

Results and Information of the 76th Missouri 8 Ball Pool League
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5-Player and 4-Player Division Champs & Playoff Winners
Top Players, Runners-up & Ladies + Stats

We do our best to give positive exposure to as many of our members as possible. To recognize these men and women who would not ordinarily get credit for their playing abilities, leadership, sportsmanship and team spirit. Because Missouri 8 Ball is spread over a vast area both city and counties, perhaps you would like to familiarize yourselves with players from other Teams, Areas and Divisions.

Div. #1 Tuesday 16 Weeks From the 5th week to the finish line Hotshots SC was either tied or in first place. They brought it home 11-5 just one little game over Hotshots WC #2's 10-6.

Showing the way was Mike Renick (36-18 .667) and teammates Ricky Lipe (27-19 .587), Mike Nolan (24-19 .558) and Johnny Moore (17-15 .531). Nice session, guys.

Gotta give (Fandangos #2) Sam Devers an 'E' for effort! What do you mean – why? For a guy who is just getting back into M0-8, he made a great run. Sam was in 6th place (16-9 .640) after 12 weeks, then turned on going 8-0 the final four weeks ending at the top of the heap. Unfortunately for Sam the weeks ran out and even though his 24-9 .727 was higher than his competitors; it was a little shy of what an '8' level player needed to take home the trophy. Sam needed to hit .770. For those who think .770 is low you have to think of this, Division #1 is the 2nd toughest of the 41 M0-8 divisions. Of the 15 players making the All-Star sheet there was nothing below a '5' rated player. This is a very strong and tough division.

So who gets the photo-shoot? Congratulations to Sam's teammate Jody Zeni. Jody was in the right place when time ran out and Jody's 23-10 .697 takes him to the winner's circle. Brian Daniels (Fandangos #1) was 3rd, 29-13 .690. Nice shooting, guys.

From the 2-week playoff Fandangos #2 won out. Kinda hard to hold this team back with their top two players coming in first and second: Sam Devers (24-9 .727) and Jody Zeni (23-10 .687). Then we see Mike Devers (6th, 29-16 .644) and Jeremiah Thompson (12th, 21-15 .583).

Div. #2 Tuesday 16 Weeks After five weeks The Wedge was barely getting by with a not too promising 2-3 showing. Then things began to take shape. From week six until the end they muscled up for a 9-2 run for a final 11-5 showing that opened up a 3-game lead over the next four teams, all ending 8-8.

Wedge placed five players on the All-Star sheet beginning with Top Player Jerry Casey. The final five weeks Jerry Casey was pushed by rivals Scott Diebold, Anthony Trevisano and Joe Curlee for the top spot. Jerry held on to capture Top Player honors with a cool 30-5 .857. After six weeks Jerry was 11-4. From then until the end Mr. Casey shot at a 19-1 clip to hold off the competition. Teammates helping to get Wedge to the finish line are Jumpin' Joe Curlee (26-12 .684), Chris Collins (27-13 .675), Joey Diez (22-12 .647) and Adam Bent (19-14 .576). Runner-up for TP was Show Me's Scott Diebold (37-13 .740). Fandangos came away winners for the second spot. Only two members hit the hot sheet, Ken Williams (30-15 .667) and Ernie South (27-19 .587) but that was enough.

Div. #3 Wednesday 16 Weeks Beginning the 4th week it was no contest in the race to the finish line. Fandangos #1 hit a gear and took off from the rest of the field like a gazelle takes off from a starving lion. Fandangos #1 won their last 13 matches ending the campaign 15-1, or 5, count'em, 5 full games over Fandangos #2 and Hotshots Fenton #1 (10-5).

Of the 20 making the All-Star sheet four of the top five are outta 'dangos #1. Leading the parade and also taking out another Top Player title is Mike Devers. Mike took over the top spot the 5th week and held off heavy competition till the end when it became official. Mike's 37-11 .771 was a slight .011 ahead of runner-up Jody Zeni's 38-12 .760. That's close, kids. Coming in 3rd, 4th and 5th are Mike's teammates, John Porter (35-13 .729), Bill Harwell (36-14 .720) and Ronnie Hansen (38-16 .704).

That's a combined total of 146-54 .730 for the winning Fandangos #1. Great shooting, guys!

Hotshots Fenton #1 outlasted the others for the second spot. Four HSF #1 players placed with Mike Crump leading (32-18 .640) and followed by teammates Joe Maciocia (28-16 .636), Rob Boehlow (25-25 .500) and Steve Fox (24-24 .500). Nice shooting, guys.

Div. #4 Wednesday 16 Weeks Except for the 2nd week, 21 Rock #2 was either tied or held first place the entire session. Their 14-2 was 3-games better than Night Sky's 11-5. Bill Keith not only led Rockers #2 to another first place finish but led by example. Bill's 36-10 .783 was good for another Top Player title. Three of Bill's teammates also made the honor roll: Jamie House (33-14 .702), Jim Crowell (32-15 .681) and Rob Royer (35-17 .673).

Runner-up for TP was JP's Corner #2 Phil Galli at 39-15 .722. Phil also led JP's #2 through the 2-week playoff. Teammates making the hot sheet are Todd Lamwersiek (39-17 .696), Jim Hopen (21-11 .656) and Ed Parris (27-17 .614). Nice shooting, guys.

