

## 72nd Missouri 8 Ball Pool League Season - [Click here for PHOTOS](#)

September 14, 2009 thru January 15th, 2010. Following are final results and highlights with a brief synopsis from each division. Included are: Team Standings from 5-Player and 4-Player Divisions, Top Players, Runners-up, and Slick Chicks with Magic Sticks. Results from the All-Star Singles Tournament and the Ultimate Challenge shootout between winning Champions from the 5-Player & 4-Player Boards.

### Division # 1 16 Weeks Tuesday

Fandango's #1 moved into first place the third week and rode out the season with a 15-1 record, 3-games ahead of sister team Fandango's #4 (12-4). Ernie South led his guys with a nice 25-15 .625.

But the real race was for Top Player. With three weeks remaining **Tony Chagolla** (Hotshots Fenton #1) shot his way outta 4th place into the number one spot barely edging out Bill Cloyd from Fandangos #4. How close was it? Check it out - 30-8 .789.47 to 26-7 .787.88. Only .001.59; now that's close, bro.

The leading female for Division One is a hot-hitting gal who, on Jan. 8th, reached another milestone. What does 'half a century' conjure up? It's nice to see **Rhonda Bartram** back in action. Rhonda's .731 was good for 4th place on the All-Star sheet. No surprise here. Congrats Tony and Rhonda, and nice shooting. Of the five teams making playoffs, four shoot out of Fandangos. For the playoffs 5th place Fandangos-3 knocked out 2nd place Fandangos-4 and 4th place Fandangos-2 beat Hotshots Fenton #1. The second week was a real battle as Fandangos #3 won the last two games for an 11-10 victory.

### Division # 2 16 Weeks Tuesday

From the 10th week thru the 15th Upper Deck stayed ahead of Hotshots South County by a single game, or when they were tied at 12-3 with one week remaining Upper Deck was low balled by Ivory Coast Bistro and the schedule. The final week ICB lowered the boom on Upper Deck to the tune of 11-8. Hotshots SC had a bye week. Therefore, Hotshots SC ends the season 13-3 to Upper Deck's 12-4. But it goes a little deeper. Of the 13 players making the All-Star list Hotshots SC placed five of their shooters on the hot sheet with three in the top four slots. Although the race for Top Player was a flat foot tie the award goes to Hotshot's SC's **John Snyder**. Tattoo John's 25-10 .714 was given the nod over Coty Harlan (Libby's) 20-8 .714 by reason of more games played. Nice race, guys.

First week of playoffs went to 4th place Ivory Coast Bistro over 3rd place Libby's and 2nd place Upper Deck ko'ed The Wedge. For the final Upper Deck received 6-games on the wire from Ivory Coast Bistro. ICB fought back by taking six of seven games played closing the gap 9-7. But then things went Upper Deck's way as they closed out the contest, 11-8.

### Division # 3 16 Weeks Wednesday

It was wire to wire for Fandangos. With 151 wins, only 114 losses, plus a games W/L winning percentage of .570, and five players making the top 12 spots on the All-Star list, I'd say those were very good reasons to believe Fandangos deserved first place. Their 13-3 was 2-games better than Phoenix #1's 11-5.

And there's more. The Top Player award not only went to a 'dangos player, but it was a 3-way shootout. Yep! **John Porter** (25-5 .833) beat out teammates Bill Harwell (26-9 .743) and Mike Devers (23-9 .719).

The playoff was just as exciting as Hotshots Fenton #2 edged out The Phoenix #1, 11-10. Hotshots South County didn't have it much easier against Hotshots Fenton #1 but held on for an 11-8 victory. For the 2nd slot, Hotshots Fenton #2 got two-games on the wire from Hotshots SC and waltzed to an 11-6 win.

### Division # 4 16 Weeks Wednesday

Pool Gods can be a fickle bunch. Take the plight of Night Sky #2. The entire 16 weeks Night Sky #2 is either tied for first place or occupied it all alone. Nine weeks into the season they held a commanding 8-1 lead, 4-games up on 3rd place JP's Corner (4-5). Think about it; an 8-1 record plus four games up; these are an odds maker's dream. Things are rosy, life is good. Did I mention something about Pool Gods?

The thing of it is this is why the games are played. Somebody once said 'it's not over 'til it's over.' Actually I think everybody has said it one time or another. But it's true. So here's what happened: Without warning, as inexplicable as it may seem, all of Night Sky's sticks went cold at the same time.

Cold; hell! It was like an Artic Winter. (Where's Al Gore's supposedly global warming when you need it?) The team had a dismal 2-5 run the final seven weeks. They all but circled the drain. Meanwhile JP's girls (you know them – the one's I've been telling you to watch out for the last 10 years), well they orchestrated a five-game winning streak and won six of their last seven matches. That gained them a two-way tie (10-6) for first place. Not only that but as we see going to the games won-lost column we find JP's won-lost percentage higher, 163-142 .534 to Night Sky #2's 152-145 .512.

What a come-from-behind Cinderella story this turned out to be. It was like... the prince found the glass slipper and it fit the right foot of every girl on the team.

Which reminds me: Once again, you know, guys, sometimes when I talk to you I get the impression that you either aren't listening or just don't believe me when I say YOU... GOTTA... WATCH... OUT... FOR... THOSE... WOMEN... FROM... JP'S CORNER!!! Like, how many times I gotta warn ya?

And here's another reason: The race for Top Player is another five-page turner. But for now I'll simplify it. The first 10 weeks **Donna Collins** was 16-12 .571. The first three players on the sheet were all above .700. It was the final six weeks where Donna out-shot them, upstaged them, and plain overwhelmed them with... as Adjective Adams says: A whopping, sparkling, thundering, fantastic, astounding, stupendous, tremendous, incredible, remarkable, potent, awesome 21-2 .913 attack. (Whoosh, I'm outta breath)

In six weeks Donna went from 11th place on the hot sheet to 'Star of the Show'. Her 37-14 .725 was .011 better than runner-up Night Sky #2's Bob Chudy, 35-14 .714, and Bob's teammate Rick Storz at 36-15 .706. What another great race. This was Donna's first 'Kick Butt' Top Player trophy. Congrats, kiddo.

In addition to Donna, other JP's ladies making the All-Star sheet were **Kris Schlaefli** (28-22 .560), **Julie Hemann** (26-25 .510) and **Sharon Luitjens** (also 26-25 .510). And **Debbie Reese** added her 19-7 .731.

Oh, and that's not the end. (You mean... there's more? Oh, yeah!) Get the full account of the season go to [missouribilliards.com/jayscorner/](http://missouribilliards.com/jayscorner/) **“\*16\* - Donna Collins & The Gritty Gravois Girls Story.”**

I opened earlier saying, 'pool Gods can be a fickle bunch.' Night Sky #2's woes continued in the playoffs. By having to give 21 Rock #2 five-games on the wire, it was a huge hill (or mountain) to climb. After two rounds 21 Rock #2 had a 10-5 lead. Night Sky took 4-wins the 3rd round bringing the total to 11-9. With a fast two wins the 4th round for an 11-11 tie it did seem things were going Night Sky's way. But – NO! Dennis Baer pulled it out for 21 Rock #2 for a great 12-11 battle. Meanwhile 21 Rock #3 was having their troubles with sister team 21 Rock #1. This also went to the wire as #3 took it, 11-10.

And the close races didn't stop there. With Mike Jones, Mike Duffel and Dan French winning 3-games each, 21 Rock #3 knocked out 21 Rock #2, 11-10 earning their ticket to the big show.

Division # 5 16 Weeks Wednesday

It's plain to see that when a team runs off their first 11 matches then ends up 14-2, they kinda was the team. Shot Heaven, wire to wire again. And check out the next four teams, they were all 10-6. I guess you could say it was a battle for second place. The games W/L % goes to Patch Tavern #2 (151-134 .530) followed by Keith's (137-130 .513), Jack Patrick's (118-118 .500) and Libby's (112-119 .485).

Here's another good one: **John Snyder**, also from Shot Heaven, is a skill level '7' in a division full of '4's, '5's, and just a couple '6's. In order for Tattoo John to be awarded Top Player he had to hit a minimum of .948. John shot a .949. Wait a minute; did he plan that out ahead of time? I mean, you wanna talk about coming in under the wire. As they say in books, 'timing is everything.' Nice shooting, John.

So, who was runner-up? Second place goes to (Keith's) Mike Bassinger. Mike's 27-11 .711 was a distant .238 behind Snyder. Which by the way breaks the old record of .222 several years ago for a player that didn't break the 1.000 mark. John ended up 37-2 for his .949.

Libby's may have finished 5th in the final standings but at least they got there. And as they say in books, 'when you get there anything can happen'. (They say a lot in books, don't they?) Libby's knocked off 2nd place Patch Tavern in the first round 11-7 as Easy Ed brought in a 4-win night; and 4th place Jack Patrick's ko'ed 3rd place Keith's, 11-9. For the 2nd spot, Libby's squeezed by Jack Patrick's by the same 11-9 score with Dennis Bullock and Jerry Casey bringing in 3-wins each.

