player title.

Chicks with Sticks – All Divisions

	Player	Team	W.	L.	Pct.		Player	Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Div. # 16	Nikki Carroll	Call 'Ur Shot	30	13	.698	Div. # 21	Heather Robison	Rader's #5	27	19	.587
Div. # 14	LaJuania Henry	Fucifino's #1	28	14	.667	Div. # 8	Carla Granderson	Fucifinos	17	12	.586
Div. # 4	Julie Hemann	JP's Corner	29	16	.644	Div. #111	Lisa Crosby	Rader's #3	27	20	.574
Div. # 7	Donna Pope	G.E.D.	30	17	.638	Div. # 6	Liz Lammert	Fandangos	17	13	.567
Div. # 4	Sharon Luitjens	JP's Corner	28	16	.636	Div. # 4	Kris Schlaefli	JP's Corner	27	22	.551
Div. #107	Mary Stillwell	Classics	28	17	.622	Div. #103	Danielle Feeler	G.E.D. #1	20	18	.526
Div. #109	Julia Gabriel	Rader's #5	27	17	.614	Div. #111	Jackie Rehkla	Rader's #6	23	23	.500
Div. # 10	LaJuania Henry	Fucifino's #2	23	15	.605						
Div. #102	Lanny Blackburn	Liz's Place	29	19	.604						

Division #101 16 Weeks Monday

Talk about a very competitive division! It wasn't until the 13th week did **Hotshots SC #2** wrestled the lead away from (basically) everybody. Check it out. Seven teams finished in double figures and nine over .500 in games won/lost percentage. Hotshots SC #2 outlasted 21 Rock #1, 12-4 to 11-5. The next five teams were 10-6. That means that two of them did not make the playoffs. That's tough, brother!

Leading the way for Hotshots SC #2 was Tony Chagolla. Tough Tony was 33-11 .750, followed by teammates, Glen Schaefer (26 wins), Jason Skrbin (25) and Roger Pheasant (22).

Fandangos may not have made the playoffs but that didn't stop **Mike Devers** and Ross Belt from putting up top numbers for Top Player. These two moved back and forth the final five weeks with Mike coming out a mere .018 difference. How? Like this... the final week Ross Belt played and went 0-2, dropping his numbers to 28-7 .800. Mike didn't play. His numbers stayed 27-6 .818. Also, going into that final week Fandangos was in 4th place. By losing 6-9 the final week, that dropped Fandangos into 6th place, .012 out of 5th place. Moving into a playoff birth from 6th place was J.B. Rey's Fryhouse. They took over the 3rd spot.

First playoff week saw 21 Rock #1 knock out Phoenix #3, 9-6 while J.B. Rey's Fryhouse tripled the score of Phoenix #2, 9-3. To show everyone that knocking off Fandangos that final week of the season and getting a shot in the playoffs wasn't a fluke, **J.B. Rey's Fryhouse** muscles up for a 9-6 win over 21 Rock #1. For the Fryhouse guys it was Tom Neisz leading the way with a great 4-win match and a 6-1 showing for the playoffs.

Division #102 16 Weeks Monday

With only two of the 20 players making the All-Star sheet, **AMVETS #1** pulled off a 2-game past the post finish. AMVETS #1, 13-3 beat out Shot Heaven, 11-5. And the two players are rated only '3's. Rusty McEntire finished 4th with a great 33-12 .733 and 16th place Rick Wertich at 22-20 .524. The team ended 150-100 .600, one of the top five records this session. Go figure!

Shot Heaven finished second but **John Snyder** didn't. Tattoo John ran off with the Top Player award, 32-5 .865. John jumped into the cat-bird seat the 13th week holding on to beat out runner-up Allen Barnhart (Sportsman's Bar), 38-11 .776. Great race, guys!

Lanny Blackburn (Liz's Place) led the ladies with a great 29-19 .604, good for 13th place.

First playoff week saw Shot Heaven squeeze out a 9-8 decision over AMVETS #2. Over at Libby's, opponents Filling Station showed up with only three players and had to forfeit one game per round. Though F.S. was given a 3-game head start, **Libbys** was too strong and came away 9-6 winners. For the second week it was Libby's receiving 3-games on the string. They surprised Shot Heaven with a 10-8 victory for their big show appearance.

Division #103 16 Weeks Monday

Ivory Coast Bistro serves up a good pool team as well as good food. They took over first place the 8th week but were looking over their shoulders every step of the way. When time ran out Ivory Coast coasted home by a slight one-game lead, 11-5 over G.E.D. #2 and Wedge #2, both at 10-6.

Four reasons how Ivory Coast Bistro held on were the four players landing on the All-Star sheet. The division leader and Top Player is **Dave Collins**, 38-10 .792. Dave took over the top spot the 14th week beating out runner-up Jimmy Fried, 30-8 .789. Wow! Just a .003 difference! Great race, guys! Dave Collins' teammates were Jim Stevens (41-11 .788), Duane Coberly (21-12 .636) and Jumpin' Joe Curlee (27-20 .574).

Congratulations to **Danielle Feeler** (G.E.D. #1) for leading all females, 20-18 .526.

