



This 2010 Summer Session went by faster than Lindsey Lohan's rehab. Only 10 weeks were schedule for Monday's matches because of the holiday. All other league nights were 11 weeks in duration. Listed for your perusal:
The 74th Missouri 8 Ball Summer Season – June 7th to Sept. 3rd, 2010
Team Standings, Top Players & Runner-ups, Slick Chicks with Sticks, All-Star Singles
Winners – 5-Player & 4-Player Team Winners as well as the Ultimate Challenge
Tournaments were played at Side Pockets Restaurant and Sports Bar – St. Charles, Mo.

Div. #1 Tuesday 11 Weeks

A couple of Hotshots' teams came up the final two weeks and tied for first place. Hotshots South County and Hotshots West County ended at 7-4. But it was SC's higher W-L % (112-100 .528) that barely edged out WC (102-94 .520) for the title. Leading Hotshots SC to the top spot was runner-up for Top Player, tattoo John Synder. In addition to John's 26-7 .788, other teammates making the sheet are Mike Renick (21-7 .750) and Tom Davidson (25-9 .735), all three coming in 2nd, 3rd and 4th on the list. Top Player once again is Mark "the Shark" O'Brien from Ivory Coast Bistro. Mark's 19-4 .826 not only led the division but had it not been this high Ivory Coast would not have made the playoff. They edged out Fandangos for the 5th spot by a mere .495 to .492 games W-L %.

Even though Hotshots West County finished 2nd on the season, they pumped it up a bit for the 2-week playoff by outlasting Wedge, Hotshots Fenton and Ivory Coast Bistro for the second spot at the big show.

Div. #2 Wednesday 11 Weeks

Libby's pulled away from the field the 7th week and finished 2-games in front of Foleys, 9-2 to 7-4. And this guy from Libby's, Dennis Bullock, takes away the Top Player title for the 200th time. There's been talk that Dennis Bullock owns this division. And, maybe he does. His 25-4 .862 was enough to hold off runner-up Wedge #2's David Haynes' great season of 20-5 .800. Helping Libby's get there were teammates Dan Levy (16-7 .696) and Jerry Casey (13-9 .591). Foleys muscles up for the 2-week playoffs overtaking Wedge #1, Wedge #2 and Ten Mile House advancing to the second spot.

Div. #3 Wednesday 11 Weeks

If you had Hotshots Fenton opening up the season with a 5-0 record and going on to winning the title – YOU LOSE. With five players making the All-Star sheet it's almost inconceivable to think they wouldn't win. But, as they say in books 'that's why the games are played'. After the 5-0 start they went 2-4 the rest of the way. The surprise was JP's Corner #1. They had only two members make the hot sheet but there's no rule that says you have to put anyone there (and it has happened). So what happened? JP's #1 won their first match, lost their second, and then ran off by winning their last nine in a row ending the campaign 10-1 to Fenton's 7-4. Sometimes there are just too many surprises.

Leading JP's #1 was Mike Lashley (18-11 .621) and Gary Henley (19-13 .594). However, the Top Player is Steve Fox, from Hotshots Fenton. Mr. Fox took over the 8th week and led the parade, 19-5 .792. He edged out runner-up Greg Martin (JP's Corner #2), 20-7 .741. Nice race, guys. JP's #1 took top honors and JP's #2 survived the 2-week shootout over 21 Rock #2, O'Aces and Hotshots Fenton. Martin's teammates helping to get JP's #2 to the big show were Denis Dunbar (23-12 .657) and Larry Reifsteck (13-11 .542).

Div. #4 Thursday 11 Weeks

It was a great race. Slo' Tom's gave it a good shot by tying Hotshots Fenton at 9-2. But Hotshots' W-L % was just a little too high. Fenton's 120-77 .609 beat out Slo' Tom's 115-92 .556. Great try, Tom.

Both teams put five players on the All-Star sheet. The Top Player is also from Hotshots Fenton. Although Tom Davidson (Hotshots) and Lonnie Hanneke (Slo' Tom's #2) tied with a .833 W-L %, it was Tom Davidson with more games played, 30-6 to Lonnie's 25-5. Great shooting, guys!

Teammates helping Tom get there were Ken Mann (27-10 .730), Ben Pona (21-10 .677), Bryan Higginbotham (17-12 .586) and Bob Urberger (14-13 .519).

Hotshots SC came out of the 2-week playoff beating out Wedge #1, Wedge #2 and Slo' Tom's #2. Ed Medlock led Hotshots SC (26-7 .788) followed by teammates Jason Skrbin (21-8 .724), Sam Bevell (20-9 .690) and Roger Pheasant (13-10 .565).

Div. #5 Monday 10 Weeks

Great race here! Fucifinos and Classics #2 were neck & neck at 5-0 the first five weeks. Then they met. Fucifinos came out with an 11-5 victory giving Classic #2 their only setback. Fucifinos continued to the finish line ending the season 10-0 to Classics-2, 9-1. Getting 'finos past the finish line first were Zachary Nunley (13-5 .722), Jerry Debose (15-6 .714), Louis Erby (14-6 .700) and Authur Love (14-7 .667).

The Top Player spot was literally up for grabs the final six weeks. The lead changed faces six times. Finally Nick Nieman (Cocktails) closed it out with a great 25-6 .806 season over runner-up Ron Young (Airport Billiards), 22-6 .786.

For the second spot Valley Clubhouse #1 outlasted Classics-2, Game Day Sports BA and Airport Billiards. Helping Clubhouse #1 move into the second spot were Greg Kinzel (24-9 .727), Dave Woodruff (21-10 .677), Jered Seider (19-14 .576) and John Carroll (11-9 .550).

Div. #6 Tuesday 11 Weeks

Both Fucifinos #2 and Final Destination #1 ran off 8-game winning streaks and ended the season 9-2. Going to the games W-L % we find that 'finos #2 (125-93) outlasted Final D (103-89) .573 to .536.

Both teams also placed four of their players on the All-Star sheet. The difference is that the top two are from Fucifinos. Taking home his 200th Top Player title is Bad-Boy Billy Wimberly. Billy's 26-2 .929 outlasted teammate Shawn Kline, 27-6 .818. Other teammates are 5th place John Lee (20-8 .714) and 14th place John Holman (14-9 .609). Nice shooting and great race, guys.