Division # 6 13 Weeks Thursday

Here's another first: Three Hotshots teams ending up in the first three slots. Hotshot teams may have finished one, two, three in the past, but the ironic thing about it this time is they are from different locations. Hotshots Fenton #1 (10-3 and 127-93 .577) outlasted Hotshots West County (10-3 and 120-92 .566) and Hotshots South County #2 (8-5 and 121-114 .515). Of the 10 teams, six were from three Hotshots' locations.

However, it was Hazzard's **Brian Daniels** (21-6 .778) taking Top Player honors. Brian took over the top spot the 12th week and edged out Ron Burt (Hotshots WC), 22-7 .759. Nice race, guys.

First playoff week 5th place Hazzards knocked out 2nd place Hotshots West County, 11-5, and 4th place Danno's Pub beat 3rd place Hotshots South County #2, 11-6. For the right to go to the big show, Hazzards defeated Danno's Pub 11-7 behind the 4-win shooting of Brian Daniels.

Division # 7 13 Weeks Thursday

The gang outta Friendly's Bar found this division just that, friendly. After dropping their opening match 11-8 to Sideline, the Friendly squad nailed the next 11 in a row before losing their final match 11-10 to Foleys SC #2. Friendly's 11-2 was two-games ahead of Cotters #1 and Foley's SC #2, both at 9-4.

Cotters #1 **Mark O'Brien** took over the top spot the 8th week and pulled down the Top Player trophy. Mark's 29-3 .906 was slightly ahead of Paul Edstrom (Friendly's) 26-5 .839. Nice race, guys.

Once again **Lanny Blackburn** is the leading lady from this division. Lanny made the All-Star sheet coming in 17th with her 14-13 .519.

Two tight matches the first playoff week: Cotters #1 eked out an 11-10 victory over Foley's SC #1 and 3rd place Foley's SC #2 pulled out a 12-10 win over 4th place Sideline. The 2nd playoff match saw Cotters #1, behind the 4-win shooting of Mark O'Brien, take an 11-8 decision from Foley's SC #2.

Division # 8 13 Weeks Thursday

Here's a rarity, the first four teams ended in an 8-5 tie for first place. Bringing out the games W/L % we see that Slo' Tom's #1 (yep, you're reading it right) moved to the head of the pack the final week when they knocked off Mary's Blue Ribbon, 11-4, as The Wedge #2 dropped to 2nd place when they were barely beaten by Libby's, 12-11.

Slo' Tom's #1 edged the field 130-107 .549 to Wedge #2 (131-115 .533), Slo' Tom's #2 (125-115 .521) and Libby's (123-119 .508). Close behind was 5th place Wedge #1 at 7-6 and 130-121 .518. Great race.

**Ed Libby** played the season just right for yet another Top Player award. Easy Ed was never out of the lead as he waltzed to victory with a dazzling 22-3 .880. (Oh, and for you baseball aficionados, 22-3 was the pitching record Preacher Roe turned in for the 1951 Brooklyn Dodgers. Just thought I'd throw that in.) Jimmy Fried (Wedge #2) was runner-up to Ed with a neat 22-8 .733. Nice shooting, guys.

First playoff week saw Denis Dunbar run off 4 wins, but didn't get a lot of support as 4th place Libby's went down to 3rd place Slo' Tom's #2, 11-9. It was a real battle between the two Wedge teams as 2nd place Wedge #2 squeezed out an 11-10 win over 5th place Wedge #1.

Division # 9 16 Weeks Monday

Fucifino's ran through the season either in first place or at times tied for first. And after 16 weeks finished 2-games in front of Bottle Cap #1's, 11-5. The high flyin' Fucifino's gang was led by **John E. Williams**, who was also Top Player at 22-9 .710. Other Fucifino players making the All-Star list were Cecil Smith (22-12 .647), Louis Erby (23-13 .639), and the division's leading lady, **Carla Granderson** (17-12 .586). Bill Millikan was runner-up for Top Player, 25-12 .676. Nice shooting, guys and gals.

First playoff week 5th place Charlack Pub got 3-games on the wire and rode it out for an 11-7 win over 2nd place Bottle Cap #1. Meanwhile, 3rd place Pirates Cove gave up 3-games to 4th place Bottle Cap #2. Unfortunately Bottle Cap #2 showed up one player short and had to forfeit one game per round and Pirates Cove came away 12-11 winners. Even though had not Mike Moore put 4 'W's on the board Pirates Cove still could have gone down. The 2nd week Mike continued his great playoff shooting with three wins as Pirates Cove eked out a tight 11-10 victory over Charlack Pub.

#### Division # 10 16 Weeks Monday

New Classic's #2 and Clubhouse #1 switched places every week the final six weeks. After the final match was played it was New Classic's #2 (12-4) with Clubhouse #1 second (11-5). For the 5th position it was another multi-team snag; four teams with 9-7 records. After the games W/L %, Clubhouse #2 got the nod. Top Player award goes to Clubhouse #1's **Greg Kinzel**. Greg knocked out 40 wins with only 8 defeats for an .833 division lead. Runner-up John Ross (Fucifinos #1) made it real close with his 29-6 .829, and Larry Baker (Cactus Inn) third with another outstanding season, 36-8 .818. Nice race, guys.

And here's a lady we often see on the All-Star sheet. **C.J. (Caroline) Jones** (New Classic's #2) hit well enough to place 7th on the honor roll of 35 players with an outstanding 23-9 .719. Big ups, girl.

First playoff week saw 2nd place Clubhouse #1 take out their frustrations on 5th place sister team, Clubhouse #3, 11-8; and 4th place Classics behind the 4-0 night of Kickin' Kenny Martin, eliminated 3rd place Fucifinos, 11-9. The second chance paid off for Clubhouse #1 as they were victorious 11-5 over Classic's with Captain Dave Woodruff putting three 'W's on the board.

#### Division # 11 16 Weeks Tuesday

It was a boat ride for Bottler Cap. They took off after the 4th week then cruised to a division leading 12-4, two-games over runner-up Game Day's 10-6. Bottle Cap was led by Art Lohnes' 37-17 .685, which was good for second place on the All-Star sheet. Bill Millikan kicked in 33 wins with Jake Embry adding 25 and Eric Peterson with 23. Top Player is Charlack Pub's **Bob Ackley**. Bob gets the award with a 32-11 .744 season. Nice going, Bob.

First week playoff finds that 5th place Airport Billiards put a job on 2nd place Game Day, 11-6, while 4th place Suwallers had a harder time knocking off 3rd place Fucifinos, 11-10. Airport Billiards shot their way to the big show behind Sean Azerolo's 4-win night as they knocked off Suwallers, 11-8.

#### Division # 12 16 Weeks Tuesday

Seansies Pub took the pole position and reeled off their first seven wins before dropping their first match. Driving on to a 12-1 record and ending at 14-2, gives us a good indication of their 4-game lead finish over runner-up Fucifinos #1's 10-6. And this is the first time in memory that a team placed seven members on the All-Star honor roll. Captain John (NC) Koch (28-10 .737) led his team and followed by Ken Hoorman (26-10 .722), Dan Sullivan (27-11 .711), Bob Bergfeld (25-14 .641), Bill Freeman (24-17 .585) and new comer Chris Pittsenbarger (21-15 .583). These seven teammates ran off 173 wins against only 87 losses. Their overall team record shows 116 losses. That means the opposition gained 29 games on the wire and Seansies Pub still managed a .599 games W/L percentage.

**Brett Fallon** (Houdini's) took over first place the 13th week and held on for Top Player. Brett's 41 wins led the division and his 41-11 .788 was a slight .041 better than runner-up Mike McGhay's 35-12 .745.

First playoff week we see that 2nd place Fucifinos knock out 5th place Clubhouse #1, 11-5, and 3rd place Houdini's took an 11-9 decision from 4th place Clubhouse #2. This Fucifino's team earned their first invitation to the big show by pulling their own rabbit out of the hat trick on Houdini's, 11-8.

#### Division # 13 16 Weeks Wednesday

Two things happened the 6th week into the session. 1) Classics #1 had a 6-0 lead and (2) this team's **Kelly Ambrose** took over 1st place on the All-Star sheet. Both went the distance for their respective trophies. Classic's, at 14-2, was two-games above Streiler's 12-4, they also placed six players on the All-Star honor roll. Behind Kelly's first place 34-8 .810 record, other members are teammates George Chaffin (28-11 .718), Chuck Lenceski (24-12 .667), Pete Maassen (20-12 .625), Larry Seisner (22-14 .611) and Uncle Pete Mocca (23-18 .561). Runner-up for top player was Streiler's Allen Lewis, 32-12 .727.

First playoff week saw New Classics received 3-forfeit wins from Pirates Cove. It resulted into an 11-4 win. The second match saw Streiler's edge out Clubhouse #1, 11-8. New Classics continued their fine shooting as Mike Heidbreder's 4-0 match led New Classics to an 11-7 win getting them to the big dance.