First playoff week had Wedge #1 and Wedge #2 drawing each other. W-1 came out on top, 9-6, behind the 4-0 night of Frank Millerman. Fifth place **Mary's Blue Ribbon** overcame a 2-game spot to 2nd place G.E.D. #2 and pulled out a 9-7 victory. Bad Bill Lach muscled up with a 4-win night.

For the 2nd playoff week and for the 2nd spot going to the championships, Mary's Blue Ribbon jumped out to a 4-0 lead the first round and never really felt threatened taking a 9-5 win.

Division #104 16 Weeks Tuesday

From this in-house division **Fucifinos #4** took over first place the 12th week and got past the post 12-4 to runner-up 'finos #2's, 9-7. Number 4 also placed four players on the All-Star sheet with Top Player **Jay Carlton** (40-12 .769) leading the parade. Assisting Jay were teammates Howard Lentz (32 wins), Joe Lombardozzi (28 wins) and Mike Warfel (18 wins). Bob Pendergrass ('finos #1), was in second place throughout and pushing Jay for the title. Bob's runner-up totals was 31-15 .674.

First week of playoffs saw Bob's team (#1) knocking off (#3) Ken Martin's gang, 9-6. Victor Day had a 4-0 match and Jerry Bruder kicked in 3-wins of his own to get #1 over the hump and to the second week.

Waiting for #1 was 'fino's #2, John Shields & Co. **Fucifinos #1** had to give #2 two-games on the wire and over came that for another 9-6 win. Victor Day dropped three more '8' balls for a 7-0 playoff series and Bullet Bob Pendergrass pumped up by adding 4-wins earning them a spot in the big show.

Division #105 16 Weeks Tuesday

The Brew-ha-ha's, a.k.a. **Brewskeez**, took over the lead the 13th week and ended the campaign 13-3 to runner-up VFW, 12-4. And if you don't think it was a good thing the Brew Crew took that last match, check it out. VFW had the higher games W/L percentage, .561.4 to 560.6, or only .000.8 difference. That's close, brother!

Brew put four players on the All-Star sheet led by Scott Brewer (27-14 .658), followed by Dan Hotfelder (34-19 .642), Chris Senn (21-13 .618) and Tony Zerillo (28-24 .538).

The battle for Top Player changed three times the last three weeks. It went from Greg Loehr to Dave Vaughn to eventual winner **Calvin Niehaus**. Calvin! Calvin! Calvin!

Question: Has anyone else ever wondered how Calvin Niehaus always manages to know when to stop laying down? I mean, even Nick the Greek couldn't come up with odds on when to make such a precarious move.

Calvin jumped in front the last week with totals of 25-7 .781 to runners-up Dave Vaughn (32-10 .762) and Greg Loehr (38-13 .745). Nice race, guys.

First playoff week had a couple squeakers. 4th place Kenny's Korner got 1-game head start from 3rd place Lehmann's #1 and eked out a 9-8 win behind the 3-win night of both Greg Loehr and Joe Middendorf.

Second place **VFW** received 3-games on the wire from 5th place Cocktails and held on for a 9-7 victory with Mike Boyles leading the way with 3-wins.

For the 2nd spot to the big show VFW got another 3-games on the wire and gained a 10-8 win over Kenny's Korner. Joe Edwards was 4-0 in a losing cause for Kenny's.

Division #106 16 Weeks Thursday

Lehmann's Landing was souped-up and ready to go when the gate opened. Half way through the schedule L.L. was 8-0, 3-games in front and packin' a .625 games won-lost percentage. Most other teams were thinking, gee, wouldn't 2nd place be nice! But then something happened, and as the say in books, 'It ain't over 'til the fat lady sings.'

She began warming up the 9th week. Classic's #4 was in 2nd place (5-3) and making their move. While Lehmann's was running into stiff competition the second half of the season, Classic's #4 found a gear they liked, stayed with it and won seven of their final 8 matches. Lehmann's was 3-5 that stretch and when the last week found Lehmann's with a bye-win, that meant that Classic's #4 had to win their final match or both teams would end 11-5 with Lehmann's having the higher games W/L %. **Classic's #4** won their final match making it one of the best come-from-behind seasons from this division.

Having said all that now I say this, it didn't happen by accident. Classic's #4 put four players on the All-Star sheet with "Dazzlin'" **Devin Mayes** leading the parade with a massive session, 32-3 .914. To put it in perspective, it was a whopping .208 ahead of runner-up Al Hale (Lehmann's Landing), 24-10 .706.

Devin had a little help from his friends: Steve Monko chipped in with 23 wins, Ron Deloney with 19 and dad Winston Mayes had 16.

For the playoffs Classic's #1 got 3-games on the wire from Classic's #3 and held on for a (kinda) surprise 9-5 victory. After dropping three of the four games in round one, #3 cut the lead to 4-3. But Lou Sauerwein's gang came back with three wins in round two and another two in round three closing out the contest, 9-5.

Lehmann's Landing got past Classic's #2, 9-7. Al Hale had a 4-0 match with teammate Robin Donalds pitching in with three wins. For week two: Lehmann's offered up 3-games head start to Classic's #1 then overpowered them to the tune of 10-5 (10-2). Mike Conroy and Al Hale each with 3-wins apiece and a 7-0 playoff for Al Hale.