Div. #5 Wednesday 16 Weeks Rolla Hoffman is up to his old tricks again. This time he's operating outta Stan's Bar. Stan's Bar #2 hit the finish line with a 12-4 record, 2-games over Libby's. And leading the parade was Mr. Hoffman with his division leading 42-10 .808. Yep, another Top Player title! He opened up the slot the 12th week and held on. Finishing 2nd was Jerry Casey from Libby's. Jerry's 41-11 .788 was only .020 short. Rolla's teammates also hitting the final hot sheet were Butch Feathers (25-15 .625) and Chuck Hooper (30-21 .588). Pete Hoffman kicked in 25 wins. Nice shooting, guys. Libby's made a comeback through the 2-week playoff. As mentioned Jerry Casey was 2nd on the list. He was followed by Ed Libby (36-10 .783) and Dennis Bullock (28-17 .622).

Div. #6 Wednesday 16 Weeks Pardella Club put on a big surge after a very precarious 1-3 beginning. Those hypnotic classes must have paid off, huh, John? The Club proceeded to club the competition into submission by going 12-0 the final 12 matches. Yep, a final 13-3 season turned out huge as they out did Ten Mile House by 3-miles (10-6).

Four clubbers made the honor roll beginning with John Pope Jr.'s 42-13 .764. Teammates were Mike L. Jones (31-16 .660), Corky Stewart (32-18 .640) and Donna Pope (26-19 .578).

Top Player goes to a guy who has come so close over the last few years. This time he was not to be denied. The 8th week Semir Ekic pushed the others aside like a Great Dane letting everyone know who's in charge, to get the heck outta the way, the big dawg is coming through. Finally a Filling Station player has bragging rights. Great shooting, Semir! Mr. Semir Ekic's 37-9 .804 was a little over runner-up Dan Wilson (Iron Horse Saloon), 35-10 .778. But it was enough. John Pope, Jr. was third, 42-13 .764.

Donna Pope again leads the ladies with a very nice 26-19 .578. Of the 20 making the hot sheet Donna filled the 14th spot. Other ladies that qualified are Mary Brockmann (Iron Horse Saloon) 19-16 .543 and Robin Rice (Filling Station) 27-23 .540. Robin also led with 27 wins. Great shooting, girls!

Iron Horse Saloon worked hard and made it to the big show by taking the 2-week playoff. Four members hitting the hot sheet were Dan Wilson (35-10 .778), Clark Roberts (33-15 .688), Ronnie Meyer (22-14 .611) and Mary Brockman (19-16 .543).

Div. #7 Thursday 16 Weeks Fandangos jumped into the lead the 15th week and outlasted Hotshots WC by a single game, plus (ready for this) only an itty-bitty .001 from the games won-lost %; 120-106 .531 to 133-118 .530. Helping Fandangos to the finish line were Matt Cox (27-16 .628), Larry Lammert (18-11 .621) and Jeremiah Thompson (21-15 .583).

This division is considered the 7th toughest of M0-8 and a couple of hotshot hitters out of Hotshots WC battled it out for Top Player honors. It was almost wire to wire for Mick Demello. Mick's 28-15 .651 was just a whisker over teammate Mark Young's 22-12 .647. Just one week earlier Mark was in 5th place and making a move for the top spot when the schedule came to an end. Tough break Mark! Maybe next season time won't run out. Nice shooting, guys!

Hotshots West County proved it was no fluke. They came out winners of the 2-week shootout as four members made the honor roll. Mick Demello took Top Player honors (28-15 .651) over teammate Mark Young (22-12 .647) with Dennis Agnew (19-14 .576) and Randy Conard (18-14 .563) helping out.

Div. #8 Thursday 16 Weeks Cotters came out of the gate firing on all cylinders. With an 8-0 start, 2-games in front, and Mark O'Brien knocking down a 19-2 .905 clip, one could see it would take a lot of talent to defeat this team, but no one really made a solid move. Cotters lost their only match the 9th week then got back on their horse and ran away from the competition with another 7-game winning streak. Cotters' 15-1 (147-97) and .602 games W-L % tells just about all there is to tell about this season. Aha, not so fast 8-ball breath. Mark had a lot of help getting Cotters to the finish line. Other teammates that hit the hot sheet are Randy Heisner (30-13 .698), Ed Valentine (27-13 .675) and Terry Etling (23-14 .622). With good luck there's always a little bad luck. This time it went against Mark. So close yet so far away for Mark O'Brien. This south city Cotters player came up a little short for Top Player honors. Mark, being a '7' level shooter had to hit .890 from this relatively middle-of-the-road division. Mark ended the season 34-6 .850, just .040 short. Great run Mark! Who was in the right place at the right time? Congratulations to Foley's #2 Rick Hess. Rick's 33-10 .767 was high enough for his '5' level.

Kim Fried (Wedge) led the ladies with a nice 18-16 .529, and Dawn Froesel (Jody T's) led with 21 wins. From the 2-week playoffs it was another one of Ed Libby's teams. Five members hit the hot sheet led by Gene Schauman (29-14 .674). Other's were Allan Ranay (28-14 .667), Dave Gibbs (30-16 .652), Ed Libby (22-12 .647) and Kenny Morris (28-18 .609).

Div. #9 Monday 16 Weeks Talk about a fight for Top Player honors. After 14 weeks five, count'em - five players were over the .800 mark. Matt DeBarr (29-4 .879) was leading the parade. Not far behind were Dan Young (27-6 .818), Tommy Webb (30-7 .811), Kevin Torralba (34-8 .810) and newcomer Dave Brengle (32-8 .800). It dropped to three the 15th week and still three when the final tally was in. If there was pressure on Matt DeBarr it didn't show. Matt ran off his final 12 matches to take the title 35-4 .897 over runner-up and teammate Kevin Torralba, 39-9 .813. Dave Brengle made a great 3rd place showing for his first M0-8 season, 38-9 .809. Great shooting, guys!