Division # 14 16 Weeks Wednesday

It took them 12 weeks to get there but once they did Cactus Inn rode it to a first place 14-2 finish. It was 2-games better than runners-up Airport Billiards #1 and Fucifinos, 12-4. That same 12th week Cactus Inn's **Mark Demariano** jumped into the top spot and held on for the Top Player trophy. Mark outlasted teammate Jerry Ray, 32-5 .865 to Jerry's 26-6 .813. Nice race, guys.

First playoff week saw 5th place TJ's Aliby-Inn pull a no-show giving 2nd place Airport Billiards a free pass to the second playoff week. Meanwhile 4th place Mi Familia showed up one player short at Fucifinos allowing 3rd place 'finos to get two forfeit games. That led to an 11-4 win that set up another Airport Billiards – Fucifinos meeting.

For insight into this second Airport-Fucifinos meeting we have to go back two weeks. Second place was up for grabs. Fucifinos had a 9-2 lead over Airport Billiards. Had Fucifinos held on for the win they would have received the no-show forfeit win from TJ's; and Airport would play host to Mi Familia. But something happened. Allen Berkbiegler and company suddenly turned into the USA World 8-ball champions. They rallied and pulled out an incredible come-from-behind 11-10 victory. Talk about a letdown for Fucifinos. But as they say in books, 'sometimes things work out better that way.' Read on.

Now they meet again to play for the second spot to the big show. Playing even 'finos jump out to an early 3-0 lead. Airport came back strong with seven of the next nine games taking over the lead, 7-5. (Who was it that said 'it was déjà vu all over again'?) But Fucifinos rallied with four straight wins taking back the lead, 9-7. Airport comes back again with 3 out of 4 bringing the match to a 10-10 tie. The pills are rolled and it's Joe Caldwell for Airport and Jay Carlton for Fucifinos. It went back and forth for 10-15 minutes then Jay got a break with two balls on the table (plus the '8') and took the match, 11-10.

**Mandi Tebeau** (Fucifinos) led all ladies with 18 wins.

Division # 15 13 Weeks Thursday

It took Cocktails 11 weeks to wrestle the lead from the field and stay there. Ending the campaign 10-3 was two games over Mi Familia and T.R. Gater's, 8-5.

Shuckin' and jivin' aside, the team race and the race for Top Player was as good as it gets. The lead for the top spot changed faces seven times the first 10 weeks. It went from LaJuania to Matt to Marland to Ken to Billy to Kurt and back to Ken again. By the second time Ken Morisaki locked in it was the 10th week, and that was the last time it changed. Another significant thing about the finish is that the top four places are occupied by Cocktails players. Yep. In addition to **Ken Morisaki** taking out the trophy with a 29-8 .784 showing, hot on his heels were teammates Ed Chier (26-9 .743), Kurt Liliensiek (also 26-9 .743) and John Schneider (24-9 .727). A 5th teammate in the 8th slot was Jeff Ford (23-12 657). Easy to see how Cocktails strolled to victory.

For the playoffs both Fucifinos teams made it thru the first round as 4th place 'finos #1 knocked out 3rd place T.R. Gaters, 11-8 and 5th place 'finos #2 put a big hurt on 2nd place Mi Familia, 11-3. For the meeting #1 gave #2 five-games on the wire and overcame that for a 12-8 win.

Division # 16 13 Weeks Thursday

Talk about a close race. WOW! It was neck and neck, toe to toe; nose to nose... well it was... the first six weeks. The difference was only two-games between the first four clubs. But the 7th week Red Birds #2 changed gears and took off faster than Roman Polanski avoiding the US legal system. Red Birds #2 closed out the season 12-1 which was 5-full games (question: it that legal?) ahead of the next three teams at 7-6. Yep. It turned out to be a one-horse race after the 6th week.

Of course the fact that four of the top five positions on the All-Star sheet were occupied by teammates from this gang of hot hitters could tell us something. Top Player award goes to **Willie Sanders**. Willie turned in a great 26-3 .897 session. He was followed by teammates Bob Mannecke (30-6 .833), Adam Schario (26-8 .765) and Dave Downing (22-7 .759). Nice shooting, guys.

Third place Fucifinos #2 had to knock out 4th place 'finos #1, 11-6 to get to the next level; and 5th place Clubhouse allowed 2nd place Area Code Bar #1 three-games on the wire but held on to win 11-9 behind

the 4-0 match of Tony Gregory. The following week Clubhouse gave Fucifinos #2 six-games head start and then allowed them only one win as the final was 11-1 (11-7).

Division # 17 13 Weeks Thursday

Final Destination #1 pulled away the 5th week and held on to take the top spot with a slight one-game lead over Just Bill's Place, 10-3 to 9-4. Final Destination #1 was led by Shawn Tendiel (27-8 .771), Tommy Webb (26-8 .765) and Wayne Lowery, Jr. (19-9 .679).

Top Player goes to Just Bill's **Doug Gibbons**. Doug jumped into the cat-bird seat from opening night and never relinquished the lead. Doug's great shooting (29-6 .829) outlasted runner-up Shawn Tendiel's 27-8 .771. Nice race, guys. And **Jeanine J.D. Dunn** (Aftershock) led the ladies, 14-18 .438.

For the playoff weeks, The Office spot Aftershock 3-games head start and took the decision, 11-7. Meanwhile 2nd place Just Bill's was riding out an 11-6 victory over Final Destination #2. For the second playoff spot Just Bill's put an 11-5 hurt on The Office as Doug Gibbons ran his 2-game totals to 6-0.

Division # 18 16 Weeks Wednesday

With five players shooting their way onto the All-Star sheet one could make a solid case that Teachers #5 was the team to beat and should have taken first place. But it was a lot closer. Only one game separated the top three teams. From this 6-team in-house division, Teachers #5 (11-5) outlasted #'s 1 & 2, at 10-6.

As mentioned five #5's hit the hot sheet. **Jason Helmholtz** jumped ahead of the pack the 12th week and teammate Al Hale moved into the 2nd spot the 13th. And that's the way it ended. Jason's 33-6 .846 outlasted Al by a slight .046 at 28-7 .800. In addition, other teammates were John Bissell (24-9 .727), Kyle Kroeger (23-12 .657) and Mean Gene Rader (19-13 .594). Nice shooting, guys.

The leading lady is a gal who is no stranger to this competition. Pretty **Paige Enlow** turned in 32 wins, which was the second highest and only one behind Jason's 33. Of the 15 players making the cut, Paige's 32-21 .604 was good enough for 10th place on this list of All-Star heavy hitters. Nice shooting, girl.

Teachers #'s 1 & 4 made it thru the first playoff week. When they met the following match was battled to an 11-9 final with Teachers #4 being the victor.

Division # 19 13 Weeks Thursday

Here's an oddity that happens about once in a blue moon. Talk about a charmed situation. The first place team, Third Base #1, had no players, that's NO players listed the final week on the All-Star sheet. In point of fact the last time a player from Third Base #1 appeared on the hot sheet was the 10th week. That's what I said, the 10th week. Leaves credence to the claim that this truly is the toughest division M0-8 has to offer. I mean even the '2's shoot like '6's, the '3's shoot like '7's and the '4's shoot like '10's. Oh, wait... there are no '2's or '3's or '4's here. If there are they have about as much chance of making the All-Star sheet as Nancy Pelosi cracking a smile without cracking her face.

How strong is this division when on the 11th week the 15th and last player on the All-Star sheet is a '7'? And he dropped off the following week never to be seen again. That 15th and last slot was taken over by a '6', and he was just a so-so .500.

As far as finding one '5' on this list at the end of the season is equivalent to finding one win for the Rams at the end of their season. But Josh Treadway (Teacher's #4 at 14-12 .538) did manage to squeeze on with five '6's, seven '7's and two '8's, when he landed the 14th spot. But he got there. Yep, Josh Treadway made history in a unique sort of way. This is one strong division, brother.

It was another hotly contested battle for Top Player. With all the heavyweight hitters this division has to offer it comes as no surprise that the lead changed several times. The unique thing is it changed between only two players, and they are both '8's and teammates from Teachers #3. **Randy Enlow** outlasted Dustin Dunham for the trophy 31-9 .775 to 29-11 .725. What a great shooting match.

For the 2-weeks playoffs it doesn't get much stronger than this. Teachers #3 beat out Teachers #2, 11-9. Also Teachers #4 took an 11-5 decision from Third Base #2 with Randy Enlow having a 4-win match. The second week was just as tough. Teachers #3 gave Teachers #4 one-game head start. It went to the

final game again and Randy Enlow's red hot shooting with another 4-win match helped bring home another 11-10 win for T-3.