Division #107 16 Weeks Thursday

Kenny's Korner and Classics bumped heads to the very end. Both ending 11-5 brought out the calculator to determine the games won-lost percentage. Kenny's came out a little ahead, 134-115 .538 to Classic's 123-109 .530. Kenny's got there with two players making the hot sheet led by runner-up to the Top Player title, Tim Kopecky. Tim had a great season of 35-16 .686. Teammate Joe Middendorf finished 4th, 34-17 .667.

For Top Player we say congrats once again to **Joe Branstetter**. Joe's 42 wins led the division and his 42-17 .712 was good for another title.

Also say congrats to **Mary Stillwell**. Mary led the ladies with a very impressive 28-17 .622.

First playoff week Mary went to work by dropping three '8' balls and leading Classic's to a 9-6 win over Kitty's Korner #2. **Kitty's Korner #1**, behind the 4-0 match of Joe Branstetter, took a 9-6 decision from the VFW gang. This set the stage for a Kitty's #1 – Classics showdown. Both teams won two games the first round, then Classic's took three the 2nd round for a 5-3 lead. It was short lived as Tina Branstetter's gang roared back with three in the 3rd and another three wins in the 4th rounds for a 9-7 final and a shot in the big dance.

Division #108 16 Weeks Thursday

Suwallers #2 was either tied for first place or in first place throughout the campaign. Mike Waller's hot gang ended 14-2, 3-games over Lehmann's Landing, 11-5. Mike and three teammates made the All-Star sheet with Mike being runner-up for the Top Player title, 31-11 .738. The other three players were Tim Carey (28-18 .609), Randy Turnbough (27-18 .600) and Brian McCarthy (26-21 .553).

Top Player title goes to **Dave Vaughn**. It was obvious Dave did not want competition on his way to the title. Half way through the season Dave was 19-1, at the 3-quarter turn he was 30-3. And then Dave crossed the finish line with a monster 41-5 .891. That was, like, .153 better than the second spot.

Dave's brother Jerry was 3rd, 30-13 .698. That's a pretty good one-two punch for Lehmann's. Two other Landers made the hot sheet: Mike Doak (22-11 .667) and Jim Crangle (18-15 .545).

First playoff week saw Suwallers #1 eke out a 9-8 squeaker over Bottle Cap #1. Dale Fallon led the attack with his 4-win match. **Lehmann's Landing** gave 3-games on the string to Airport Billiards, but that didn't slow their shot-making down. Behind Mike Doak's 3-0 night, Lehmann's knocked Airport out, 9-5 (9-2).

For week two, even though Mike Doak couldn't make the match, Lehmann's knocked off Suwallers #1, 9-6. This evening it was Rick Sutberry having a break-through match going 4-0; and Jerry Vaughn chipped in with 3-wins.

Division #109 16 Weeks Tuesday

They use to call her 'Likable Lisa.' Some even more reverent – like – 'Lovable Lisa.' That's coming to an end real fast. When you take into consideration the last few seasons Lisa Crosby has been neither lovable nor likable to opposing competition. Lisa's leadership has put several teams into the finals, the playoffs and championship matches. And she just did it again. This gal gets under more guys skin more often than dhobi's itch.

This time Lure-able Lisa captained her **Rader's-8** team to a 13-3 finish. That was good for 3-games past the post. Her closest rivals were 10-6. As they say in books, "Old habits are hard to break."

With four of her starting lineup on the All-Star sheet there's little wonder how she does it. Dennis Gallagher finished as runner-up for Top Player with a division leading 44 wins and a 44-15 .746 record. Other teammates include her hubby 'Gentleman' Jim Crosby (34-14 .708), Jeff 'not so fair' Fairchild (22-11 .667) and 'Slick' Steve Schultz (24-22 .522). Nice going, girl! See ya at the big dance.

It was a tight race to the finish line for the Top Player title. Dennis Gallagher and **Jason Helmholtz** went back and forth several weeks. But after the final week's play it was Jason edging out Dennis 35-11 .761 to 44-15 .746.

First playoff week, behind the 4-win match of Walter Crane Jr., Rader's #6 took a 9-5 decision from Rader's #5. Julia Gabriel didn't receive much backup as this sharp-shooting southpaw knocked out three of #5's five wins. Rader's #1 got past Rader's #7, 9-8. Bullet Bob Pendergrass and Joe Garger dropped three '8' balls each. For the 2nd playoff match Bullet Bob's **Rader's #1** got 2-games head start from R-6 and rode it out for a 9-6 victory.

Division #110 16 Weeks Wednesday

It was mostly a family affair as **Rader's #3** scooted just 1-game past the post ahead of two other Rader teams. And they took over the lead the final week of play. Good thing as runner-up Rader-5 had a slight .002 games W/L % better, 139-117 .543 to 152-129 .541.

I say family affair as the five Rader-3 members making the All-Star sheet are related. There's the father-son act of dad, 3rd place Brian Kroeger (42-16 .724) to 4th place son, Kyle (25-11 .694); and the Ferrell Brothers, 7th place Wayne (26-15 .634) and 8th place Larry (22-13 .629). The 5th member is John Bissell. I really don't think John is related. I think he's just trying to pass claiming to be a distant cuzzin, ya know! Whatever, Mr. Bissell finished 6th, 35-18 .660. What a very good team!