Fighting their way from the 2-week playoff was Say When Lounge. Say When said 'say now, dawg'. And they outlasted Fucifinos #1, and both Final Destination #1 & #2. Nice comeback, guys. Getting Say When Lounge there were Aaron Hicks (22-10 .688), Pernal Mozee (23-13 .639) and Floyd Gordon (13-11 .542).

Div. #7 Wednesday 11 Weeks

New Classics fought off a tough field and came away 9-2 winners. New Classics put all five players on the All-Star sheet and was led by Jim Benner's 20-11 .645. Jim's teammates are John Sperla (23-13 .639), Aaron Akers (21-12 .636), Mike Heidbreder (19-11 .633) and Bill Levine (17-15 .531). Great race and great shooting! Fucifinos and Bottle Cap tied for second at 8-3.

Top Player went to John Synder from Say When Lounge. John joined the team the 4th or 5th week and paid dividends immediately. He rallied the Say Wheners to a 6th place finish. They missed making the playoffs by a scant .012. But before tattoo John got into their lineup, the Say When gang was 1-4, their only victory coming by way of a bye. After John rallied the bunch, they went on a 5-1 spree ending the campaign 6-5. These guys should be tough next session. In addition to John Snyder taking the title with a neat 21-5 .808, teammate Anthony Gainey came in 13th with a nice 20-11 .645.

Runner-up to John was Fucifinos Jerry Ray. Jerry ended at 23-7 .767. Nice shooting, guys.

Jackie Rehklau led all ladies with a nice 12-10 .545. Jackie is with Game Day Sports BA.

First playoff matches saw 5th place Clubhouse knock out 2nd place Fucifinos, 11-7, and 3rd place Bottle Cap eked out a tough 11-10 squeaker over 4th place Game Day Sports BA. For the final it was Valley Clubhouse over Bottle Cap. Helping Clubhouse to victory were Tony Gregory (22-8 .733), Mike McGray (11-7 .611) and Dave Woodruff (15-10 .600).

Div. #8 Thursday 11 Weeks

With four players making their way onto the hot sheet, Area Code Bar put their Area Code on the map by running off a 9-2 record taking first place by a scant one game over Redbird's 8-3. Leading Area Code was Top Player Leon "the Legend" Young. Mr. Young ran off a 10-1 spree the last four weeks bringing his totals to 24-5 .828. Leon outlasted Marland Choy who had a 9-game winning streak going when time ran out. Marland was 26-6 .813. Great race, guys.

Aiding and abetting Leon the Legend were teammates Billy Wimberly (22-7 .759), Primes Oden (23-11 .676 – yes "Prime-Time" Primes is back in town and mowin' em down) and Sheriff Al Booth (14-9 .636). Redbird's was victorious from the 2-weeks of playoffs. No wonder as they put five players on the hot sheet. Andy Quinn led Redbird's parade, 20-6 .769, followed by teammates Byron Devrouax (23-13 .639), Dave Downing (19-11 .633), Tommy Webb (17-10 .630) and Bob Mannecke (20-16 .556).

Div. #9 Thursday 11 Weeks

They began at Mi Familia, moved over to Pilla's, and now known far and wide as El Coco Loco. Seems it makes no difference where they played their matches The Mexican Connection brought home the first place trophy. El Coco Loco tied with Redbird's at 8-3, but their W-L % was slightly higher, 111-82 .575, to Redbird's 107-98 .522. And it didn't stop there.

Three Loco's made the hot sheet led by Top Player Alex Ramon. After five weeks of play Alex was in 6th place with a so-so 8-3 record. The sixth week he went 4-0 and just that quick Ramon was off and running like the US Border Patrol was hot on his heels. He jumped into the first place spot and stayed there as he blazed through with a 17-3 clip the rest of the season. Alex finished with a neat 25-6 .806. Runner-up was Dan Young (Cactus Inn) 21-6 .778. Alex's teammates that also made the list are Danny Llamas (23-10 .697) and Zeferin Llamas (13-10 .565). Nice race and good shooting, señors.

Coming out of the 2-week playoff was K.C. Juengst and his Redbirds. They toppled Fucifinos, Cactus Inn and Hotshots NC. Redbirds making the honor roll are Randy Pohlman (23-13 .639), Joey Juengst (15-9 .625), newcomer Chris McManemy (19-14 .576) and K.C. Juengst (18-16 .529).

Div. #10 Wednesday 11 Weeks

Teachers #2 took off like a Star-fighter Navy Jet winning their first 9 matches before settling down to give the other teams a chance. But by then the other clubs really had no chance. It was over big time. Teachers #2 led the division from beginning to end coming in at 9-2, 3-games ahead of Teachers #'s 3 & 4 who tied 6-5. And it's no surprise we see five of their players made the All-Star sheet. Finishing numeral uno for Top Player status is... "The Invisible Man". Say what???

Yep, it happened again. The entire season was led by Mr. Gene Rader. Except, no one knew it! That's because Gene did not appear on the list until the very last week. Whether by luck or design Mean Gene was missing one or two games, or just enough to hang in the shadows waiting to jump out to surprise whoever was licking their chops thinking they would get Saturday off for the Singles event. And in this case it was Alan Oliver. Life's a bitch, huh Alan!

The Invisible Man strikes again. The final week Rader made up the games needed to reach 22 which are what's called for in an 11-week session. Gene finished at 16-6 .727, or just enough to knock out Alan's 20-8 .714. Well, fizzle my thistle!

Gene's partners in crime are Kyle Kroeger (15-7 .682), Jason Helmholtz (19-9 .679), Richie Bryan (23-11 .676) and Al Hale (13-11 .542).

Say hello to Susan Dobbs Valet. Once again Susan (Teachers #4) leads the ladies. Her 12-12 .500 just made it under the wire, but she's here. Nice going, girl!