Cactus Inn #2 went wire to wire bringing it in 12-4. That was 3-games over Bottle Cap's 9-7. In addition to Matt and Kevin's first and second place on the hot sheet, 4th and 6th places were teammates Dan Young (30-9 .769) and Carl Morris (34-12 .739).

First week playoff winners were Bottle Cap over Cocktails and Final Destination ko'ed Airport Billiards. The final between Bottle Cap and Final Destination was played at Side Pockets the Friday night of the first round of the tournament. Final Destination had to play one player short. Even though Tommy Webb had a great 4-0 night, it wasn't good enough to overcome the hot hitting Bottle Cappers. Counting the 4 forfeit wins Bottle Cap takes it 11-7 and continued to the big show.

Four Bottle Cappers hit the hot sheet; Rick J. Peters (23-10 .697), Jerry Jordan (33-15 .688), Bill Millikan (26-15 .634) and Brett Blackwell (21-14 .600).

Div. #10 Monday 16 Weeks For those who thought Tom Dooley was still hanging about, forget it. Tom was resurrected for the spring session and pulled off a classic return. Dooley's 45-8 .849 topped the All-Star honor roll, but just barely. It was another close one as Tom (New Classics #2) outlasted Winston Mayes (Classics #2), 39-8 .830.

On the way to the winners circle Tom went from 29-7 to 45-8, or a 16-1 splurge. Great shooting, guys! Talk about another close race for team honors. The first three all ended 11-5, and the next two were 10-6. That race was closer than "America's Got Talent" winner last week. Classics #1 outlasted New Classics #2 and Classics #2 from the games W-L percentage. Classics #1 ended 165-134 .552, New Classics #2, 171-150 .533 and Classics #2, 169-149 .531.

Kickin' Ken Martin led Classics #1 to the front of the pack with a hot 4th place finish, 33-11 .750. Teammates were Uncle Pete Mocca (30-17 .638) and Kathy Mundt (19-16 .543).

Kathy was also the leading female coming in 17th of the 20 All-Stars. Nice shootin, Kathy.

First week playoff winners were New Classics #2 over Clubhouse #1 as Classics #2 toppled Aftershock. For the payoff Classics #2 muscled up for an 11-4 victory over New Classics #2. Five members from Classics #2 hit the hot sheet led by Winston Mayes (39-8 .830) and followed by teammates Wayne Turner (29-11 .725), Derek Mayes (23-10 .697), Mike Quinlisk (23-12 .657) and Ron Deloney (23-15 .605).

Div. #11 Tuesday 16 Weeks Say When Lounge pulled off a great wire to wire season. They were challenged a few weeks when a tie was in place, but their W-L % was always just a tad higher. Say When brought in a final 14-2 which was two-games over runner-up Valley Clubhouse, 12-4.

Five Loungers carried the Say Hey guys to the finals by making the All-Star sheet. Top Player was Jeff Woods leading the attack with an outstanding 36-10 .783. Jeff jumped into the cat-bird seat the 11th week and held on for the title over Handle Bars #2's Rich Stark, 23-8 .742. Nice shooting, guys.

Jeff's four teammates making the hot sheet are Pernal Mozee (27-12 .692), Aaron Hicks (25-13 .658), Charles Jones (24-16 .600) and Craig Mills (29-20 .592).

For the two-week playoff Our Place knocked out Handle Bars #1 as Clubhouse did the same to Handle Bars #2. The second week Valley Clubhouse outlasted Our Place. Scott Adams went 4-0 for Our Place but didn't get any backup. Clubhouse ganged up on him and brought home the victory, 11-9.

Div. #12 Tuesday 16 Weeks Fucifinos #2 pulled ahead of this 12-team pack the 9th week and held on for an 11-5 finish. They edged out both Fucifinos #1 and Bottle Cap, 10-6. Four 'finos hitters hit the hot sheet led by Top Player and Captain Nathan Brugmann, 40-12 .769. Nathan's teammates are Bob Ackley (39-15 .722), Mike Jones (24-19 .558) and Phil King (27-22 .551). Two outstanding races! Runner-up for TP was Jerry Jordan, 30-10 .750.

The 2-week playoff: The first week Fucifinos #1 knocked out Suwallers while Charlack Pub sent Bottle Cap packing. The second week saw Billy Wimberly's Fucifinos #1 crew edge by Charlack Pub, 11-9.

Div. #13 Wednesday 16 Weeks Valley Clubhouse opened with a 6-match winning streak and ended 13-3 for the wire to wire runaway. That was 3-games over 2nd place New Classics, 10-6.

Taking Valley Clubhouse to the winners post were four All-Stars; Dave Smorado (33-16 .673), Greg (Bobo) Kinzel (33-19 .635), Dave Helms (17-11 .607) and Dave Woodruff (22-18 .550).

But it was El Coco Loco's Danny Llamas bringing home the Top Player title. Danny punched out an excellent 30-10 .750 season. Runner-up was New Classics' Bill Levine, 26-11 .703. Nice shooting, guys.

First playoff week winners went to Streiler's over New Classics as El Coco Loco ko'ed Ballard's. The second week was a surprise as El Coco Loco did a no-show allowing Streilers a free trip to the big show.