First playoff week saw Rich Sager's #5 Rader's gang give 3-games on the string to Rader's #1. With the 4-win match put up by Uncle Pete Mocca they pulled out a 10-7 decision.

The 2nd match of the double-header saw what many railbirds deem an absolute stunning surprise. Former champions Rader's #2 going down the first playoff week. Huh... oh no, that wasn't the stunning surprise. This is: When the final score was in, the patrons over at Church Street looked at each other in utter disbelief which sparked a cause cé-lè-bre that maybe Hell finally did freeze over. Their team may have gotten 3-games head start, but the final tally of 10-9 was all that mattered. Absolutely a cause for celebration! Drinks on the house! Bring on the next victims. But again, as they say in books, "The Lord giv-ith and the Lord tak-ith away."

Because a second playoff win for Church Street was not to be found in the Good Book. They received 3-games on the wire but Sager's Raiders were too strong irrespective of the 3-win night by Bill Pritchard, and **Rader's #5** took a 10-7 decision shattering Church Street's hopes of going to the big showdown. Church Street's success may have lasted about as long as Kato Kalin's short unnoted career; but for that one glorious week... well, they did knock off the defending champs, ya know!

Rich Sager, bless his little pea-pickin' heart, did it again. I mentioned earlier (Div. 21) that it has been 9 or 10 times, well, now maybe it's 10 or 11 times Mr. Sager finished at the top of the ladder only to be informed he didn't quite get the high rung. Rich ended the campaign with a lofty 50-8 .862. A division leading 50-wins, cool! A lowly 8 losses, outstanding! A whopping .862, great! There's only one thing wrong with these numbers... as the say in books, "Rich, you goofed again. They just ain't big enough!"

According to Division-10 averages for each skill-level, Rich (an '8') had to hit .905 to be declared champ. It's a bummer, I know. So, who gets his picture framed? **John Snyder**. Tattoo John's 45-10 .818 was high enough for his '7' skill level. Nice going John. John picks up two Top Player titles this session, Div. 102 the other.

Division #111 14 Weeks Sunday

This 8-team in-house division from Rader's Sports Bar & Grill is the only Sunday division. And Lisa Crosby just keeps on doing it to the opposition. Her **Rader's #3** gang tied for first place with Rader's #5, 11-3. But when the games W/L % was figured Likeable Lisa prevailed 122-103 .542 to 92-82 .529. With four players, including herself making the All-Star sheet it goes to show why she keeps leading the way. **Lisa Crosby** led all females from D-111 with a 12th place 27-20 .574 record. Nice going, gal!

Jason Roman took over first place on the All-Star board the 7th week and held on for the title. Jason's 24-4 .857 beat out runner-up Keith Valet, 37-10 .787.

Rich Kreps' **Rader's #2** team came out of the 2-week playoffs for the second spot. Tom Lowery led the attack with a 3-win match over Rader's #5, 9-3.

Division #112 12 Weeks Tuesday

Playoffs #2 came out of the box with a 6-match winning streak and a .594 games W/L %. As this was a shortened 12-week season for this O'Fallon division, it appeared that Playoffs #2 could jog home at an easy pace. Ah, not so 8-ball breath. Two matches later **KT's #2** tied Playoffs #2 at 6-2 and overpowered the %, .571 to .553. What happened was that the last half of the season Playoffs-2 went 3-3 while KT's-2 went on a 5-1 splurge taking top team honors forcing Playoffs-2 to second place.

A mighty big part of KT #2's offense was **Will Humphrey and Jay Hines**. These teammates fought each other throughout the campaign for Top Player honors. The final week Will went 2-1 and Jay was 3-0. That brought their records to a dead-even draw, 29-7 .806. Who'd a thunk it?

KT #1 knocked out Playoffs #1 the first week, but couldn't hold off Scott Hopping's Playoff #2's gang. KT #1 got 6-games head start sending the match to a race to 13. Scott's bunch teamed up for a 7-game winning streak bringing the match to a 9-9 tie after three frames. Then taking 4 of the next 5 games brought **Playoff #2** home with a 13-10 victory and a spot in the big tournament. Both Scott Hopping and Dave Leonhard kicked in 4-wins each while Ken Williams added 3-wins of his own.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Div. #106	Devin Mayes	Classic's #4	32	3	.914	Al Hale	Lehmann's	24	10	.706
Div. #108	Dave Vaughn	Lehmann's	41	5	.891	Mike Waller	Suwallers	31	11	.738
Div. #102	John Snyder	Shot Heaven	32	5	.865	Allen Barnhart	Sportsman's Bar	38	11	.776
Div. #111	Jason Roman	Rader's #5	24	4	.857	Keith Valet	Rader's #4	37	10	.787
Div. #110	John Snyder	Rader's #2	45	10	.818	(2) Rich Sager	Rader's #5	50	8	.862
Div. #101	Mike Devers	Fandangos	27	6	.818	*** Ross Belt	Fandangos	28	7	.800
Div. #112	Will Humphrey	KT's #2	29	7	.806	(T) Jay Hines	KT's #2	29	7	.806
Div. #103	Dave Collins	Ivory Coast Bistro	38	10	.792	Jimmy Fried	Wedge #2	30	8	.789
Div. #105	Calvin Niehaus	New Classics	25	7	.781	Dave Vaughn	Lehmann's #1	32	10	.762
Div. #104	Jay Carlton	Fucifinos #4	40	12	.769	Bob Pendergrass	Fucifinos #1	31	15	.674
Div. #109	Jason Helmholtz	Rader's #7	35	11	.761	Dennis Gallagher	Rader's #8	44	15	.746
Div. #107	Joe Branstetter	Kitty's Korner #1	42	17	.712	Tim Kopecky	Kenny's Korner	35	16	.686