Division # 20 13 Weeks Thursday

As Warner Wolf would say, "If you had money on Allstars with a 7-0 lead with only six weeks left to play, YOU LOSE." You've heard this before, 'it's not over 'til it's over.' It really did seem as if Allstars would waltz to the finish line after taking the first seven matches, but, that's why they play the games. Their downfall began the 8th week when ABC Billiards #2 handed Allstars their first loss, 11-6. From there it was all down hill. The 9th week it was Teachers #2 that muscled up and put an 11-3 hurt on Allstars knocking them out of first place by percentage points. Going 1-5 the last six weeks find Allstars coming in 3rd place. Their games won/lost percentage took a big dip from .559 to .486. Hell, even their cash buildup in the bank crashed putting them from plus \$74, to a minus \$16. Man, when it rains it pours. But things got better. Their first week's playoff match was victorious 11-7 over ABC Billiards #1. After ABC Billiards #2 defeated Teachers #1 in a close 11-10 match that set the stage for Allstars to pull out an 11-9 win over ABC Billiards #2, who as mentioned in the first paragraph, gave them their first loss. As they say in books, 'turn about's fair play'.

Teachers #2 and ABC Billiards #2 tied at 10-3, with Teachers #2's games W/L percentage coming out higher, 106-73 .592 to 124-94 .569. Teachers-2 hit the finish line with four players making the All-Star list. Runner-up for top player Ron Griffin led the attack (23-8 .742) followed by Keith Birch (25-10 .714), Rick King (19-11 .633) and Melissa Drew (13-11 .542).

ABC Billiards #2 also placed four players on the honor roll. **Jason Helmholtz** led the way with his Top Player performance of 29-9 .763. He was followed by teammates Steve Dennis (18-8 .692), Richie Bryan (24-13 .649) and Rick Spies (18-12 .600). Congrats to **Melissa Drew** with a fine 13-11 .542 showing.

Division # 21 13 Weeks Thursday

If you had money on Allstars #3 and a 7-0 lead with only six weeks left to play, YOU WIN. It so happens that in this case and this division Allstars #3 held on and really did waltz to victory blowing away the field with a great 12-1 season. Their only setback was a 12-10 loss to (at that time) last place ABC Billiards #1. The 2nd and 3rd place teams, at 8-5, was a big 4-games behind at the finish line. So how did Allstars #3 fair on the All-Star sheet? Try six players. Runner-up for top player Aaron Akers led the attack (32-5 .865) followed by teammates Anthony Akers (25-6 .806), Jim Thiel (21-6 .778), Joe Rohne (19-9 .679), Jim Benner (17-9 .654) and Joe Kimble (19-12 .613).

As they say in books, 'if you can keep your head on while all others about you are losing theirs...' – the rest I've forgotten, but it means something like this – you really have to stay focused if your plan is to take out the Top Player title; because it is very easy to get discouraged when your team is headed for a disastrous last place finish in a 10-team division.

Brother, Will, you really deserve it. **Will Humphrey** (Allstars #2) certainly stayed focused and pulled it out the final week. With one match left Aaron Akers was leading .853 to .852. Aaron did what he could do by winning all three of his last games which raised his average to 865. But Will went one better by having a 4-0 night. And that's the way it ended. Will at 27-4 .871 was just a little (.006) better than runner-up Aaron Akers' 32-5 .865. But it was enough. Really great race, guys.

Hooking up for the 2nd slot saw Third Base #1 take an 11-7 victory over ABC Billiards #2. Kevin Drury led the attack with a 4-win match followed by Kevin Kline and Bob Frazier adding 3-wins each. Allstars #1 showed up for their match but Third Base #2 did not. Week two Dawn Utterback's Third Base #1 team put an 11-4 beatdown on Allstars #1 with Kevin Kline having another 3-win match.

**Kris Gentemann** (ABC Billiards) led the ladies with 14-13 .519.

Division # 22 13 Weeks Thursday

Talk about an up and coming branch to Missouri 8 Ball. This new division from Troy shot up so fast it was almost impossible to keep up with. In addition to the few M0-8 veterans out that way there were 36 new signups from three different locations. Take Down Bar put together three teams, two out of Misfits

and one from Georgee's made up a pretty fair 6-team conference. And if you had silver on Georgee's establishment for the gold being in first place the first 12 weeks with only one match remaining – YOU LOSE. As it turned out Georgee's, Take Down #2 and Take Down #3 were all tied at 8-4. Action for the final week saw Take Down #3 take down Misfit's #1, 10-5. Take Down Bar's #2 & #3 tied at 9-4 for first place. The games W/L percentage was higher for TD #2, 134-102 .568 to #3's 129-109 .542.

For the playoff spot 2nd place Take Down #3 scored a 12-10 decision over 5th place Misfits #2 as 4th place Misfits #1 survived an 11-5 win over 3rd place Georgee's.

The race for Top Player went down to the very last game played by two veterans and one new player. Sandwiched in between the vets, Jim Hawkins and Keith Kreder, was new guy Brian Trembley. The final night's play saw Keith Kreder go 2-1, Brian Trembley 3-0 and Jim Hawkins also 3-0. It was Gentleman Jim Hawkins taking out the title. Top Player **Jim Hawkins** also shoots out of Take Down #2. Jim's 28-5 .848 outlasted newcomer Brian Trembley (Take Down #3) and his first season's total of 36-7 .837. Not to be too far out down, Keith Kreder's 32-7 .821 was good for 3rd. Of the 15 making it to the hot sheet 10 were new players. But the 5th place was taken over by the only female to make the honor roll. **Jackie Rehklau** shot a hot 19-8 .704. Great going, Jackie.

	<b>Top Player</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Runner-up</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Record</b>
Div. # 5	John Snyder	Shot Heaven	37 2 .949	Mike Bassinger	Keith's	27 11 .711
Div. # 7	Mark O'Brien SC	Cotter's #1	29 3 .906	Paul Edstrom	Friendly's	26 5 .839
Div. # 16	Willie Sanders	Red Birds #2	26 3 .897 (S)	Bob Mannecke	Red Birds #2	30 6 .833
Div. # 8	Ed Libby	Libby's	22 3 .880	Jimmy Fried	Wedge #2	22 8 .733
Div. #21	Will Humphrey	Allstars #2	27 4 .871	Aaron Akers	Allstars #3	32 5 .865
Div. #14	Mark Demariano	Cactus Inn	32 5 .865 (S)	Jerry Ray	Cactus Inn	26 6 .813
Div. #22	Jim Hawkins	Take Down Bar #2	28 5 .848	Brian Trembley	Take Down #3	36 7 .837
Div. #18	Jason Helmholtz	Teacher's #5	33 6 .846 (S)	Al Hale	Teacher's #5	28 7 .800
Div. #10	Greg Kinzel	Clubhouse #1	40 8 .833	John Ross	Fucifinos #1	29 6 .829
Div. # 3	John Porter	Fandangos	25 5 .833 (S)	Bill Harwell	Fandangos	26 9 .743
Div. #17	Doug Gibbons	Just Bill's Place	29 6 .829	Shawn Tendiel	Final Dest. #1	27 8 .771
Div. #13	Kelly Ambrose	Classics #1	34 8 .810	Allen Lewis	Streiler's	32 12 .727
Div. # 1	Tony Chagolla	Hotshots Fenton #1	30 8 .789	Bill Cloyd	Fandangos #4	26 7 .788
Div. #12	Brett Fallon	Houdini's	41 11 .788	Mike McGray	Clubhouse #1	35 12 .745
Div. #15	Ken Morisaki	Cocktails	29 8 .784 (S)	Ed Chier	Cocktails	26 9 .743
			(S)	Kurt Liliensiek	Cocktails	26 9 .743
Div. # 6	Brian Daniels	Hazzards	21 6 .778	Ron Burt	Hotshots WC	22 7 .759
Div. #19	Randy Enlow	Teacher's #3	31 9 .775 (S)	Dustin Dunham	Teacher's #3	29 11 .725
Div. #20	Jason Helmholtz	ABC Billiards #2	29 9 .763	Ron Griffin	Teacher's #2	23 8 .742
Div. #11	Bob Ackley	Charlack Pub	32 11 .744	Art Lohnes	Bottle Cap	37 17 .685
Div. # 4	Donna Collins	JP's Corner	37 14 .725 (F)	Bob Chudy	Night Sky #2	35 14 .714
Div. # 2	John Snyder	Hotshots SC	25 10 .714	Coty Harlan	Libby's	20 8 .714
Div. # 9	John E. Williams	Fucifinos	22 9 .710	Bill Millikan	Bottle Cap #2	25 12 .676

(S) Same team

(F) Div. #4 Female winner

### 5-Player Board Tournament Results – Payout \$17,150

1. Third Base #19 St. Peters **\$6,000** Captain Mark Voerg Members: Walter Crane Sr., Joe Rogers, Div. 19 Champs Walter Crane Jr., Scott Carter, Tom Lowery, Mark Demariano & Bobby McCulloch

2. O'Aces Jefferson County **\$3,710** Captain Rick Dycus Members: Dave Kapper, Dave Collins, Div. 23 Playoff Winner Ken Vogt, Joe Curlee, Jeff Faifer, Mike Severs & Andy Wanner

3-4. Red Birds #16 Hazelwood **\$1,850** Captain Dave Downing Members: Andy Quinn, Paul Boyd, Div. 16 Champs Adam Schario, Bob Mannecke, Willie Sanders & Byron Devroux