Div. #14 Wednesday 16 Weeks If you had Fucifinos #2 with an 8-1 record and 3-games in front after nine weeks – YOU LOSE! Yep, after those nine weeks the roof kinda fell in. Their next four matches were not something to write home about. They went down 12-11, 11-8, 11-9 and 11-7 dropping to 2nd place. They did recover the lead the 14th week but Bottle Cap tied it up 10-6 at the end. Bottle Cap's games W-L percentage won out 170-148 .535 to Fucifinos #2's 159-144 .525.

That wasn't the only thing that added to Fu-2's woes. The first week of playoffs they were up 5-1 when another tsunami rocked their boat. Airport Billiards rallied taking the match 11-8. While that was going on Carla Granderson's team, Fu- #1, took an 11-10 victory over Lehmann's Landing. The bad news is Carla's team had to play one player short. Yep, they had to give up one game per round. The good news is they still won, 11-10. Lehmann's Landing's Kurt Bauer (no relation to Jack) won three games for L.L. Add those four forfeit games with Kurt and you can see he didn't get much support. It's probably the only time in history Kurt got more back-up from forfeit wins than from his entire crew.

The second playoff week looked as if Airport Billiards would fly in, knock off their opponents and fly away with a minimum amount of fuss. Wrong again 8-ball breath! They did enjoy a lead of 11-7 going into the 5th and final round. That is until Carla's crew turned it up a notch, won all five games and came away with a great 12-11 come-from-behind victory. What an ending. Two big matches, two big breaks. Louis Erby came away with 4-wins and Carla kicked in 3 of her own. Nice shooting, gang.

It was a double win for Bottle Cap as Vernon Virgin took out the Top Player award. Vernon moved into sole possession of first place the 7th week and slow but steady pulled away from the field. Vernon's 35-9 .795 edged out runner-up Primes Oden (Fu-#1) 31-13 .705. Nice race, guys.

Helping Vernon get Bottle Cap to the finish line were teammates Jerry Jordan (28-14 .667), Bill Millikan (32-19 .627), Rapid Robert Zamarripa (30-18 .625) and Tough Tony Gregory (24-20 .545).

Carla Granderson (Fu-#1) led the female contingency. Carla's 21-17 .553 was good for 13th on the hot sheet. Nice shooting, Carla.

Div. #15 Wednesday 16 Weeks For 12 of the 16 weeks the only name you saw at the top of the hot sheet was Dan. If it wasn't Dan Tucker it was Dan Young. The lead changed as often as Arnold Schwarzenegger changed elicited affairs. As they say in books, "That's show biz."

When the final was in Dan Young gets the nod; which would only seem fair as he did play twice as many games. Young's 40-11 .784 outlasted Tucker's 20-7 .741. Nice race Dan... and... Dan.

From the team side it was a final. Yep, Final Destination won their final match 11-6 over Hotshots NC, one of the teams tied with them. The other team that was tied for first place was Classics. Classics received a bye that final week but would not have done them any good to play. One of the "oddities" of this season was that Classics managed to tie for first place with an 11-5 record. Not bad you say. True-true! But their games won-lost percentage was below .500. A rarity indeed! At 112-122 .479 one wonders how this could happen? But stranger things have happened. I mean Joe Biden is VP. Go figure.

Three players made the All-Star sheet for Final Destination. At 3rd place, Shawn Tendiel (28-11 .718), sixth was Dave Muchai (29-15 .659) and (14th) John Wambugu (19-14 .576).

First playoff week's winners went to Lehmann's Landing over Classics and Cactus Inn ko'ed Hotshots NC. For the payoff Lehmann's landed on Cactus pushing the thorns back into them (pardon the pun).

The 11-8 win put L.L. into the big show. Lehmann's Carrie Underwood played a big part in their 11-8 win as she came away 3-0 for the match. Nice shooting Carrie.

Mary Stillwell (Classics) led the ladies with a neat 18-11 .621. That was good for 8th best on the All-Star sheet that produced 18 qualifiers. As always, nice going Mary.

Div. #16 Thursday 16 Weeks Cocktails opened the season by winning their first five matches then toasted the season with a few big ones after their 13-3 finish. Leading Cocktails to the post was Top Player Easy Ed Chier. Ed was in the right place at the right time as Andy Quinn's .788 wasn't high enough for an '8' level player. Andy's 26-7 .788 was a little short and Ed's 37-12 .755 was on the money for his '6' skill level. Nice shooting, guys!

Helping Ed and Cocktails get to the finish line were four teammates; Vernon Virgin (33-14 .702), Ken Morisaki (31-17 .646), Jerry Ray (25-16 .610) and John Schneider (23-18 .561).

For the first week playoff matches we see that both Redbird teams went on to the final meeting. RB #1 ko'ed Airport Billiards as RB #2 ousted Fucifinos. To secure the second spot RB #2 took a 12-6 decision from RB #1. Four members of RB #2 hit the hot sheet. They were led by Andy Quinn (26-7 .788) then followed by Ken Pruett (27-13 .675), Byron Devroux (also 27-13 .675) and Marland Choy (25-18 .581).