*** Div. 101 - Teammates 1 & 2 for Top Player honors

(2) Div. 110 – Rich Sager didn't hit high enough for title. Needed .905

(T) Div. #112 - Teammates & Tied for Top Player.

Results from the Singles Tournament Saturday & Sunday June 13 – 14, 2009

The Singles event was held for the first time at Side Pocket Sports Bar in St. Charles where Steve Henze and Chantel Davis and their great crew were our hosts. Everyone agreed that with 17 pool tables and plenty of seating area, plus the diverse food menu, this is one great place for the 70th Missouri 8 Ball Pool League's Tournament. One hundred 67 players signed up for the two-day shootout and before it was over more surprises came out of this event than out of Bill Clinton's Oval Office days. Of the 24 that cashed, ten were first-timers including the champion, Will Humphrey. Will came back from the one-loss side to double dip Jason Roman after Jason had knocked Will over earlier.

The **\$5,330.00** prize money was awarded to 24 spots. The 24 players that cashed and their placing and skill level are listed. Of the 35 Top Players this session only 24 entered this event. Of those 24, nine cashed. Ninety-nine point nine percent of players polled say there's something to be said about trying your best and winning the Top Player title because you get a free ride to Sunday. The other .01 % say, – "huh!"

As you see, the breakdown per skill-levels: One '8', No '7's this time, ten '6's, seven '5's, four '4's, and two '3's. Never say you don't have a chance. Anything can happen in a race to two.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Skill</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Winnings</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Skill</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Winnings</u>
1.	TP - (6)	Will Humphrey	\$1080 & Trophy	13/16.	(6)	Walter Crane, Sr.	75
2.	TP - (6)	Jason Roman	800 & Trophy	13/16.	(6)	Mitch Parmeley	75
3.	(5)	Anthony Trevisano	650 & Trophy	13/16.	(5)	Todd Lamwersiek	75
4.	(3)	Sammy Carter	500	13/16.	(4)	Darien Wills	75
5/6.	TP - (6)	Joe Branstetter	350	17/24.	(6)	Monty Caldwell	50
5/6.	TP - (4)	Rick Storz	350	17/24.	(6)	Mario Webster	50
7/8.	(8)	Paul Hopfer	200	17/24.	TP - (6)	John Porter	50
7/8.	TP - (5)	Mike Moore	200	17/24.	TP - (5)	Micah McCoy	50
9/12.	(6)	Ryan Hopping	125	17/24.	(5)	Mike Zomphier	50
9/12.	TP - (6)	Louis Erby	125	17/24.	TP - (5)	Dave Vaughn	50
9/12.	(5)	Lonnie McGregory	125	17/24.	(4)	Brian Key	50
9/12.	(4)	Shawn Tendiel	125	17/24.	(3)	Chris Zugmaier	50

TP – Top Player

I.Q. Jones says: “If you’re turned off by the sight of copious body art, don’t watch the multi-tattooed John Snyder. A.K.A. Tattoo John, the anything but typical Missouri 8 Ball Champion is more inked up than the Sunday edition of The Post-Dispatch.”

However, if you want to improve your game, do pay attention to John’s talent on the green felt. John was last season’s All-Star champ, and this season Mr. Snyder took out two Top Player awards (Divisions 102 & 110, with combined totals of 77-15 .837) and as you can see just below, John went undefeated in the team championships winning all 12 matches he played. Nice going, John.

**There’s no truth to the rumor that John Snyder is going on the free-agent market next season.

Players with 10 Wins

1. John Snyder	Rader’s #19	12-0	1.000
2. Randy Enlow	Rader’s #20	12-2	.857
3. Mike Renick	Hotshots SC #2	11-2	.846
4. Gene Rader	Rader’s #19	11-2	.846
5. Scott Hopping	Playoffs #112	10-2	.833
6. John Schneider	Rader’s #19	14-3	.824
7. Jeff Ford	Rader’s #19	13-3	.813
8. Jon Williams	Rader’s #20	11-3	.786
9. Brian Kroeger	Rader’s #110	14-4	.778
10. Rich Sager	Rader’s #19	12-4	.750
11. Tony Gregory	Pirates Cove #8	11-4	.733
12. Brian Kroeger	Rader’s #19	11-4	.733
13. Dustin Dunham	Rader’s #20	10-4	.714
14. John Bissell	Rader’s #110	12-5	.706
15. Shawn Tendiel	Final Destination	16-7	.696
16. Tommy Webb	Final Destination	13-7	.650
17. Ed Chier	Rader’s #19	11-6	.647