3-4. Teachers #19 St. Peters **\$1,850** Captain Jon Williams Members: Randy Enlow, Jeremy Null, Div. 19 Playoff Winner Dustin Dunham, Jared Speckmeyer, Chuck Whitely & Tiffany Williams

- 5-8. Hotshots South County **\$935** Captain Mike Renick Members: Mike Nolan, Jean Starkweather,  
Div. 2 Champs Johnny Moore, John Snyder, Andy Alsup & Tom Davidson
- 5-8. Friendly's St. Louis **\$935** Captain Marty Dyle Members: Paul Edstrom, Pete Oggesen,  
Div. 7 Champs Kurt Hansen, Denny Jones, Ben Brown & Tim Buechel
- 5-8. Teachers #18 St. Peters **\$935** Captain Keith Valet Members: Jason Uttley, Chris Foster,  
Div. 18 Playoff Winner Rick King, Susan Dobbs Valet, Jason Roman & David West
- 5-8. JP's Corner Eureka **\$935** Captain Jerry Smith Members: John Pedrolie, Pat McFarland,  
Div. 24 Playoff Winner Matt Purcell, Bob Johnson, Dan Vinyard, Tim Allen & Todd Davis

February 19, 20, & 21, 2010 were the dates, and Side Pockets Sports Bar in St. Peters, Mo. was the scene for the 72nd shootout of the Missouri 8 Ball Pool League tournaments. A total of 69 teams (47 teams from the 5-Player board and 22 teams from the 4-Player board) shot it out for a slice of the money pie, trophy, and bragging rights to be recognized as new Champions.

The team out of Third Base (formerly Rader's), Captained by Mark Voerg, opened up 8:00 p.m. Friday night against 21 Rock #4, gave them 6-games on the wire, allowed them only one win and drove home a wicked 11-1 (11-7) victory. That sent Third Base on their way.

Giving Valley Clubhouse 5-games head start for Saturday's opening match didn't slow Third Base down. They took 4 games from all three rounds bringing back a 12-3 (12-8) victory.

The 3:00 p.m. match with Kenny Vaughn's gang out of Kenny's Place was played even. Though Kenny won all three of his games that stretched his winning streak to 10-0, Kenny didn't get much support. Third Base, led by Walter Crane Jr., had his own 9-game winning streak going that led to an 11-5 victory.

At this point the remaining eight teams had already shot themselves into part of the cash payout. This would be to add more do-re-mi into their accounts. The final round for Saturday would be a tough match against Keith Valet's Teachers team. Remember them? They were last season's champs. They had already knocked off three opponents, and just came off a tough 11-10 win over David West and Upper Deck.

Walter Crane Jr. opened the contest with his 10th straight win. Tom Lowery and Scott Carter kicked in three wins each as Third Base took an 11-8 decision.

The first matches for Sunday began at high noon. This would be the only match Third Base would get weight. And the two games they got paid off. Their opponents, Red Birds, are comprised of heavy talent the likes of Andy Quinn, Willie Sanders and Byron Devrouax; and playing 30-points per match told you that you were going to be in a fight.

To this point Red Birds had allowed the most games on the wire to their opponents, 23. New Classics received four and went down, 11-3 (11-7). Misfits got seven for a head start. Red Birds allowed them only two wins for a 13-2 (13-9) win after taking over the lead by winning the first 10 games. Classics got three games head start but did little good as the Birds came out 12-6 (12-9) winners.

The seven games on the string given to Friendly's Bar was very tough to overcome. Needing only six wins, Friendly's could produce only five. And three of those came off the stick of Paul Edstrom. Red Birds' Willie Sanders turned in a 4-win match followed by teammate Byron Devrouax's 3-0.

Third Base began with three wins the first round for a fast 5-2 lead. But the Birds hatched out a plan that resulted in taking all five games the 2nd round for a 7-5 lead. The two wins from round three kept Red Birds in the lead, 9-8. Walter Sr. tied it 9-9 to open the 4th. But the Birds regained the lead behind the sharp shooting of Dave Downing. It was short lived as Scott Carter tied it at 10-up. Then Walter Jr. untied it for the win, 11-10.

For the championship title Third Base from St. Peters would be going up against O'Aces's from Jefferson County. O'Ace's opened 11:00 a.m. Saturday by getting 3-games on the wire from Teachers #18 and rode it out for a 12-10 win. Their 2nd match was against Fucifinos #12. O'Ace's gave up 5-games. Wasn't

much of a contest as O'Ace's gang was in stroke and took the match 11-4 (11-9). The final match Saturday was against Jerry Smith and the JP's Eureka team. O'Ace's getting a big 5-games head start was too-too much for Eureka to overcome. O'Ace's ran away with the match bringing down a 12-5 victory.

Opening rounds Sunday saw the team from Jefferson County get an even larger spot. Teachers #19 had to give up 6-games. This developed into an 11-8 victory for O'Ace's and a shot at the title. For the championship match Third Base put down 27-points to O'Ace's 23. That allowed O'Ace's a 3-game spot going to 12. With these three games O'Ace's team received the most free games this tournament, 17.

The Jefferson County crew opened the first round by taking the first three games for a fast 6-0 lead. From here it looked like a tsunami was coming to wash away Third Base and everything else in its path. But the gang from St. Peters brought in their own tornado. They swept across the room and didn't take a break until 11 'W's were added to their score sheet. The 11-6 lead now put Third Base on the bubble. O'Ace's stopped the bleeding but for only two games. With the score now 11-8, Mark Demariano dropped the 12th '8' ball for the match and the Championship win for Third Base. It was one of the greatest comebacks in M0-8 history. Congratulations in order for both these fine teams.

### **Synopsis of 4-Player Happy Hour Teams and Divisions**

Division # 10116 Weeks      Monday

The gang from Show Me's pulled ahead of the field the 9th week and finished 13-3, two games over Hotshots South County #1 and Fandangos, 11-5. With four members making the All-Star sheet and all over .600 that would do it. But how tough was this race for Top Player? This tough, the first 12 players on the hot sheet were all over 30 wins.

It's been long thought that if Mr. Jerry Terbrock continues to play long enough, and finish ahead of the field for Top Player often enough, and barely miss the percentage it takes for an '8' to get the title for his division consistent enough, he will eventually catch up with Rich Sager in having the dubious distinction of *not* winning the award. It happened again, for the 5th time, right here in 101. Jerry's 40-6 .870 was just short of the .900 an '8' needs. So who gets the photo-shoot? Jerry's Fandangos teammate **Gene Dix** was in the right place. Gene's 37-10 .787 was high enough for a '6' to win the award.

For the playoff spot Hotshots South County #1 knocked off JP's Corner and Phoenix #1 got past Fandangos. Then Phoenix #1 took a 9-2 decision from Hotshots SC #1 to get to the big show.

Division # 10216 Weeks      Monday

Even though Danno's Pub opened the season by winning their first seven matches they couldn't hold off a very tenacious Libby's team. At the end it was Libby's #1 at 14-2, one game better than Danno's, 13-3. Justin Timmons, 37-12 .755, led Libby's #1 attack followed by teammates Pat Price (31-18 .633), Allan Ranay (22-14 .611) and Timmay Henderson (31-20 .608).

Shot Heaven produced the top two players on the All-Star sheet. John Snyder's 40 wins led the division and his totals (40-9 .816) would have been good for the title almost any other place, but just a little short here. John missed the '7' cut-off by .014. A '7' level player has to hit .830 for this division. So who was in the right place again? Say hello to **Rolla Hoffman**. Hoffman has been making the credits in several ways this past year, winning Top Player honors, taking out the Singles All-Star tournament, cashing in every one as long as we can remember. There just ain't no stopping this guy. Like I said Shot Heaven hitters placed one-two, but Rolla get the trophy. His 26-8 .765 was high enough for a '6' level player.

Playoff weeks we see Danno's Pub knock out The Patch Tavern and Libby's #2 beat out Shot Heaven the first week. Behind Steve Galloway's 4-0 match, Danno's Pub took a 9-8 win from Libby's the 2nd week.

Division # 10316 Weeks      Monday

G.E.D. #2 took over first place the 11th week to beat out both G.E.D. #1 and Pardella Club #1 by a single game, 13-3 to 12-4. Leading G.E.D. #2 with a 3rd place All-Star spot was Alex Brown (37-12 .755) and 4th place Andrew Feeler (38-14 .731). Joe Oberkirsch added his 25-16 .610 and Phil Dalton kicked in his 22-18 .550.

Coming out of the playoffs we find that GED #1 knocked out Wedge #2 while Pardella Club #1 eliminated Wedge #1. For the 2nd spot GED #1 took a 9-7 decision from Pardella Club #1 behind the sharp shooting of Matt Feeler, Danielle Feeler and Coty Harlan, all putting three wins each on the board. As good and as close as the team race was the real headline belongs from the Top Player race. This could be entitled: **“The Coty Harlan Season”**

When it comes to awarding Top Player titles, this is one of the few times we think the Missouri 8 Ball Pool League officials could have mailed out the Trophy to a player long before the season ended.