Div. #17 Thursday 16 Weeks It was Redbirds #2 and Our Place wire to wire. RB #2 edged out Our Place 13-3 to 12-4, but what a race. From the games W-L % the birds pulled another close one; 148-104 .587 to 163-128 .560. It's been awhile since two teams from the same division hit .560 or better. Of the 20 All-Stars Redbirds #2 placed five hitters on the hot sheet. Randy Pohlmann led their attack with a 4th place finish, 29-12 .707. His teammates are Justin McClintock (26-14 .650), Kris McManemy (21-13 .618), Scott Setzer (20-13 .606) and K.C. Juengst (22-16 .579). Nice shooting, guys.

First playoff week's winners were Our Place over El Coco Loco and Ballard's ko'ed Say When Lounge. The final was taken out by Our Place 11-10 over Ballard's.

No surprise that Our Place pulled out another tight match. They also placed five hitters on the honor roll. The Top Player and runner-up are Our Place partners. Yep, and another title for Mr. Leon Young! Leon was 14-0 after five weeks. Then went 11-1 in the middle, and for the coup de grâce, Leon went 10-1 to

close it out. Leon's 35-2 .946 was .146 over teammate Lorenzo Casey's 28-7 .800. That's not fair, Leon. The other three teammates are Lee Davis (30-18 .625), Arthur Love (24-16 .600) and newcomer to M0-8 Willie Marrow (20-16 .556). Nice comeback.

Div. #18 Thursday 16 Weeks Final Destination #1 took the lead the 10th week and ran off for a big one-game win. Oh, yeah. It was that close. Seansies Pub and Nuts kept up the attack when time ran out and had to settle for 2nd and 3rd place, 12-4 to 11-5 to 10-6. Four members from Final Destination #1 hit the hot sheet beginning with Josphat Kiprop, 32-12 .727. Josphat's three teammates are Don Parson (20-12 .625), John Wambugu (24-17 .585) and Dave Muchai (27-21 .563). Nice shooting, guys.

It was also the 10th week when Guy Tinker (Seansies Pub) wrestled the lead away from Andrew Remiger and Dan Young for Top Player. Guy sent 41 opponents to the mat and ran it off 41-13 .759 for the title. Dan Young (Cactus Inn) was close behind with another nice season, 29-10 .744. And Nuts #1's Andrew Remiger was 3rd, 34-12 .739. Nice race, guys.

First week of playoffs went to Seansies Pub over Foley's NC, and Nuts #1 outlasted Cactus Inn. For the finals only four players could make it for Seansies Pub. They did the best they could but still went down, 11-8. Nuts #1 fills out the 2nd spot for the big show.

Div. #19 Wednesday 16 Weeks This 6-team division wasn't all that far apart. Only 4-games separated them from top to bottom. Teachers #2 took over the lead the 8th week and edged out Teachers #1, 10-6 to 9-7. Pat Guittar still carries a fine tune as he led his musical group with a nice performance, 20-12 .625. Four members of the band also landed on stage with their own dramatic scores; Tom Blair (20-15 .571), John Hefner 4th (21-16 .568) and John Hefner 3rd (21-20 .512). Nice playing, guys.

Top Player is Nick Fernandez. This Gragnani's player shot a great 43-9 .827. Runner-up to Nick was Side Pockets' Uncle Pete Mocca. Uncle Pete hit 28-14 .667. Not bad for an 80 + year old youngster. The two-week playoff winner was Teachers #1. Four of their members hit the list led by Tricky Ricky King, 22-13 .629. Others were Ron Griffin (27-17 .614), Kyle Wagner (22-14 .611) and Darien Wills (25-21 .543).

Div. #20 Thursday 16 Weeks This 8-team St Charles division is the number one toughest of all M0-8 divisions and has been for awhile. Each team often plays 30 points or more every round. You read it right, 30+ every round. Nothing but 6s, 7s and 8s show up on the All-Star sheet season after season. For the record there were eleven 6-level shooters, six 7s and three 8s. Hey, you earn your stripes here, kiddo.

Of the eight teams, the top seven were only 3-games apart. Teachers #1 & #2 came in 10-6, while Side Pockets #1 and Teachers #3 were 9-7. Rounding out the top five was Elmers at 8-8. This is tough, dude. Teachers #1 games W-L % was higher than Teachers #2, 154-135 .533 to 140-130 .519.

Getting Teachers #1 to the finish line was Top Player Brian Kroeger. For the title Brian's 33-10 .767 outlasted Elmers Jason Helmholtz, 24-9 .727. Two of Brian's teammates making the page are Mario Webster (29-19 .604) and Mike Werner (23-18 .561).

Here's that gal again. No number one hot sheet would be complete without Julia Gabriel occupying a spot. This Elmers girl fired a 23-12 .657 which was good for 8th of the 20 that made it. You go girl!

Teachers #3 made it out of the 2-week playoff. They placed four members on the honor roll. Dustin Dunham led their attack, 37-17 .685 followed by Jon Williams (29-15 .659), Keith Valet (32-26 .552) and Tony Napoli (34-28 .548). Tough, very tough division! Nice shooting everyone.

Div. #21 Thursday 16 Weeks After dropping their opening match 11-4 to Teachers #1, Teachers #3 took the next 13 of 15 for a 13-3 first place finish. It was a 3-game lead over ABC Billiards, 10-6. T-3 placed only three members on the honor roll but that was enough. John Richardson finished 4th with a solid 25-11 .694. He was followed by teammates Dave First (28-14 .667) and Dan Stigers (22-16 .579).

Congratulations to Chip Schmidt for his Top Player award. Chip took over the hot spot the 8th week and from the 9th week to the finish line Chip's only real competition was from teammate Ryan Hopping. Chip ended at 39-8 .830 to Ryan's 24-8 .750. Nice race, guys.