Consecutive Wins

1. John Snyder	Rader’s #19	12	*12-0 1.000
2. Gene Rader	Rader’s #19	11	*(1st 11-2)
3. Shawn Tendiel	Final Destination	11	*16-7
4. Brian Kroeger	Rader’s #110	9	*14-4
5. Jon Williams	Rader’s #20	9	*11-3
6. Alan Oliver	Rader’s #20	8	*8-1
7. Mike Renick	Hotshots SC #2	8	*11-2
8. Victor Day	Fucifino’s #104	7	*7-0 1.000
9. Scott Hopping	Playoffs #112	7	*10-2
10. John Schneider	Rader’s #19	7	*also a 6

Brian Kroeger, playing with two teams had a combined total of 25-8 .758.

Most wins from one team Shawn Tendiel, 16, followed by John Schneider – 14, Brian Kroeger – 14, then Jeff Ford - 13, and Tommy Web – 13.

4-Win Marches

Rader’s #19 – John Schneider (twice), Final Destination #15 – Shawn Tendiel (twice) & Wayne Lowery, Jr., Playoffs #112 – Dave Leonhard & Garrett Seabolt, Call ’Ur Shot #16 – Matt DeBarr, Rader’s #110 – Brian Kroeger Fucifino’s-104 – Victor Day, Classics-8 – Guy Tinker, Pirates Cove – Tony Gregory, Hotshot SC – Mike Radake.

4-Player Board Tournament Results – Payout: \$8,020

1.	Rader’s #111 St. Peters	\$4,020 & Trophy Playoff Winners	Captain – Rich Kreps	Team members: Tom Lowery, Sr., Tom Lowery, Jr., Scott Carter & Mario Webster.
2.	Rader’s #110 St. Peters	\$2,000 Div. Champions	Captain – Wayne Ferrell	Team members: Brian Kroeger, John Bissell, Larry Ferrell, Kyle Kroeger & Doc Coogan.
3-4.	Hotshots #101 South County	\$1,000 Div. Champions	Captain – Jason Skrbin	Team members: Roger Pheasant, Tony Chagolla, Ryan Beerman, Glen Schaefer & Bill R. Keith.
3-4.	Playoffs #112 O’Fallon	\$1,000 Playoff Winners	Captain – Tim Fletcher	Team members: Terry Moore, Garrett Seabolt, Ken Williams, Wendy Stepetin, Scott Hopping, Dave Leonhard, Mark Kaelin & Matt Mouser.

4-Player Board Tournament Results – Payout: \$8,020

Rader’s #111, led by Rich Kreps, takes out the 4-Player championship. The 23 teams for this 70th event began play at 7:00p.m. Saturday night June 27, 2009. Their first opponents were Lehmann’s Landing. After Lehmann’s jumped off to a 4-3 start, Rader’s came back taking the next 6 games for a 9-4 opening with Mario Webster and Tom Lowery, Sr. contributing three wins each.

Their noon match Sunday was against Rader rival Lisa Crosby. Rich got one game on the wire and needed it. Down with the score 7-5, they did it a second time. Kreps and gang rallied by taking the last four games for a come-from-behind 9-7 victory. Scott Carter led the way with his three wins.

The 3:00p.m. match vs Playoffs #112 was a blowout. Rader's got one game head start but really didn't need it this time. Playoffs #112 took two of the first three games played and Rader's took over from there. With Mario Webster's three wins leading the charge, Rader's won the final 7 games for an easy 9-2 victory and a shot at the championship with Rader's #110, led by Wayne Ferrell.

Wayne's Rader's got here by playing some very tough matches. They opened by giving Rich Sager's Rader's, also from Div. 110, 2-games head start. This went double hill. Brian Kroeger pulled it out for a 9-8 win. Kroeger, and teammate John Bissell, won three games each.

Next Ivory Coast Bistro received 2-games on the string and went down 9-6. Wayne, Brian and John all won three games each. That was followed by giving up 3-games to Fucifino's #104. This was a tough fought match that went double hill. Victor Day won 4 games for Fucifinos to get his team on the hill and for the final Brian Kroeger won his 4th game for Rader's that advanced his team, 10-9.

To get to the final two, Rader's had to give up 3-games to Hotshots South County #101. With John Bissell knocking out three wins, Rader's took another close victory, 9-7.

For the Grand Finale these two Rader teams were equally balanced. But that's why the games are played. Rich got 1-game on the wire and kept that one game lead until they broke open the match by taking three wins from round three for an 8-5 lead. Scott Carter put the finishing touch on the match by winning the second game in round four for the 9-6 championship win.