Only three times over the 25-years has a player gone undefeated, usually 22-0, 23-0, but no one, that's no one, has every produced a season like Coty Harlan. One player won more games (51), three had a higher W/L percentage (1.000), but no season really compares to Coty Harlan's 46-1 .979.

For the complete 'Coty Harlan Story', check out Jay's web page at: [missouribilliards.com/jayscorner/](http://missouribilliards.com/jayscorner/)

So who finished second? Hello Curt Wisely. Curt was hanging in ready to take over should Harlan go on a 1-15 Rams type losing streak. As they say in books, '34-6 .850 any other time was a winner; but not now.' It was just your bad luck to run into what's going to be referred to as "A Coty Harlan" season. We at the M0-8 office feel your pain Curt, and still say great shooting. Better luck next season.

Division #104 16 Weeks Tuesday

Fucifino's #3 finished 3-games up for first place. Captain Jay Carlton led his team with 36-18 .667. Other teammates making the All-Star sheet were Howard Lentz (29-21 .580), Joe Lombardozzi (29-24 .547) and Mike Warfel (28-25 .528).

It was an ironic twist for Top Player. Here's what happened. To end last session Jay Carlton and **Victor Day** were tied for Top Player with only one game remaining to be played. Jay won that last game to take the title. For the title this season it again went to the last match and last game. Jay lost his and Victor added a 4-win match to take the award. As they say in books, 'turn about's fair play!' Congrats to Victor Day. His 40-18 .690 beat out Jay's 36-18 .667. Victor's teammate Bullet Bob Pendergrass took third with another outstanding season, 31-18 .633. Nice shooting, Victor, Jay and Bob.

First week playoff Victor Day and Bob Pendergrass knocked off John Shields' gang, 9-4. The second playoff week they again were victorious, but barely. They had to come from behind to knock out Kickin' Kenny Martin's team, 9-8.

Division #105 16 Weeks Tuesday

TJ's Aliby-Inn took over the lead the 11th week and held on to tie for first place with Kenny's Korner, 12-4. Going to the games W-L percentage column we find that TJ's 120-103 .538 edged out Kenny's Korner 114-101 .530 by a scant .008. Great race! Leading TJ's was the only female to make the All-Star sheet, Ms **Erin Shea**. Erin's 22-9 .710 was 4th on the honor roll. She beat out all her teammates.

Top Player goes to... may we have a drum roll please... **Calvin Niehaus**, again. That's all you hear, Calvin wins again. Mr. Niehaus (New Classic's #1) 24-6 .800 beat out runner-up Mike Doak (Lehmann's Landing #2), 36-14 .720. I have been doing considerable thinking about this. If a player has 50-games or more (Mike) they should have the inside track on the title, not someone (Calvin) who just barely gets to 30. (Just kidding Calvin, heh-heh-heh!) Nice shooting.

First week playoff saw T.R. Gaters get 4-games on the wire and take a 9-7 decision from Lehmann's #2 while Kenny's Korner was given a free pass when New Classic's #2 did a no-show. Second week Gaters not only got one-game on the wire but another two games from forfeits as Kenny's began the match with only three players. After the second round Gaters had a 6-3 lead heading toward the finish line. But Kenny's 4th player, like the Calvary, showed up in the nick of time. The Kenny's Korner Klan took five wins from the last six games played. It was a great come-from-behind 9-6 victory for Kenny's.

Division #106 13 Weeks Thursday

Talk about being competitive. Of the eight teams in this division five are out of Classics, and four of them made the playoffs. Classics #4 (12-1) topped the field by 2-games over Bottle Cap (10-3). Classics #4

placed four members on the All-Star sheet at spots, 1, 2, 6 and 8. Their 118-80 .596 was one of the highest W-L percentages this season.

Speaking of the All-Star sheet: **Bobby Goss** takes out Top Player with a great 32-9 .780. Now... sit down for this one: Of the 16 that made the honor roll Bobby is the only '4' rated player. There are eight '5's, five '6's and two '7's. How do you explain that? I can't. Just lots and lots and lots and lots of luck... I guess. Rrrriiiiiggggghhhhttttt!

The cynic would tell you that it was the final week of play that did it. That Devin Mayes was in first place after 12 weeks (21-5 .808) and lost it the last week when he went 2-2, dropping his totals to 23-7 .767. That Bobby Goss was in second place (29-8 .784) and the last match went 3-1 for a final 32-9 .780.

That's fine and dandy, and very true. But it doesn't explain that of the 13 weeks how Mr. Goss was in 3rd place for three weeks, 2nd place for five weeks and 1st place for another five weeks.

Just thinking – was Ashton Kutcher in town? Because this whole division just got 'Punk'd'. For more on Bobby Goss see All-Star singles payout 3rd place. Just kidding, Bobby. Congrats on your great success.

Playoff week one: Classics #2 knocked out Bottle Cap, 9-7, while Classics #3 fought back from deficits of 4-1 and 7-5 to eke out a tough 9-8 win over Classics #5.

Second playoff match was easier for Classics #3. Even though they offered up 3-games head start to Classics #2, the hot-hitting Dan Tucker Gang blew out the contest 10-3 (10-6) with Tucker, Sean Deckard and Link all pitching in with 3-wins each.

Congrats again to **Mary Stillwell** (Classics #5) for leading the ladies, 20-15 .571.

Division #107 13 Weeks Thursday

Seansie's Pub opened the season with eight straight wins and was never out of first place. Ending the campaign at 11-2, Seansie's was 3-games over the next three teams, all 8-5. Four members of this team hit the hot sheet with **David Gase** taking out Top Player honors. David's 20-4 .833 was a little better than runner-up Barry Zarfes (VFW) 30-10 .750. Dave's teammates making the All-Star sheet were Gary Blanks (30-12 .714), Ken Niebling (26-14 .650) and Ron King (21-15 .583).

Playoff week one: Fifth place Pirates Cove knocked out 2nd place Kitty's Korner, 9-7, while 4th place VFW kicked 3rd place Red Birds out, 9-5. The meeting between Pirates Cove and VFW was a very close 9-7 victory going to Pirates Cove.

Division #108 13 Weeks Thursday

Bottle Cap #1 pulled away from the pack the 9th week and finished 10-3, two-games in front of the next three teams, all 8-5. Of the three Bottle Cap #1 members making the All-Star sheet two finished 1-2. **Robert Zamarripa** (33-10 .767) edged out teammate Sean Azerolo (26-10 .722) for Top Player. Jim Raby was 9th, 19-11 .633. **Kimberly Sykora** (Suwaller's #2) led the female attack. Kim's 16-11 .593 was good for 13th of the 16 that made it.

Playoff week one: Both Suwaller teams made the first round. Su-#1 beat Lehmann's, 9-6. Su-#2 gave Bottle Cap #2 four-games head start then allowed them only two wins as Su-#2 came away 9-2 (9-6) winners. Playing even Su-#2 jumped off by letting Su-#1 know who was in charge. By taking 3-wins in each of the three rounds played, Su-#2 came away 9-3 winners and a spot under the big tent.

Division #109 16 Weeks Tuesday

From the 4th week to the finish line it was all Side Pockets. They romped home to the tune of 13-3 to runner-up Teachers #2's 9-7. Four Side Pockets members hit the hot sheet with **Walter Crane Sr.** taking Top Player honors with a great 30-9 .769. When you consider how strong this division is you'll appreciate what it took to take the Top Player title. Of the 12 only one '5' level player made it. That was Tom Lowery (Side Pockets) with a 21-14 .600. There were two '7's and nine '6' level players. That's how strong. Jeff Ford (25-12 .676) and Walter Crane Jr. (23-16 .590) were the other two Side Pocket players.

**Julia Gabriel** led the female contingency with another outstanding season, 30-13 .698. You go, girl. Also congratulations for being the first female to be awarded '7' level status. You guys are on notice, heh, heh. Dennis Gallagher led the division with 41 wins and was runner-up for Top Player, 41-16 .719.

Playoff week one saw Teachers #2 knock out Third Base as Teachers #3 took care of Teachers #4. Down to the nitty-gritty it was Teachers #3 edging out Teachers #2, 9-7 as Tough Tony Napoli brought in a perfect 4-0 night.

Division #110 13 Weeks Tuesday

This 4-team in-house division over at Buddy Evans' ABC Billiards is about the most even as far as teams go. ABC #3 went wire to wire ending 8-5. The other three came in at 6-7. How's that for closeness! Of the eight players making the All-Star sheet three are from #3. Newcomer Andy Lewton led #3 with a neat 37-12 .755. His teammates are father-son combo Buddy Evans (31-15 .674) & Nicky Evans (22-21 .512). Top Player **Don Comer** (ABC #4) at 30-9 .769 was slightly ahead of Andy Lewton's 37-12 .755. For the second team going to the big show ABC #4 knocked out ABC #2, 10-8.