There were five Teachers teams in this 6-team division. What are the odds Hotshots O'Fallon would take the second spot by out-shooting three of those from the 2-week playoff? Don't know, but they did. And they did it with only one member making the All-Star sheet. Yep, of the 15 players making the list, Tom Lowery came in 12th with a 19-17 .528. Way to hang in there Tom.

Div. #11 Thursday 11 Weeks

Teachers #1 ran up a 5-0 lead and held on for a one-game finish, 8-3 over Teachers #2. Putting four players on the top player sheet helped. And it was Brian Kroeger leading the way with his Top Player performance. Brian jumped to the top of the field the 7th week and ran his 18-4 .818 up for the title. Runner-up to Brian was John Bissell (Side Pockets #3), 21-6 .778.

Brian's teammates from Teachers #1 making the hot sheet are Mario Webster (17-9 .654), Mike Werner (16-11 .593) and Brett Sneller (14-11 .560). Nice shooting, guys. Side Pockets #2 busted out of the pack taking the second spot. They outlasted Teachers #'s 2 & 4, and Side Pockets #1. Getting SP #2 there were Walter Crane Jr. (26-12 .684), dad Walter Sr. (20-12 .625) and Scott Carter (21-13 .618).

Div. #12 Thursday 11 Weeks

In this shortened 11-week summer schedule, if you had Mid Rivers Grill with an 8-0 lead with only three weeks to go – YOU LOSE! I know, I know, it's hard to believe they could blow an 8-0 lead with shooters like Darrell Jenkerson (18-6 .750) and Larry Otte riding shotgun (17-6 .739), but, as they say in books 'that's why they play the games.'

But you have to give it to Teachers Billiards for hanging in there. They were 2-games out with three weeks to play and won all three matches while Mid Rivers lost two of their final three. And Teachers met Mid Rivers the final week needing the win for a first place tie. Both ended the season 9-2, but going to the games W-L % we find that Teachers came out on top, 95-70 .576 to Mid Rivers Grill 94-79 .543.

Of course it is always a team effort but the fact that Teachers' Jon Tiepelman took the Top Player trophy with a solid, if not great, 20-1 .952, really helped. The only other Teachers player making the final hot sheet was... wait for it... Jackie Rehklau. Jackie led the ladies on the list. This slick chick always finds a way to get on the All-Star hot list. Congrats again, lady.

Runner-up for Top Player was first-timer Darrell Jenkerson (Mid Rivers), 18-6 .759.

Say hello to new-comer Lily Otte. Lily was 8-10 .444 for her inaugural season.

Wonder of wonders. If you had any money on Church Street Bar (with their 4-7 record) emerging victorious from the 2-week playoffs – YOU WIN – big time. This 5-team division guarantees the 5th place team a playoff birth, irrespective of their record (yes Clyde, even if they went 0-11). There's where Church Street landed, dead last. Well, last – but certainly not dead as they proved. To their credit they hung in there and came through beating out Mid Rivers Grill, ABC Billiards and Allstars.

You guys better go buy a lottery ticket. Buy several.

Div. #13 Div. Champs: Kenny's #1 – Top Player: Mike O'Farrell from Kenny's – Captain: Lisa O'Farrell
 Playoff Winner: Kenny's #2 – Captain: John O'Farrell – No other info offered

Div. #14 Div. Champs: JP's Eureka #1 – Top Player: Jim Stevens from JP's – Captain: Ed Graham
 Playoff Winner: Jammin' – Captain: Tony LeBraun – No other info offered

Div.	Top Player	Team	Record	Runner-up	Team	Record
# 12	Jon Tiepelman	Teachers Billiards	20 1 .952	Darrell Jenkerson	Mid Rivers	18 6 .750
# 6	Billy Wimberly	Fucifinos #2	26 2 .929 (*)	Shawn Kline	Fucifinos #2	27 6 .818
# 2	Dennis Bullock	Libby's	25 4 .862	David Haynes	Wedge #2	20 5 .800
# 4	Tom Davidson	Hotshots Fenton	30 6 .833 (T)	Lonnie Hanneke	Slo' Tom's	25 5 .833
# 8	Leon Young	Area Code Bar	24 5 .828	Marland Choy	New Classics	26 6 .813
# 1	Mark O'Brien	Ivory Coast	19 4 .826	John Synder	Hotshots SC	26 7 .788
# 11	Brian Kroeger	Teachers #1	18 4 .818	John Bissell	Side Pockets #3	21 6 .778
# 7	John Synder	Say When Lounge	21 5 .808	Jerry Ray	Fucifinos	23 7 .767
# 5	Nick Nieman	Cocktails	25 6 .806	Ron Young	Airport Billiards	22 6 .786
# 9	Alex Ramon	El Coco Loco	25 6 .806	Dan Young	Cactus Inn	21 6 .778
# 3	Steve Fox	Hotshots Fenton	19 5 .792	Greg Martin	JP's Corner #2	20 7 .741
# 10	Gene Rader	Teachers #2	16 6 .727	Alan Oliver	Teachers #3	20 8 .714

13 Mike O'Farrell Kenny's Record not turned in - unavailable
 # 14 Jim Stevens JP's Eureka Record not turned in - unavailable

(T) Tied for first. (*) Teammates

Notice that all Top Players and runners-up lost games in single digits only. That is a little surprising even though the session was only 10 weeks long for some divisions and 11 weeks long for others.

Slick Chicks with Straight Shootin' Sticks

Div.	Player	Team	Record			
#103	Donna Pope	Pardella Club #1	22	7	.759	
#104	LaJuania Henry	Fucifinos #4	18	10	.643	Total Payouts for 74th
#108	Julia Gabriel	Allstars #2	14	9	.609	
#107	Kimberly Sykora	Suwallers #2	14	9	.609	4-Player Team 4638.00
#	7 Jackie Rehkla	Game Day Sports BA	12	10	.545	Ultimate 1000.00
#	12 Jackie Rehkla	Teachers Billiards	13	12	.520	Singles 3810.00
#	10 Susan Dobbs Valet	Teachers #4	12	12	.500	<u>Side Pot</u> 310.00
#107	Donna Zamarripa	Bottle Cap #1	16	17	.485	\$18,581.50
#	12 Lily Otte	Mid Rivers Grill	8	10	.444	

Div. #101 Monday 10 Weeks

Hotshots South County #1 overtook Hotshots SC #2 the final week to be first place winners. Their 9-8 win brought their record to 7-3, one-game over both HSSC #2 and Show Me's #1, 6-4.