5-Player Board Tournament Results – Payout: \$18,500

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| 1. | Rader's #19
St. Peters | \$6,500 & Trophy
Div. Champions | Captain – Rich Sager | Team members: Liz Burns, Don Nelson,
Jeff Ford, Ed Chier & John Schneider. |
| 2. | Final Destination #15
St. Ann | \$4,000
Div. Champions | Captain – Wayne Lowrey, Jr.
Shawn Tendiel, Scott Young, Zach Rinehart, Scott Ward & Mark Ong. | Team members: Don Parson, Tommy Webb, |
| 3-4. | Rader's #19
St. Peters | \$2,000
Playoff Winners | Captain – Tony Napoli | Team members: Gene Rader, John Snyder,
Tom Vogt, John Bissell & Brian Kroeger. |
| 3-4. | Rader's #20
St. Peters | \$2,000
Playoff Winners | Captain – Jon Williams
Jared Speckmeyer, Alan Oliver, Nick Fernandez & Grady Hester. | Team members: Randy Enlow, Dustin Dunham, |
| 5-8. | Pirates Cove
Florissant | \$1,000
Div. Champions | Captain – Mike McCormack | Team members: Mike Moore, Marty McCormack,
Brian Kissing, Tony Gregory & Phil Zerillo. |
| 5-8. | Clubhouse
Florissant | \$1,000
Div. Champions | Captain – Dave Woodruff | Team members: Dale Williams, Tim Kopecky,
Dave Helms, Rick Stark, John Carroll & Greg Kinzel. |
| 5-8. | 21 Rock #6
Jefferson County | \$1,000
Playoff Winners | Captain – Jamie House | Team members: Bill Keith, Thomas Keith, Rob Royer,
Jim Crowell & Vince Dinatale. |
| 5-8. | Hotshots #2
South County | \$1,000
Playoff Winners | Captain – Mike Renick | Team members: Mike Nolan, Mike Radake, Mike Bini,
Johnny Moore, Tom Davidson, Dave Canady & Andy Allsup. |

The minute John Schneider dropped the '8' ball in the 4th round that won the Championship for his Rader's team, 26 people made a bee-line to the parking lot. No... they were not fleeing the building because the law was called. They weren't trying to beat the rush outta town. They were checking the skies. Because before the event began Friday night someone said that the time Rich Sager's team wins the 5-Player tournament championship surely a herd of buffalo would be seen flying over St. Charles.

Now I ask you to ask yourselves something... why anyone would say that. Ah-ha! This led us to the 'research department'. First we have to go back to June 27, 2008 and find the results of the 67th tournament. Sager captained a team that finished second to Crystal City Billiards. Skipping ahead to October 4, 2008 for the results of the 68th event we see another second place finish... this one to Hillsboro Billiards. (Curses, and other 4-letter words!)

There was a fast exit from the 69th which was a total disaster as Rich's Raiders was forced into early retirement not so much as even reaching the money rounds. That's when Mick the Geek decided to give odds on what would happen first – Sager winning a championship... or World Peace.

But now, one year to the day later, June 26, 27, 28, 2009, the 70th shootout is about to get underway. One big difference between this lineup and previous starting lineups was Rich picked up John Schneider. Also one newcomer Liz Burns and veteran Ed Chier were added to the roster to go along with Jeff Ford and Don Nelson who were holdovers from previous teams.

The starting lineup of Rich Sager, Liz Burns, Ed Chier, John Schneider & Jeff Ford, with Don Nelson in reserve would go stroke for stroke with anyone. They opened up noon Saturday by giving Hotshots Fenton 1-game on the wire and then taking a 9-5 decision with Sager, Ford and Schneider winning 3-games each. They followed that with a 4:00p.m. match against a very tough Eureka team out of JP's Corner led by Jerry Smith. With John Schneider running his winning streak to '7', having a 4-win match here, and Ed Chier's 3 wins, Rader's took the match, 11-6. The 8:00p.m. match would be against another tough south team, Hotshots South County. Playing even, Rader's ended the night's play with an 11-5 victory with Jeff Ford and Ed Chier contributing 3-wins each. One highlight of this match was Liz Burns winning two games. Her second victory was over Mike Renick, who at the time had an 8-game winning streak going. Liz put a stop to that. ** (Nothing to be ashamed of Mike. She does it all the time.)

The noon match Sunday is what many considered the real championship match. Sager's raiders would be up against Jon Williams and his raiders, as both teams were out of Gene Rader's Sports Bar. Jon's gang was Champions from last session. They were out to make it two championship wins in a row. And going into this match Alan Oliver had a 7-game winning streak and Jon Williams was on a 9-gamer. This would be the only match where Sager's team would get weight. Because Williams always plays either 31 or 32 points, they elected to go with 31 against Rich's 28 giving up a spot of two games.

By taking 3-wins from both the first and second rounds, Sager's sidewinders sported an 8-4 lead. But Williams' guys came back making it a new contest with four wins from round three closing the gap, 9-8. After Alan Oliver opened round four with his 8th straight win making the score 9-9, odds makers were feeling better about their bets. However, they went from high 5-ing to singing the sad-sad blues when Liz Burns, who was 0-3 for this match, and 3-12 for the weekend, won only her 4th game of the tournament. Talk about timing and a great turn of events. Liz put the team on the bubble with Jeff Ford and Rich Sager coming to the table needing only one win between them. Sager finished before Jeff and the 11-9 match put Rich and the guys into the Grand Final with Final Destination.