Duchesne B&G led by Pat Tobin came through the 2-week playoff. Pat (28-19 .596), Mark Roland (25-17 .595) and Steve Schultz (23-20 .535) were Duchesne's top players.

Div. #22 Thursday 16 Weeks It rook awhile but Side Pockets #1 (11-5) finally pulled ahead of the field the 15th week and held on for a one-game finish over Side Pockets #2 and ABC Billiards #2, 10-6. Placing five members on the hot sheet didn't hurt. Kyle Wagner led the charge with his 3rd place finish, 40-15 .727. Kyle's teammates are Bill Pritchard (31-17 .646), Randy Miller (29-18 .617), Randy Tourville (24-15 .615) and Tom Yaeger (19-15 .559).

Top Player title goes to Earl (the Pearl *bet he's never heard that before*) Lafferty. Earl outlasted the ever tough Brian Hedrick, 29-7 .806 to 37-12 .755. Say congrats to Delta Dawn. Ms Utterback led the ladies again. Dawn kicked in 26 wins for her team. Her 26-24 .520 earned her another hot sheet spot.

The 2-week playoff saw a surprised Mark's Sports Bar come through in the clutch. They finished in 5th place, 6-10, but muscled up for the playoffs. Two members made the hot sheet, Kevin Kline (34-25 .576) and Dawn Utterback (26-24 .520). Nice shooting, kids.

Div. #23 Thursday 16 Weeks ABC Billiards #1 takes the prize by 2-games over ABC #3, 12-4 to 10-6. Four ABC #1 members hit the hot sheet led by runner-up for Top Player Andy Tebeau, 36-12 .750. Teammates making it are Eric Ryan (28-17 .622), Chad Wagner (26-21 .553) and Carl Adcock (27-22 .551). Of these four three are first timers to M0-8. Andy Tebeau is the only veteran from this team.

Top Player is Kevin Brickey. Kevin found first place to his liking right from the get-go so he thought he would stay there. Andy Tebeau jumped into second place the 10th week and made a run at TP. Andy was making a real challenge (only .012 difference) when the schedule ran out. Kevin's first place totals of 32-10 .762 also brought Kevin his first Top Player trophy. Congrats, Kevin. Keep up the fine shooting.

ABC-#3 held off opponents to earn the 2nd spot. They also placed four members on the honor roll. In addition to Kevin Brickey there were Robert Schalk (32-12 .750), Michael Zerr (27-13 .675) and John Copeland (21-11 .656). All four finished in the top five positions.

Div. #24 Jefferson County
 Champ – Kenny's (Mark Emmons – Captain)
 Playoff – Kenny's (Kenny Vaughn – Captain)
 Top Player – Johnny Neels (Hillsboro Billiards)

Div. #25 Jefferson County
 Champ – JP's Eureka (Mike O'Rourke – Captain)
 Playoff – JP's Eureka (Ed Graham – Captain)
 Top Player – Pat McFarland (JP's Eureka)

	Top Player	Team	Record		Runner-up	Team	Record
Div. #17	Leon Young	Our Place	35 2 .946 *		Lorenzo Casey	Our Place	28 7 .800
Div. #9	Mat DeBarr	Cactus Inn #2	35 4 .897 *		Kevin Torralba	Cactus Inn #2	39 9 .813
Div. #2	Jerry Casey	Wedge	30 5 .857		Scott Diebold	Show Me's	37 13 .740
Div. #10	Tom Dooley	New Classics #2	45 8 .849		Winston Mayes	Classics #2	39 8 .830
Div. #21	Chip Schmidt	Teachers #2	39 8 .830 *		Ryan Hopping	Teachers #2	24 8 .750
Div. #19	Nick Fernandez	Gragnani's	43 9 .827		Uncle Pete Mocca	Side Pockets	28 14 .667
Div. #5	Rolla Hoffman	Stan's Bar #2	42 10 .808		Jerry Casey	Libby's	41 11 .788
Div. #22	Earl Lafferty	ABC Bill. #2	29 7 .806		Brian Hedrick	ABC Bill. #3	37 12 .755
Div. #6	Semir Ekic	Filling Station	37 9 .804		Dan Wilson	Iron Horse Saloon	35 10 .778
Div. #14	Vernon Virgin	Bottle Cap	35 9 .795		Primes Oden	Fucifinos #1	31 13 .705
Div. #15	Dan Young	Cactus Inn	40 11 .784		Dan Tucker	Classics	20 7 .741
Div. #11	Jeff Woods	Say When Lounge	36 10 .783		Rich Stark	Handle Bars #2	23 8 .742
Div. #4	Bill Keith	21 Rock #2	36 10 .783		Phil Galli	JP's Corner #2	39 15 .722
Div. #3	Mike Devers	Fandangos #1	37 11 .771		Jody Zeni	Hotshots SC #1	38 12 .760
Div. #12	Nathan Brugmann	Fucifinos #2	40 12 .769		Jerry Jordan	Bottle Cap	30 10 .750
Div. #8	Rick Hess	Foley's #2	33 10 .767	(B)	Mark O'Brien	Cotters	34 6 .850
Div. #20	Brian Kroeger	Teachers #1	33 10 .767		Jason Helmholtz	Elmers	24 9 .727
Div. #23	Kevin Brickey	ABC Bill. #3	32 10 .762		Andy Tebeau	ABC Bill. #1	36 12 .750