Three HSSC #1 players hit the hot sheet led by Mike Kissel's 23-14 .622. Mike's teammates are Rick McBride (18-12 .600) and Mike Nejeliski (12-10 .545).

Top Player goes to Show Me's #1 Anthony Trevisano. Anthony was hounded by Denis Dunbar all the way as they finished one-two only .004 apart; Anthony at 20-9 .690 to Denis' 24-11 .686. Great race.

Show Me's #1 came out of the playoffs overtaking Hotshots #2 and both JP's Corners Gravois teams. Helping Top Player Anthony Trevisano get there were teammates Tough Tony Chagolla (20-16 .556) and Alex Brown (11-10 .524).

Div. #102 Monday 10 Weeks

21 Rock had this wrapped up weeks before it ended. In fact their 9-5 loss the last week still gave them a one-game lead (8-2) over both Hotshots SC #2 and Fandangos, 7-3. And their .602 games W-L % was way ahead. Getting the Rockers to the finish line was led by Thomas Keith's 17-6 .739. His partners were Mark Halim (15-6 .714), Sean Gray (14-7 .667) and Vito Castelli (12-11 .522).

Top Player trophy goes to Hotshots SC #2's Mike Poitras. Mike edged out Larry Lammert (Fandangos) 20-6 769 to 17 -6 .739. Great race, guys!

Assisting Mike Poitras getting to the big show was brother, David (14-13 .519), teammates Tom Neisz (19-10 .655) and Jason Huson (17-11 .607).

Div. #103 Monday 10 Weeks

American Legion III fired up the engines and shot outta the gate faster than Big Daddy Don Garlets off the starting line. They reeled off their first 8 matches before dropping a 12-9 decision and their only loss to Mary's Blue Ribbon #1. With a first place tie (8-1) with Wedge #1, this final week was a must win for both teams. The Legionnaires pulled out a tough 11-8 victory to take the first place position. Their 9-1 record was one short game over Friendly's, Pardella Club #1 and Wedge #1, all three teams at 8-2.

Three American Legion players made the list led by Dave Verjan's 14-7 .667. His teammates are Bob Kaltmayer (19-12 .613) and Dan Johnson (15-14 .517).

Top Player award goes to Allen Barnhart out of Friendly's Bar. After the third week's scores were in we find Allen in 6th place with an 8-2 looking like this is going to be a tough one to win. Allen went to work and finished the final seven weeks by running over opponents to the tune of – LOOK OUT - 17-0.

Ironically Dave Pope was also 8-2 after the third week. He then ran off on a 16-2 spree. Allen's 25-2 .926 beat out Dave Pope from Pardella Club #1, 24-4 .857. What a great race.

Here's that gal again. Donna Pope (Pardella Club #1) led the female contingency with another outstanding session. Of the 28 making the hot sheet Donna's 22-7 .759 was good for 6th place. Great season, Donna!

From the playoffs we find that Wedge #1 held off Friendly's Bar, AMVETS and Pardella Club #1 to make the second spot. Wedgers that hit the hot sheet were perennials Ray Ridenour (25-7 .781), Mac McDonald (23-7 .767) and Frank Millerman (10-10 .500).

Div. #104 Tuesday 11 Weeks

Talk about another squeaker. This division has always been tight. This session was no different. The first and second placed teams tied at 6-5. The 3rd and 4th place teams were 5-6. Can't get much closer than that for this 4-team in-house division out of Fucifinos!

Several variables were at hand the final week. First, if John Shields' team wins they skip the playoffs. If not, then Jay Carlton's team has to lose. John's team goes down 9-6 to Bob Spencer and gang. Jay met Joe Garger's team on the hill. As John and his team are sitting there waiting for the outcome, Joe drops the 8 ball for the win knocking Jay's team out of first place sending them to the playoffs. You could hear a big exhale coming from John and his players when Joe dropped the 8. First place was theirs.

Since Bob Spencer took second place they skip the first playoff week Jay's team had to play Joe for the 5th time this session. Joe had taken three of the four previous meetings, all matches going 9-8. This would be another tough match as Joe would start with 2-games on the wire. Jay's guys take 3 of the 4 in round one to even the score, 3-3. The teams split 2-2 for rounds two and three for a 7-7 match. The 4th round Jay and Ken Martin take the first two games for a tough 9-7 win advancing to the second playoff week. The second playoff week Bob and Jay's teams played even at 23-points. Round one was a 2-2 split. Bob jumped out to a 5-3 lead by taking three games the second round. Jay's guys rallied with three wins in the third for a 6-6 tie. Beginning the 4th round Jay Carlton and Joe Lombardozzi put their team on the hill needing one for the victory. Kevin Gabriel kept his team's hopes alive by running out on Ken Martin. But it was short lived as St. Louie Howard Lentz won his 4th game of the match giving his team a 9-7 win and a shot at the big show. Great shooting and great session as always!

LaJuania Henry made the All-Star sheet again. Her 18-10 .643 was good for 6th place. Many of the players from all teams were secretly hoping LaJuania would hang on to win Top Player as she has missed it several times. After nine weeks of play she was leading the parade with an 18-6 .750. But the final two weeks she dropped going 0-4.

St. Louis Howard Lentz came on strong at the end, 5-2, and Ken Martin was 4-1 as they tied for the title. Howard was 27-12 .692 and Ken was 18-8 .692. Howard played more games and was awarded the title.

Div. #105 Tuesday 11 Weeks

By winning their final seven matches Pirates Cove brought home the house plaque with a 10-1 record, one-game over Suwallers' 9-2. Mark Moore (17-8 .680) led the buccaneers followed by three teammates, Tony Gregory (12-7 .632), Mike McCormack (17-10 .630) and Mike Moore (also 17-10 .630).

Top player is from Lehmann's Landing. Mike Doak does it again. He ended the campaign 15-5 .750, which was just a little ahead of Suwallers' Randy Turnbough's 12-5 .706.