Coming into the championship match Final Destination had defeated Night Sky 11-6, Hotshots Bridgeton 11-8, Suwallers 11-8, 21 Rock 11-10, and a very tough Tony Napoli team, 12-11. The two big hitters for Final Destination were Shawn Tendiel at 15-5 and Tommy Webb's 12-5.

Wayne Lowery (Final Destination) put down 21 points for this match to Rich Sager's 28. Lowrey and gang received 5-games head start. Rader's lost the opening game and was down 6-0. But they fired back taking the next 9 of 10 games for a 9-7 lead. Splitting the next four games, and with John Schneider keeping the momentum going with his 3rd win of the match, brought the score to 11-9. When the pills were rolled out for the 4th round John Schneider got the first call. For the second time this tournament Mr. Schneider shot a 4-win match. This one proved to be the last nail in the coffin and their opponent's Final Destination... pardon the pun. The 12-9 score broke whatever curse was put on Rich Sager and now, after so many tries, he could claim Championship kudos.

The Ultimate Championship (?)

Up front this wasn't really a bad concept. The Championship team from the 4-Player board meets the Champions of the 5-Player board. And to add spice Missouri 8 Ball kicked in an extra grand to the winner. The idea was this first time it would be a race to 9, and next time a race to 11. It would alternate. Maybe because it was a long weekend as these tournaments always tend to be, the thought of playing one more match really didn't appeal to either side.

It was played of course because it was written into the script. But future matches are in doubt. If indeed it is scrubbed the answer to the trivia question of 'How many times was the Ultimate Challenge played?' Is... once!

Of course another would be 'who won?' The 4-Player team led by Rich Kreps knocked out Rich Sager's 5-Player's to the tune of 9-2. While John Schneider continued his fine shooting and won both games for the losers, Mario Webster and Scott Carter won three games each for the winners. Just a little something for you trivia buffs.

Total Payout for the Four Tournaments:

Payout	Captain	Team	Event
\$18,500.00	Rich Sager	Rader's # 19	5-Player Team
8,020.00	Rich Kreps	Rader's #111	4-Player Team
5,330.00	Will Humphrey	All-Star	Singles Champion
<u>1,000.00</u>	Rich Kreps	Rader's #111	Ultimate Challenge
\$32,850.00			

Now that just isn't nice:

I.Q. Jones says: "There's a new cemetery in Berkeley, Mo. called 'Rest In Peace.' It's open only to former Fucifino players. In the most recent internment this month, they buried Jay Carlton's Division 104's title hopes. As this goes to press Jay's team is in the cellar holding up the other teams with a 1-5 record and six more grueling weeks remaining."

And one more:

Has anyone else noticed that Rick King finished 3rd on Div. 21's All-Star sheet? Teammates of Rick's are kinda happy he didn't win the title. Not many want to admit it, but rumor has it that... well, read on.

The Un-named Teammate: "You won't believe how many of us were holding our breath after hearing that Rick King was on a tear making his way to the top of the All-Star list. The exhale didn't come until time ran out and Rick finished third. Don't get me wrong we have no problem with Rick King being Top Player; it was knowing afterward we would be subjected to a two-hour celebration of nerve-wracking mind-blowing accordion music."

To the Missouri 8 Ball Pool League "**Letters Department**": Miss Cynthia Louise Johnson asked the burning question: "Is **Will Humphrey** really as good as advertised?"

Well Miss Johnson, all we can tell you is that after a couple years absence Will Humphrey rejoined Missouri 8 Ball Pool League this past session playing his matches with a team out of KT's in O'Fallon, Mo. As a skill-level '6' Will took out the Top Player Trophy from Division #112 with a great 29-7 .806 record.

Will Humphrey continued his fantastic play in the Singles event knocking out many fine players on his way to the title ending the contest by double-dipping the hot shooting Jason Roman for the Championship.

Humphrey's team earned a spot on the 4-Player Tournament board. However they were knocked out the first round, 9-3. But Will won all three of his team's games.

Seems to be a pretty nice guy with both feet firmly planet on terra firma.

Thanks for your letter... *Missouri 8 Ball office.*

**The follow up by Miss Johnson: "That's all fine and good, but that isn't what I really wanted to know."

Second reply from M0-8 office, "When you said 'as good as advertised', we thought you were inquiring about his status in the Mo-8 Pool League. We have no information on Mr. Humphrey's personal life."

In Memorial.....

Our deepest sympathies go out to family and friends of Tina Wiedner. Tina passed away Wednesday July 1st. Tina was a fixture of G.E.D. teams for many years and a fine representative of the Missouri 8 Ball Pool League.

It was always a pleasure running into Tina at all our tournaments. Even when her teams didn't get the rolls, she always maintained a positive attitude.

Everyone who knew Tina knows she was one of the really good 'guys' and will truly be missed, not only at G.E.D., but at the next tournament. She never failed to come by the board to say "hi," and ask how things are going.

One last poignant thought: "Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you: Jesus Christ and the American Soldier. One died for your soul; the other for your freedom."

That's about it. See you at the 71st shootout.

Rusty Brandmeyer – Missouri 8 Ball Pool and Dart Leagues Operator

Roger Pheasant – On line Internet Expert

Dusty Brandmeyer – Mo-8 League Magic Man

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