<b>Top Player</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Runner-up</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Record</b>
Div. #103 Coty Harlan	G.E.D. #1	46 1 .979	Curt Wisely	Wedge #2	34 6 .850
Div. #107 David Gase	Seansie's Pub	20 4 .833	Barry Zarfes	V.F.W.	30 10 .750
Div. #105 Calvin Niehaus	New Classic's #1	24 6 .800	Mike Doak	Lehmann's #2	36 14 .720
Div. #101 Gene Dix	Fandangos	37 10 .787 *S*	Jerry Terbrock	Fandangos	40 6 .870
Div. #106 Bobby Goss	Classic's #4	32 9 .780 *S*	Devin Mayes	Classic's #4	23 7 .767
Div. #110 Don Comer	ABC Billiards #4	30 9 .769	Andy Newton	ABC Billiards #3	37 12 .755
Div. #109 Walter Crane	Side Pockets	30 9 .769	Dennis Gallagher	Teachers #1	41 16 .719
Div. #108 Robert Zamarripa	Bottle Cap #1	33 10 .767 *S*	Sean Azerolo	Bottle Cap #1	26 10 .722
Div. #102 Rolla Hoffman	Shot Heaven	26 8 .765 *S*	John Snyder	Shot Heaven	40 9 .816
Div. #104 Victor Day	Fucifino's #4	40 18 .690	Jay Carlton	Fucifino's #3	36 18 .667

\*S\* Teammates

Div. #101 Jerry Terbrock needed to hit .900 for Top Player.

Div. #102 John Snyder needed to hit .830 for Top Player

Div. #103 Coty Harlan had a record-breaking 43-game winning streak.

#### 4-Player Tournament Board Results – Payout \$6,570

1. Libby's South St. Louis **\$3,300** Captain Timmay Henderson Members: Bill Henderson, Pat Price, Justin Timmons & Allan Ranay  
Div. 102 Champs

2. Fucifinos Berkeley **\$1,650** Captain Bob Pendergrass Members: Victor Day, Mel Winkler, Joe Garger, Terry Zlepper & Jerry Bruder  
Div. 104 Playoff Winner

3-4. Classics Florissant **\$810** Captain Dan Tucker Members: Wayne Turner, Sean Deckard, Mike 'Link' Althen & John Stillwell  
Div. 106 Playoff Winner

3-4. Teachers St. Peters **\$810** Captain Tony Napoli Members: Gene Rader, Kris Farrand, Jess Napoli, Dave Leonhard & A.J. Huether  
Div. 109 Playoff Winner

This is getting to be a habit with this gang out of Libby's. Good for them, bad for the rest of the field. Timmay Henderson and bunch finished tied for 3rd-4th last session, then come right back for the big payout this time. Great two seasons, gang.

They began their run 3p.m. Saturday by putting a big... BIG hurt on Show Me's to the tune of 9-zip. Things got a little tight against Kenny's Korner by having to give up 3-games on the wire. But by pulling out three wins the first two rounds brought Libby's back to a 6-5 lead. Two to two the third round showed Libby's on the hill 8-7. Timmay Henderson took the first game in round four for the 9-7 victory.

The pace picked up noon Sunday but not till the 4th frame. Giving ABC Billiards 3-games head start made it real close. At one point ABC was ahead 8-6. Libby's won the 4th game from round three and took the first two the 4th round to bring back a tough 9-8 win. Bill Henderson led the way with a 4-0 match.

Most railbirds thought the 3p.m match against Classics would be a tough one for Libby's. But sometimes things just go your way as it did here. They split the first round 2-2. But for all intense and purposes it was over the 2nd frame when Tim's Terrors took three of the four games and then all four the 3rd round ending the match by winning the last seven games. It was a 9-3 blowout and a shot at the championship. At this stage Bill Henderson was riding an 8-game winning streak.

Fucifinos had a much tougher time getting to the finals. Saturday they gave G.E.D. 2-games head start and struggled to a 9-7 win. It was the 4-win match of Victor Day that pulled it out.

Fucifinos had an even tougher way to go against Danno's Pub noon Sunday. When Danno's jumped out by taking all four games the first round it didn't look very promising for 'finos. But they scored three wins the 2nd round and came back with another three the 3rd for a 6-6 tie. A 2-2 split the 3rd round brought the match to an 8-8 double-hill situation. It was Victor Day playing the hero again. His 3rd win of the match brought home the 9-8 squeaker.

When it rains it pours. It never did get easier for Fucifinos. They seemed to be balancing on the brink the entire weekend. It was like they insisted on giving matches away. Either that or wanted to prove they could give out big leads and make great comebacks. Actually I don't believe either. Teachers won the first round for a fast 4-1 lead as Fucifinos got one-game on the wire. They split the 2nd round and 'finos took three wins the 3rd bringing the score to 7-6. Fucifinos then took three wins the final round for another tight 9-8 victory.

Luck ran out for the gang from Berkeley. Libby's jumped off with three wins the first round, kicked in another three the 2nd for a 6-2 lead. A 2-2 split the 3rd brought the score to 8-4. Libby's closed out the contest the first games in round four for a 9-4 win and their first Championship.

### Ultimate Challenge

For those who are reading this for the first time the Ultimate Challenge is the final match played Sunday night at the conclusion of the team tournaments. The winning teams, Third Base from the 5-Player board, and Libby's from the 4-Player board, shot it out for the extra 1000-bucks. It's a race to 9 and the same rules apply. The inaugural event was 4 players against 4, and the second was 5-5. This being the third contest reverts back, 4 to 4.

Libby's opened up by taking three of the four games from round one. Third Base trumped that by taking a 5-pack the 2nd round for a 5-3 lead. The Crane boys (father and son, Walter Sr. & Jr.) along with Scott Carter, added to Libby's misery by dumping another three wins from the 3rd frame sending the 8-4 contest into the 4th round needing only one win for the cash.

It didn't take long. Mark Demariano drew the number one pill and ended the contest for a 9-4 victory for Third Base. Congratulations to both these fine teams.

### Sharp Shooting Slick Chicks with Magic Sticks

Div. # 1	Rhonda Bartram	Fandango's #4	19	7	.731	
Div. # 4	Debbie Reese	JP's Corner	19	7	.731	
<b>Div. # 4</b>	<b>** Donna Collins</b>	<b>JP's Corner</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>.725</b>	<b>** Most wins</b>
Div. # 10	C.J. (Caroline) Jones	New Classic's #2	23	9	.719	7th in wins
Div. #105	Erin Shea	TJ's Aliby-Inn	22	9	.710	8th in wins
Div. # 22	Jackie Rehkla	Take Down Bar #3	19	8	.704	
Div. #109	Julia Gabriel	Teacher's #4	30	13	.698	3rd in wins
Div. # 1	Julie Hemann	Fandango's #4	15	7	.682	Also Div. #4
Jeff. County	Patty Wells	JP's Eureka	14	9	.609	
Div. # 18	Paige Enlow	Teacher's #6	32	21	.604	2nd in wins
Div. #106	Robin Donalds	Lehmann's #1	18	12	.600	

Div. #108	Kimberly Sykora	Suwaller's #2	16	11	.593	
Div. # 9	Carla Granderson	Fucifino's	17	12	.586	
Div. #106	Mary Stillwell	Classic's #5	20	15	.571	9th in wins
Jeff. County	Amanda Pedrolie	JP's Eureka	13	10	.565	
Div. # 4	Kris Schlaefli	JP's Corner	28	22	.560	4th in wins
Div. # 20	Melissa Drew	Teacher's #2	13	11	.542	
Div. # 7	Lanny Blackburn	Sophie's Place	14	13	.519	
Div. # 21	Kris Gentemann	ABC Billiards	14	13	.519	
Div. # 4	Julie Hemann	JP's Corner	26	25	.510	tie 5th in wins, Also Div. #1
Div. # 4	Sharon Luitjens	JP's Corner	26	25	.510	tie 5th in wins
Div. # 14	Mandi Tebeau	Fucifinos	18	19	.486	
Div. # 17	Jeanine J.D. Dunn	Aftershock	14	18	.438	

**Div. # 4 \*\* Donna Collins – Top Player Julie Hemann – Div. #1 & #4**

**Results of All-Star Tournament - Payout \$6,500**

Place	Winnings	SL	Player	Place	Winnings	SL	Player
1.	\$1,200 & Trophy	'8'	Dustin Dunham	13-16.	\$120	'6'	Brian Daniels
2.	870 & Trophy	'6'	John Porter	13-16.	120	'5'	Bob Manneke
3.	680 & Trophy	'4'	Barry Goss	13-16.	120	'5'	Don Comer
4.	550	'5'	Jeff Tribout	13-16.	120	'4'	Nicky Evans
5-6.	420	'6'	John Pedrolie	17-24.	60	'6'	Bob Ackley
5-6.	420	'5'	Allen Lewis	17-24.	60	'6'	Ryan Hopping
7-8.	300	'6'	Rolla Hoffman	17-24.	60	'6'	Jason Helmholtz
7-8.	300	'4'	Willie White	17-24.	60	'5'	Cecil Smith
9-12.	200	'6'	Keith Valet	17-24.	60	'5'	David Gase
9-12.	200	'5'	Curt Wisely	17-24.	60	'5'	Rick Sutberry
9-12.	200	'5'	Todd Lamwerseik	17-24.	60	'4'	Andy Alsup
9-12.	200	'4'	Rick Eberenz	17-24.	60	'3'	Nathan Brugmann
	\$5,540				\$960		

**Side Pot Top Player Winners: Payout \$400.00**

1. John Porter \$200 John's total for tournament - \$1,070
2. Bobby Goss \$120 Bobby's total for tournament - \$800
3. John Pedrolie \$80 John's total for tournament - \$500

The first time Dustin Dunham won the All-Star singles tournament was the spring of 2005, June 26th to be exact. It was the 58th Mo-8 event and the location was Planet 8 Ball. The total payout for the 16 players that cashed was \$4,464. Dustin took home \$1,064 for first place. Four years and four months later the payout has grown to \$6,500, and was paid out to 24 players. Dustin walked away with \$1,200.