Lehmann's Landing was also playoff winners. They beat out Suwallers, Cocktails and New Classics. Mike's teammates assisting to get there were Tyler Jones (20-11 .645), Paul Fitzgerald (18-14 .563) and Tim Goertz (12-10 .545).

Div. #106 Thursday 11 Weeks

Whoever said there are no surprises in this game was right on target; at least from this division. Once again odds-makers proved correct in predicting that Classics #3 would take the team trophy while Wayne Turner would once again capture the Top Player title.

Yep, Classics #3 finished one-game up and Turner's .010 proved just enough. Close, close, close... Runner-up to Wayne Turner's 21-8 .724 was teammate Brian E. Adams' 15-6 .714. Two other teammates hit the hot sheet. Sean Deckard was 5th at 22-11 .667, and in 12th place was Mike Quinlisk, 15-11 .577.

With five teams in this 6-team division playing out of Classics it was almost considered in-house. The only non-classic club was VFW. They finished 6th, .016 out of the #5 playoff position.

Classics #1 came out of the playoffs knocking out numbers 2, 4 & 5. Steve Monko led the way, 16-7 .696, followed by teammates Ron Deloney (26-13 .667) and Winston Mayes (20-10 .667).

Div. #107 Thursday 11 Weeks

Fucifinos busted out with a five-match winning streak and parlayed that to a first place wire to wire 9-2 finish. Leading 'finos to the team title was Bullet Bob Pendergrass (21-12 .636). Bob's teammates also making the hot sheet are Jim Harrison (13-12 .520), John McCrary (16-15 .516) and Moe Teimoortagh (11-11 .500). Part-timer Bill Sago was 11-5 .688.

Top Player once again goes to – may I have a drum roll please, thank you - Tony Gregory. This time Tony took the title with the Bottle Cap #2 team with a neat 24-7 .774. Runner-up Doug Davis (Suwallers #2) came in at 17-8 .680.

Bottle Cap #2 also came through the playoffs by knocking out Country Club, Suwallers #2 and sister team Bottle Cap #1. Tony Gregory's partner making the hot sheet was Robert Zamarripa, 14-11 .560.

Two ladies made the honor roll. Robert's mother, Donna Zamarripa, led with 16 wins just making it under the wire. But the leading gal was Kimberly Sykora. Hummmmm... why does that name ring a bell? Kimberly Sykora? Kimberly Sykora? Anyway, Kimberly hit'em good enough for a 4th place finish. Her .609 (14-9) immediately got the rumor mill cranking. It was even suggested that this may be the same Kimberly Sykora who took out the Moscow Ladies 8-Ball Championship two years ago. And when Russian President Dmitry Medvedev was sworn into office May 7, 2008, one of his first official duties was to recognize and bestow upon accomplished athletes the honor of the First Order of Merit medal.

Now, far be it for me to listen to or enhance rumors, but when anonymous tips come into the M0-8 office, we have to check these things out. Was Kimberly Sykora smuggled out of Russia for the sole purpose of playing as an undercover agent and to pump a little life into Suwallers' lethargic offense? Don't know.

Hey, I'm just asking a question here, to find the truth. I'm not saying this is the same Kimberly Sykora of Moscow Ladies 8-Ball Championship fame – but that is a nice medallion she wears. Heh, heh, heh!

Div. #108 Tuesday 11 Weeks

You say you need proof there's no such thing as Global Warming, and you say there was only one shooter and it didn't come from the Grassy Knoll, and the Warren Report was honest, and you say it makes a big difference on which tables you play your matches on? Is that what's troubling you, poopsie?

Well, forget it. There's no hard evidence any of these are true. None. Zip-o.

What we do have is this, proof it made absolutely no difference which 7-foot Valley or Puma or whatever pool tables the gang from Side Pockets beat your brains out on. Case in point: For the first three weeks Walter Crane Sr. and Walter Crane, Jr, along with Scott Carter, Mark Voerg and Tom Lowery opened up the season at Third Base. They were in first place. Then they made it (their) home (pardon the pun) when they relocated to Side Pockets the 4th week. They continued to rack up win after win finishing the session 9-2, two-games in front.

So, all those complainers and nitpickers who like to find fault, that can't play on this table or that table, take a lesson from these guys. It's not the table that's flawed, could be you were psyched out by the table, or - it's your game.

Top Player was taken by (Elmer's) Brian Kroeger. Brian barely edged out runner-up (Side Pockets) Scott Carter, 21-8 .724 to 21-9 .700. Just one loss difference.

Julia Gabriel (Allstars) led the ladies at 14-9 .609, 10th from the 14 that made it. Nice shooting, Julia. Elmer's was the team to beat in the 2-week playoff. They outlasted Teachers 1 & 2 and Allstars #2. Besides Brian taking out the Top Player title, teammate Steve Dennis came in 5th, 12-6 .667.

Div. #109 Tuesday 11 Weeks

From this 4-team in-house division out of Game Day there was a 7-4 tie for first place. Actually GD #2 went wire to wire until the final week when GD #4 tied it up. GD #2 came out on top when their games W-L % was .040 better than GD #4's, 94-80 .540 to 78-78 .500.

Getting Game Day #2 to the finish line first were Top Player Ron Griffin (24-7 .774) and Ron's teammate John Hefner 4th, who finished second (28-9 .757). John Hefner 3rd came in 5th, 23-15 .605. Two great races! Congrats, guys. Games Day #4 survived the 2-week shootout. This team made up entirely of new players missed out for first past the post, but they shot their way to the big show by outlasting G-Days #1 & 3. Four of the eight players making the hot sheet were from GD #4. Joe Heiman led (21-11 .656). Next was Brian Roberts (15-9 .625), Darryl Jenkerson (12-11 .522) and Mike Snowden (14-14 .500).

Div. #110 Thursday 11 Weeks

ABC Billiards was the location of this 6-team in-house division. ABC #5 outlasted the field with Corey Best leading his teammates first past the post. They are Robert Weiss, Andy Weiss, Mark Teply and Jeff Davis. Fighting off the others for the second spot was ABC #3. Top Player Andy Tebeau led, 20-6 .769. Andy's teammates are Josh Landry, Jason Means, Brad Shelton, Tim Kister, Brian Jackson and John Mikiska. Runner-up for Top Player was Keith Birch (ABC #2), 18-6 .750. Nice race, guys.