(Continued) Top Player	Team	Record	Runner-up	Team	Record	
Div. #18	Guy Tinker	Seansies Pub	41 13 .759	Dan Young	Cactus Inn	29 10 .744
Div. #16	Ed Chier	Cocktails	37 12 .755	(C) Andy Quinn	Redbirds #2	26 7 .788
Div. #13	Danny Llamas	El Coco Loco	30 10 .750	Bill Levine	New Classics	26 11 .703
Div. #1	Jody Zeni	Fandangos #2	23 10 .697	(A) Sam Devers	Fandangos #2	24 9 .727
Div. #7	Mick Demello	Hotshots WC	28 15 .651	* Mark Young	Hotshots WC	22 12 .647
Div. #24	Top Player – Johnny Neels (Hillsboro Billiards) No records or other information offered.					
Div. #25	Top Player – Pat McFarland (JP’s Eureka) No records or other information offered.					

* Teammates

(A) Div. #1. As an ‘8’ level player Sam Devers had to hit .770 for Top Player. Missed by .043. Jody Zeni was next in line and qualified for the title.

(B) Div. #8. As a ‘7’ level player Mark O’Brien had to hit .890 for Top Player. Missed by .040. Rick Hess was next in line and qualified for the title.

(C) Div. #16. As an ‘8’ level player Andy Quinn’s 26-7 .788 was a little short for Top Player. Ed Chier was next in line and qualified for the title.

Results of 5-Player Tournament - \$23,212.00 paid out

1) Fandangos (South County) (Div. #3 Champions)	\$7,012	Captain: Mike Devers	Members: Tony Treffinger Mike Coen, John Porter, Bill Harwell, Ronnie Hansen & Marc Nease
2) Duchesne (St. Charles) (Div. #21 Playoff)	\$4,200	Captain: Pat Tobin	Members: Mark Roland, Scott Jones, Mark Henslee, Darrell Williams, Steve Medley, Chris Donovan & Steve Schultz
3-4) Teachers (St. Peters) (Div. #20 Champions)	\$2,000	Captain: Mario Webster	Members: Mike Werner, Keith Grob, Brian Kroeger, Kyle Kroeger, Paul Verhulst, Brett Sneller & Tracie Gray
3-4) Fandangos (South Cty) (Div. #1 Playoff)	\$2,000	Captain: Sam Devers	Members: Jim Wanner, Pete Bigott, Jody Zeni, Jerry Terbrock, Jeremiah Thompson & Rhonda Bartram
5-8) 21 Rock (Jefferson Cty) (Div. #4 Champions)	\$1,000	Captain: Bill Keith	Members: Jamie House, Rob Royer, Vince Dinatale, Jim Crowell, Julie Cash & Sandy Crum
5-8) JP’s Gravois (Sunset Hills) (Div. #4 Playoff)	\$1,000	Captain: Julie Hemann	Members: Donna Collins, Phil Galli, Todd Lamwersiek, Jim Hopen, Ed Parris & Rich Smith
5-8) Teachers (St. Peters) (Div. #20 Playoff)	\$1,000	Captain: Jon Williams	Members: Dustin Dunham Keith Valet, Tony Napoli, Jay Hines & Bethany Alexander
5-8) Fucifinos (Berkeley) (Div. #12 Playoff)	\$1,000	Captain: Billy Wimberly	Members: Rodney Holmes Shawn Kline, Brian Walker, John Holman & Shannon Turner
9-16) ABC Billiards (St. Peters) (Div. #23 Champions)	\$500	Captain: Andy Tebeau	Members: Jason Means, Chad Wagner Carl Adcock, Eric Ryan, Matt Poston, Brian Jackson
9-16) Cocktails (Overland) (Div. #16 Champions)	\$500	Captain: John Schneider	Members: Ed Chier, Ken Morisaki Vernon Virgin, Jerry Ray, Robert Zamarripa & Rhonda LaPoint
9-16) Bottle Cap (St. John) (Div. #14 Champions)	\$500	Captain: Eric Peterson	Members: Bill Millikan, Jerry Jordan Robert Zamarripa, Tony Gregory, Vernon Virgin & Bob Hood
9-16) Clubhouse (Florissant) (Div. #13 Champions)	\$500	Captain: Dave Woodruff	Members: Dave Helms, Mike McGhay Dave Smorado, Greg Kinzel, Matt Kiefer, Eric Wilker & Todd Woodruff
9-16) Streilers (Florissant) (Div. #13 Playoff)	\$500	Captain: Jim Davis	Members: Allen Lewis, Dorothy Davis Mike McCormack, Dave Bastien & Bucky Bastien
9-16) Red Birds (Hazelwood) (Div. #16 Playoff)	\$500	Captain: Marland Choy	Members: Andy Quinn, Ken Pruett Byron Devroux, Bob Mannecke, Charles Burrage, Willie Sanders & Tommy Webb

9-16) Mark's Sports Bar (St. Peters) \$500 Captain: Dawn Utterback Member: Brock Schreckenber
(Div. #22 Playoff) Kevin Kline, Steve Pittaluga, Joe Abrewczynski & Jeff Davenport

9-16) Classics (Florissant) \$500 Captain: Mary Stillwell Members: Winston Mayes
(Div. #10 Playoff) Derek Mayes, Devin Mayes, Ron Deloney, Mike Quinlisk & Wayne Turner

A Few Words on the Tournaments

It was mentioned several times over this three-day weekend how many matches went to 'double hill' or close to it. There were so many outstanding teams battling it out from both the 5-Player and the 4-Player boards, filled with so many top-notch shooters, it would have been a bookies nightmare predicting which teams to give odds on. Previous championship teams Fandangos, Teachers, Classics, Duchesne B&G (formally Game Day), JP's Corner, Libby's, Fucifinos, 21 Rock, Side Pockets... it was no surprise that they were all here waiting to celebrate in the Winners Circle.