From those 16 players that cashed 4-years and 4-months ago, other than Dustin, only one other player survived this shootout – Curt Wisely. Yep, the scene has changed and so did the field of winners.

Back then when Dustin was on the 'hill' the player he was waiting for was David West. David came up thru the one-loss side for a second shot. He won the first set to even the match. Then Dustin took the second set 2-1 for the championship. Not much changed in that department. This time John Porter worked his way up to meet Dustin. He won the first set 2-1, than Dunham came back with a 2-1 victory to take the championship. As they say in books, "the more things change the more they stay the same."

Congrats for a great tournament, Dustin. Hopefully it won't be so long next time.

And while I'm at it I'm going to inform everyone just what a nice and easy going person Dustin Dunham really is. Talk about 'Sportsmanship' with a capital S, after winning his second match Saturday, and was advanced to the next level on the board, it was discovered that a player was in the tournament that should

not have been. Dustin had to replay a match. Where some persons would have copped an attitude, Dustin did not. Not a single negative word was said before or after the match. He simply went back to the table and played the match against the opponent he should have played the first time as if nothing had happened. Dustin did win the match, but I know for a fact had he not won he would have taken it as it went and continued on.

Leo the Lip had it wrong. Not all nice guys finish last!

### Players with 10 Wins or more

1. Walter Crane Jr.	Third Base	18	4	.818
2. Bill Henderson	Libby's	15	4	.789
3. Walter Crane Sr.	Third Base	15	7	.682
4. Byron Devroux	Red Birds	14	2	.875
5. Paul Edstrom	Friendly's	13	3	.813
6. Willie Sanders	Red Birds	13	4	.765
7. Scott Carter	Third Base	13	8	.619
8. Keith Valet	Teachers	12	2	.857
9. Andy Quinn	Red Birds	12	3	.800
10. Timmay Henderson	Libby's	12	5	.706
11. Justin Timmon	Libby's	12	5	.706
12. Jim Wanner	Fandangos	11	1	.917
13. Chuck Whitely	Teachers	11	3	.786
14. Victor Day	Fucifinos	11	5	.688
15. Mark Demariano	Third Base	11	5	.688
16. Bob Mannecke	Red Birds	11	6	.647
17. Kenny Vaughn	Kenny's	10	0	1.000
18. Bob Johnson	JP's Eureka	10	0	1.000
19. Dave Leonhard	Teachers	10	1	.909
20. Randy Enlow	Teachers	10	2	.833
21. Allan Ranay	Libby's	10	9	.526
22. Tom Lowery	Third Base	10	9	.550

### Winning streaks of 7 games or more

1. Byron Devroux	Red Birds	14	(14-2)	(BD)
2. Jim Wanner	Fandangos	11	(11-1)	
3. Kenny Vaughn	Kenny's	10	(10-0)	**
4. Bob Johnson	JP's Eureka	10	(10-0)	**
5. Randy Enlow	Teachers	10	(10-2)	
6. Walter Crane Jr.	Third Base	10	(18-4)	(2)
7. Walter Crane Jr.	Third Base	8	(18-4)	(2)
8. Bob Mannecke	Red Birds	8	(11-6)	
9. Dave Leonhard	Teachers	8	(10-1)	
10. Wayne Turner	Classics	8	(8-2)	(WT)
11. Chuck Whitely	Teachers	7	(11-3)	
12. Aaron Akers	New Classics	7	(7-0)	**
13. Willie Sanders	Red Birds	7	(13-4)	

(2) Walter Crane Jr. won first 10 games, lost next 4, then won last 8.

(BD) Lost first game, won next 14, then lost last game.

(WT) Lost first game, won next 8, then lost last game.

\*\* Undefeated

### 4 Wins in a Single Match

**Twice:** Jim Wanner (Fandangos)

Bob Johnson (JP's Eureka)

**Female:** Donna Collins – JP's Corner Gravois

Teachers Dave Leonhard, Randy Enlow  
and Chuck Whitely

Red Birds Byron Devroux & Willie Sanders

Fucifinos Victor Day

Libby's Bill Henderson

New Classics Aaron Akers

Kenny's Kenny Vaughn

Hotshots SC Mike Renick

Friendly's Paul Edstrom

### Teams

### 5-Players

	W.	L.	Pct.
Red Birds	58	25	.699
Hotshots SC	32	14	.696
Third Base	75	36	.676
Teachers #19	42	22	.656
JP's Eureka	31	19	.620
Teachers #1	42	27	.609

### Teams

### 4-Players

	W.	L.	Pct.
Libby's #102	50	25	.667
Teachers #109	27	16	.628

### Why Not?

**Donna Collins** – the hottest team captain from Division-4 the past five years — continues to be about as famous as a Mexican podiatrist. The woman has been in one knockdown race after another during her tenure. But here's what she has done lately: She's won her first Top Player trophy, has led her JP's Corner team to their first place title ever, had a personal high 13-game winning streak which included three consecutive 4-0 matches and broke the Missouri 8 Ball record for having the most 4-win nights in a single season – 4. And for good measure, to show critics it wasn't a fluke, she delivered another 4-win match in the big team event at Side Pockets. Yet you never hear so much as a cough about her being offered a spot on the Oprah Winfrey Show.

## Odds & Ends

Wednesday December 30, 2009 at JP's Corner Bar & Café, **Donna Collins** became the first filly to ever win the Top Player Award from her division. Ten desperate males chasing one favored female? Sounds about like any Saturday in any bar in America.

## What Pine Tar?

When **Bob Chudy** racked up 4 wins in a Wednesday night M0-8 match Nov. 18, 2009 against JP Corner's Gravois Girls someone screamed foul. They figured Bob was either on Botox or had too much pine tar on his shaft. That being the case, why wasn't anything said about **Donna Collins** and **Kris Schlaefli** two weeks later when they both turned the trick against 21 Rock #3?

## Beat this if you can:

Talk about a runaway for **Top Player!** All due respects to the fabulous work of the many upstanding citizens of division 103, but to happen in December for **Coty Harlan** *not* to win the title he would have had to break both wrists? Go into a coma? Defect to a Martian Moon? OK, maybe all of the above. And he'd still probably win this thing. Actually, after doing the math, Coty could have lost his next seven games and still finish at .852 or .002 ahead of second place Curt Wisely's 34-6 .850.

There have been players go undefeated a complete season, 22-0, 23-0, but none ever scored 43 straight wins. From that perspective Coty Harlan has the distinction of another and well deserved M0-8 record.

## Future Star in the Making!

**Nicky Evans**, son of ABC Billiards owner **Buddy Evans**, probably established a record that could stand for... oh... maybe all of two or three months. Not only did Nicky qualify for the 8th and final spot on the All-Star sheet from the 110 division, and a member of ABC #3 team that finished first, but Tricky Nicky participated and **cached** in the Singles Tournament. What's so unusual about that you might say? Try this! Nicky Evans is 13-years old. Yep, the youngest to qualify and the youngest to cash! Nicky finished from the 13-16 payoff group shooting his way to a 120-dollar payday.

I say maybe for two or three months rather than years because Nicky has a couple younger bros that are hitting them pretty good. Who knows, even before Nicky is of legal age we might see them all in the big show. Don't count them out. Anyone who knows their dad Buddy, know he's been in the pool room business all his adult life. Plenty of table time to be racked there for practice.

I wonder how Nicky is going to take paying income tax. Anyone know what the IRS is paying to know who is not claiming? Heh, heh, heh!

## Total Payout for all Events:

5-Player Board	\$17,150	Champions – Third Base, St Peters	2nd. O'Aces, Jefferson. County
4-Player Board	6,570	Champions – Libby's, South St. Louis	2nd. Fucifinos, Berkeley
All-Star Singles	6,500	Winner – Dustin Dunham	Runner-up – John Porter
Ultimate Challenge	1,000	Winner – Third Base, St. Peters	Runner-up – Libby's, S. St. Louis
Top Players Side Pot	400	John Porter (200), Bobby Goss (120) & John Pedroli (80).	

**\$31,620**

That's it for this time. From all of us at Missouri 8 Ball to all of you, good luck, have a great season and we'll see you at the next All-Star Singles, and Team shootouts.

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