Div. #111 Champs: O'Aces #1 – Captain: Chris Collins – No other info offered

Playoff Winner: O'Aces #2 – Captain: Mike Rosa – No other info offered

Div. #112 Champs: JP's Eureka #1 – Captain: Dave Collins – No other info offered

Playoff Winner: JP's Eureka #2 – Top Player: Pat McFarland from JP's #2 – Captain: John Pedrolie

Div.	Top Player	Team	Record	Runner-up	Team	Record
#103	Allen Barnhart	Friendly's	25 2 .926	Dave Pope	Pardella Club #1	24 4 .857
#109	Ron Griffin	Game Day #2	24 7 .774 (*)	John Hefner 4th	Game Day #2	28 9 .757
#107	Tony Gregory	Bottle Cap #2	24 7 .774	Doug Davis	Suwallers #2	17 8 .680
#110	Andy Tebeau	ABC Billiards #3	20 6 .769	Keith Birch	ABC Billiards #2	18 6 .750
#102	Mike Poitras	Hotshots SC #2	20 6 .769	Larry Lammert	Fandangos	17 6 .739
#105	Mike Doak	Lehmann's Landing	15 5 .750	Randy Turnbough	Suwallers	12 5 .706
#106	Wayne Turner	Classics #3	21 8 .724 (*)	Brian E. Adams	Classics #3	15 6 .714
#108	Brian Kroeger	Elmers	21 8 .724	Scott Carter	Side Pockets	21 9 .700
#104	Howard Lentz	Fucifinos #2	27 12 .692 (*)	Ken Martin	Fucifinos #2	18 8 .692
#101	Anthony Trevisano	Show Me's #1	20 9 .690	Denis Dunbar	JP's Corner #2	24 11 .686
#111	Name not turned in		No record turned in - unavailable			
#112	Pat McFarland	JP's Eureka	No record turned in - unavailable			

(*) Teammates #104 also tied for Top Player

Results from the 74th Singles Tournament

Place	Players	Skill	Winnings	Place	Player	Skill	Winnings
1.	Mike Renick	(6)	\$1,010.00 & Trophy	7-8.	Vernon Virgin	(6)	175.00
2.	Marland Choy	(6)	700.00 & Trophy	7-8.	Mike O'Farrell	(4)	175.00
3.	Randy Conard	(4)	500.00 & Trophy	9-12.	Wayne Turner	(6)	100.00
4.	Kats Berryhill	(5)	350.00	9-12.	Waddell Whitehead	(6)	100.00
5-6.	Dustin Dunham	(8)	250.00	9-12.	Scott Carter	(5)	100.00
5-6.	Ron Griffin	(5)	250.00	9-12.	Tim Samples	(4)	100.00

Top Player Side Pot Winners: Even though Ron Griffin finished tied for 5-6, he was the last Top Player standing. That extra \$200.00 added to his tournament winnings brought Ron's weekend totals to \$450.00. Mike O'Farrell finished tied for 7-8 for \$175.00 and was the second highest Top Player. Mike picked up an extra \$110.00 bringing his weekend totals to \$285.00. Congratulations and great shooting, guys.

Side Pockets Restaurant & Sports Bar in St. Charles, Mo. is where it all began Saturday September 11th, 2010. The qualifying rounds included 91 players shooting it out for a spot on the Sunday board. There were six players from the "8" skill levels flight, 24 from the "6-7" flight, 32 players from the "5" level flight and 29 signed up from the "3-4" flight. After the smoke had cleared three made it out of the "8"s, six from the "6-7"s, eight from the "5"s and eight from the "3-4"s for a total of 25. Of the 26 Top Players 22 entered for a total of 47 finalists for the main event Sunday, Sept. 12th.

From the top half of the tournament board, making their way to the final four, were Mike Renick and Marland Choy. Shooting their way up from the bottom half were Kats Berryhill and Randy Conard. Mike began running up a string of victories Saturday noon. In order, he knocked off Rick Ducus, a bye win followed because neither opponent showed up for the second match, then Mike qualified for Sunday by k.o'ing Walter Crane, Jr.

Renick opened up Sunday's first round by beating Steve Fox. From there they fell like dominos. Gene Rader was next, followed by Jon Tiepelman, the tough Waddell Whitehead, a tougher Marland Choy and finally Randy Conard to be the last man standing on the winner's side. Now Mike had a long wait while everyone else continued to knock out each other from the one-loss side.

If Mike could hold onto this lead it could be the biggest win of his M0-8 career. Of course that's like saying, "If John Kerry (you remember John Kerry, who served in Viet Nam) won the 2008 election, that could very well been the biggest moment of his political career." We aren't saying one is easier than the other but I can't see John Kerry lasting till Sunday with the talent these guys faced.

Marland Choy made it. After being sent to the one-loss side, Marland's first victim was Dustin Dunham. Then he defeated Kats Berryhill, who ended up fourth for \$350. Marland moved up to meet Randy Conard and sent him packing with third place money, \$500. For the final showdown Marland would have to defeat Mike twice. The first set was a 2-0 win for Marland. The way he began the second set, by winning the first game, was a good guess it would be a two-set victory for Mr. Choy. However, the second game lasted about 15-minutes with Renick pulling it out. For the Championship win, Mike slammed the rack open and the '8' flew out and dropped in the left corner pocket. They say timing is everything and Mike saved it for 7:32 p.m. Sunday Sept. 12, 2010. It was over in a flash. And Mike Renick won his first Singles Championship. Take home pay for the weekend was \$1,010. For second place Marland Choy grabbed a hefty \$700 cheque. Congratulations to all who participated in the 74th Singles event and to Mike Renick and Marland Choy for a great Championship final.

Results of the 5-Player Board Team Tournament

1. Teachers (St. Peters) *Div. #11 Champs* \$4,473.50 Captain: Mario Webster Members: Mike Werner, Brian & Kyle Kroeger, Paul Verhulst, Brett Snell, Steve Monko and Tracie Gray
2. Hotshots (O'Fallon) *Div. #10 Playoff Winner* \$2,250 Captain: Ron Parks Members: Tom Lowery Sr., Steve Tyler, Clayton Long, Jeff Warlen, Tom Lowery, Jr., Walter Crane and Ben Wilson
- 3-4. Hotshots (South County) *Div. #1 Champs* \$1,000 Captain: Mike Renick Members: Mike Nolan, Johnny Moore, John Snyder, Rom Davidson, Andy Alsup and John Pirkey
- 3-4. Jammin' (Jefferson County) *Div. #14 Playoff Winner* \$1,000 Captain: Tony LeBraun Members: Jason Hoekstra, Kim Thompson, Toby Tripp, Bruce Hubbard and John Lorts

Mario Webster and his gun-slingers rode into Side Pockets packin' side-arms and sidewinders looking sideways from all sides of the terrain with a score to settle. Unfinished business was the only thing on their minds. You may recall that Mario's team (Teachers) had to settle for the runner-up spot from last season's championship. After sailing through rough waters to get there, Pat Tobin and his Game Day backers upped their game and took the match away from Teachers. Game Day knocked all the wind out of Teachers sails by capturing the Championship, 11-9. Game Day failed to qualify for this big shootout. So much for two in a row! Teachers would have to take their frustrations out on someone else. And they did.

Prior to the beginning of this season Mario made three changes to his roster. It may have been the turning point, maybe not, but the changes worked. Mike Gibbs was on the team last session for the second place finish, this time not. Added to the roster to go with the players retained were Steve Monko and Tracie Gray. Tracie's '2' rating would allow the team to play down in points should the need arise. The need did arise in the championship match and Tracie did her job well. Having to give Hotshots O'Fallon 5-games on the string, Teachers fought back for a 9-9 tie. Tracie won their 10th game to put Teachers into the lead and they continued on to a 12-9 Championship victory.

From the top half of the 5-Player board we find that Hotshots (O'Fallon, Mo.), led by Ron Parks, fought their way to the finals beginning with their opening Friday night match win over Ed Libby's gang. Hotshots received 5-games on the string and ran it up for a 12-10 win. They opened up noon Saturday with 3-games head start and knocked out Valley Clubhouse by the same 12-10 score. The 11-5 win over Kenny's (Jefferson County) advanced Hotshots O'Fallon to the final four against Jefferson County's Jammin'. Another 11-5 win put O'Fallon into the finals against Teachers.

This is Jammin's first entry into the M0-8 pool league. Their 3rd place tie and \$1,000 will no doubt bring Jammin' back for another shot at the championship.

From the bottom half of the 5-Player board Hotshots South County, led by Mike Renick, worked their way to the final four with their first win over another HSC team, 12-10. Next they went up against Mick DeMello's gang from Hotshots West County knocking them out, 11-7. The 11-6 defeat by Teachers gave Mike Renick's gang a tie for 3rd place with Jammin' and the same \$1,000 take home prize.

For the Championship match Hotshots O'Fallon received 5-games on the wire. As mentioned above, Teachers came back to take the title, 12-9.

For the Ultimate Challenge O'Aces put down 18 points, Teachers' 25. O'Aces received 5-games head start. That upped the race from 9-games for a win to 11 games needed. Little did anyone know those five games on the wire would be all O'Ace's would be turning in when the match concluded. Mario's rough-riders won all 11 games played. They waltzed to an 11-0 (11-5) walk-over. Talk about being focused in tandem! And Tracie again won her team's 10th game. For the weekend Tracie recorded a modest 3-1 record but two were very big wins. This led one railbird who noticed to quip, "That's Tracie Gray, stay outta her way." Nice shooting, Tracie.

Results of the 4-Player Board Team Tournament

From the 4-player Happy Hour board we can say unequivocally that of all the hours this tournament took to play, between 6p.m. and 7p.m. Sunday evening Sept. 19, 2010, this was O'Ace's *real* happy hour. You just had to be there to see it. God, have mercy.

It began Saturday noon when O'Aces got 2-games on the wire from Pirates Cove and took a 9-6 decision. At 3p.m. O'Aces got another game head start and knocked out 21 Rock by the same 9-6 score. Three more games on the string came from Show Me's. If this 9-4 drubbing didn't send a message, it would be useless to bring it up at this time. Is there a pattern forming here? Sunday's match opened up with O'Aces again getting weight, this time 4-games from Side Pockets. It turned into a 9-5 win and a playoff birth.

From the bottom half of the board Captain Ron Deloney and his Classics club played their cards right to meet O'Aces. They gave weight to all their opponents beginning with 3-games to Game Day. It was a comeback battle but Classics pulled out a tough 10-9 decision. Classics followed with a 9-4 win over Fucifinos, then the 9-5 victory over another tough Classics' team captained by Dan Tucker.

For the Championship match Chris Collins' team out of O'Aces (Imperial, Mo.) got 4-games head start. At one stage they led 6-2 as it was looking like the proverbial walkover. But Classics mounted a comeback by taking six of the next 8 games bringing the contest to double hill.

The pills were rolled. The number one pills rolled to Dave Collins for O'Aces and Ron Deloney from Classics. Collins won the lag. And as luck would have it, snapped the '8'. Yep, it was over just that fast. If no one was watching the shot you can bet everyone in the house could hear Joe Curlee's... a... hummmm... excitement. Ironically, that's the way O'Aces won the previous match when Joe Curlee (sad but true) snapped the '8' against Walter Crane's Side Pockets team.

1. O'Aces (Imperial, Mo.) *Div. #111 Champs* \$2,238 Captain: Chris Collins
Members: Joe Curlee, Dave Collins, Steve Gramling, Justin Tyson and Doug Paschall
2. Classics (Florissant) *Div. #106 Playoff Winner* \$1,200 Captain: Ron Deloney
Members: Winston Mays, Steve Monko, Bobby Goss, Derrick Mays and Dave Wilbanks
- 3-4. Side Pockets (St. Charles) *Div. #108 Champs* \$600 Captain: Walter Crane, Sr.
Members: Walter Crane Jr., Mark Voerg, Scott Carter and Tom Lowery
- 3-4. Classics (Florissant) Div. #106 Champs* \$600 Captain: Dan Tucker
Members: Wayne Turner, Sean Deckard, Mike Quinlisk, Chuck Callaway and Brian E. Adams

4 Wins in a Single Match

Dan Tucker & Brian E. Adams (Classics), Bob Urberger & Ben Pona (Hotshots Fenton), Tom Lowery Sr. & Steve Tyler (Hotshots O'Fallon), Mike Werner (Teachers), John Pedrolie (JP's Eureka), Tony Chagolla (Show Me's), Paul Fitzgerald (Lehmann's Landing).

** 4 Wins Twice – Steve Monko (Classics)

*** 5 Wins Single Match – Wayne Turner (Classics)

Ironically Dan Tucker, Brian E. Adams and Wayne Turner turned the trick in the same match. There's only one way the trifecta can be made from a 4-player match and that's to give a ton of weight to your opponent. American Legend put up 10-points for the match to Classics' 21. That's 11 points difference which is good for 8-games head start for American Legend. That large spot took the normal race from 9 games up to 14. American Legend opened up by taking the first game for a 9-0 lead. Classics came back with 3 wins in each of the first four frames for a 12-12 tie. The Legends took the first game in round five but Classics took the final two for a tough 14-13 come-from-behind win.

10 Wins or More - Highest W-L Pct.

1. Paul Verhulst	13	3	.813
2. Steve Monko	16	4	.800
3. Mike Werner	11	3	.786
4. Brian Kroeger	16	5	.762
5. Mario Webster	13	5	.722
6. Walter Crane Sr.	18	9	.667
7. Joe Curlee	14	8	.636
(And Joe wants to be a '4' - LOL)			
8. Tom Lowery Sr.	13	10	.565
9. Walter Crane Jr.	14	11	.560

Winning Streaks of 6 or More

1. Mike Werner	Teachers	8
2. Tom Lowery Sr.	Hotshots O'Fallon	7
2. Walter Crane Jr.	Side Pockets	7
2. Scott Carter	Side Pockets	7
2. Brian Kroeger	Teachers	7
2. Winston Mays	Classics	7
7. Joe Curlee	O'Ace's	6
7. Mario Webster	Teachers	6
7. Tyler Jones	Lehmann's Landing	6
7. Wayne Turner	Classics	6
7. Steve Monko	Classics	6
7. Tom Davidson	Hotshots SC	6

Taking everything into consideration this is the way the top four teams from their tournament finished: **5-Player Board** **4-Player Board**

Teachers – Captain Mario Webster			
W.	L.	Pct.	
61	23	.726	Tournament Record
0	21		Games given on the wire
0	2		Forfeit losses
61	46	.570	Complete totals
11	0		Ultimate Challenge
0	5		Games given on the wire
72	51	.585	Totals from both tournaments

O’Ace’s – Captain Chris Collins			
W.	L.	Pct.	
31	40	.437	Tournament Record
19	0		Games on the wire
50	40	.556	Complete totals
0	11		Ultimate Challenge
5	0		Games on the wire
55	51	.519	Totals from both tournaments

Hotshots O’Fallon – Ron Parks			
W.	L.	Pct.	
42	41	.506	Tournament Record
13	0		Games on the wire
55	41	.573	Complete totals

Classics – Captain Ron Deloney			
W.	L.	Pct.	
36	18	.667	Tournament Record
0	9		Games given on the wire
36	27	.571	Complete totals

Jammin’ – Captain Tony LeBraun			
W.	L.	Pct.	
28	34	.452	Tournament Record
10	0		Games on the wire
38	34	.528	Complete totals

Side Pockets – Captain Walter Crane Sr.			
W.	L.	Pct.	
33	14	.702	Tournament Record
0	7		Games given on the wire
33	21	.611	Complete totals

Hotshots SC – Captain Mike Nolan			
W.	L.	Pct.	
28	22	.560	Tournament Record
0	6		Games given on the wire
1	0		Forfeit win
29	28	.509	Complete totals

Classics – Captain Dan Tucker			
W.	L.	Pct.	
27	19	.587	Tournament Record
1	8		Games on the wire
28	27	.509	Complete totals

I.Q. Jones on Joe Curlee: Now I would never attempt to ‘curb your enthusiasm’, Joe. There’s no question that you have more fun than the law allows. Calm down just a little. Getting to the finals is exciting. Be cool, son. Relax.

Personal view points: In celebration of Mario’s victory I thought bringing in a band to play “Hail to the Chief” was uncalled for. And then expecting our U.S. Air Force’s Blue Angels to fly over Side Pockets dropping leaflets announcing the winners was really... really over the top.

In Memorial: Word reached us that California Bob (Strachan) passed away at his mother’s home in Canada earlier this month. Bob was a driving force in “Pool” on both sides of the Mississippi River for many years. Bob helped lead the way for many teams getting to the Championship from the M0-8, Miller Lite, APA and Pioneer Leagues, and we’re sure a few we don’t know about. Bob was a three-time winner of the M0-8 Singles event plus one second place finish. Only Rich Sager has more wins.

Rusty Brandmeyer says Bob Strachan was the best player he ever saw control and operate with the over-sized cue ball. You remember those mud-balls that were a half inch wider and weighted about 4-pounds? Where 99% players would try to draw that monster back just a few inches, Bob would suck that mother all the way back to the end of the table. He had a great, and one of the smoothest strokes of anyone I know; and nobody worked the over-sized cue ball like California Bob did.

I.Q. Jones: Bob had that big table swing from playing on the 4 1/2 by 9's. Some say he played better on the 9-footers than on the smaller 7-foot bar-boxes. Whatever, he was hard to beat on any size table. In the big scheme of all St. Louis and East St. Louis metro areas pool players, when Bob was in his cups, on anybody's list, California Bob certainly would be included as one of their top 10 players.

And that's the way it happened September 19th, 2010. There are a million stories in the Naked City - this has been several of them. Good night – and good shooting.

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