And when these power-house clubs met, it resulted in (and I mean this) the best tournament in the last 20 years. I don't think anyone can remember when so many solid and impressively put-together teams made a run for the title from both divisions.

There were '5's shooting like '6's, '6's shooting like '7's, '7's shooting like '8's and '8's, well, shooting like '8's. There were more runouts from the break and more games and matches that went one-inning or less then at any time I can recall. There were so many times if the person breaking didn't make a ball their chances of getting back to the table was less than 50-50.

There were more come-from-behind victories and near misses than in the past. Where many teams use to pack it in once they became 4-5-6 points down, not so here. One team was down 9-1 and came back to tie and go 'double hill'. Another was down 8-3, came back taking it to 'double hill'.

On the other side of the coin those that enjoyed the lead, then to let it slip away, found enough at the end to come back and take those matches that almost slipped away.

For the record, from the 5-Player tournament, seven teams that cashed were Divisional Champs and nine were Playoff Winners. From the 4-Player tournament five were Divisional Champs and three were Playoffs Winners. A 12-12 split. Who said coming in second is a loser? Not in these events. The slate is wiped clean. Once you get here it's a brand new game for the taking.

Final totals from top teams – 5-Player

Teachers # 20 Champs	Capt. Mario Webster	48-16 .750	(Gave 22 G.O.W.) = 48-38 .558
Teachers # 20 Playoff	Capt. Jon Williams	45-17 .726	(Gave 15 G.O.W.) = 45-32 .584
Fandangos # 1 Playoff	Capt. Sam Devers	44-20 .688	(Gave 19 G.O.W.) = 44-39 .530
Duchesne # 21 Playoff	Capt. Pat. Tobin	56-41 .577	(G.O.W. + 7, -10) = 63-51 .553
Fandangos # 3 Champs	Capt. Mike Devers	64-58 .525	(G.O.W. + 6, - 4) = 70-62 .530

Talk about Power-House with a Capital 'P'...

As you can see Teachers #20 gave up the most games on the wire, 22, followed by Fandangos #1 with 19. Teachers #20 dropped from .750 to .558, and Fandangos #1, from .688 to .530.

Fandangos #3 is the only team that benefited. They gave up 4-games, but received 6 taking their % from .525 up to .530. The Ultimate Challenge games are included in final totals for Fandangos #3.

Final totals from top teams – 4-Player

Teachers # 114 Playoff	Capt. Brian Kroeger	57-25 .695	(Gave 11 G.O.W.) = 57-36 .613
Classics # 107 Champs	Capt. Dan Tucker	44-25 .638	(G.O.W. + 1, - 9) = 45-34 .570
JP's Gravois #101 Champs	Capt. Bill Ray	33-18 .647	(Gave 12 G.O.W.) = 33-30 .524
Teachers #112 Playoff	Capt. Kyle Kroeger	26-23 .531	(G.O.W. + 7, - 1) = 33-24 .579

Even though Teachers #114 gave up 11 games on the wire they still managed to finish over .600 (.613).

Teachers # 112 benefited somewhat by getting 7 games going from .531 to .579.

JP's Gravois gave up the most, 12, from the 4-player teams.

The Ultimate Challenge games are included in final totals for Teachers #114.

Slick Chicks with Straight Shooting Sticks

	Player	Team	Record		
Div. # 20	Julia Gabriel	Elmers	23 12 .657		
Div. #106	Rachel Slusser	Cocktails	23 14 .622		
Div. # 15	Mary Stillwell	Classics	18 11 .621		
Div. # 6	Donna Pope	Pardella Club	26 19 .578	Total Payout all Tourneys 5-Player teams 23,212.00 4-Player teams 11,647.20 Ultimate Challenge 1,000.00 All-Star Singles 5,655.00 <u>Top Player Side Pot 570.00</u> 42,084.20	
Div. # 14	Carla Granderson	Fucifinos #1	21 17 .553		
Div. #111	Kimberly Sykora	Bottoms Up	23 19 .548		
Div. # 6	Mary Brockman	Iron Horse Saloon	19 16 .543		
Div. # 10	Kathy Mundt	Classics #1	19 16 .543		
Div. # 6	Robin Rice	Filling Station	27 23 .540		
Div. # 8	Kim Fried	Wedge	18 16 .529		
Div. #110	Julia Gabriel	All Stars	25 23 .521		
Div. # 22	Dawn Utterback	Mark's Sports Bar	26 24 .520		Where did the 20-cents come from???
Div. # 8	Dawn Froesel	Jody T's	21 21 .500		

Div. #101 Monday 16 Weeks JP's Corner (Gravois) #3 went the 16 weeks either in first place or tied for first. Kinda easy to figure when you look at the All-Star sheet and find five members there, and the 5th is down as far as 13th. Yep, of the 30 on the list #13 is Tony Chagolla with a hot 21-13 .618. That's low? Then what did the other four do? Just this, Jerry Terbrock took out Top Player, 42-1 .977. Ready for more! Teammate Gene Dix was runner-up, 28-6 .824. More! 4th place was Jim Wanner, 27-7 .794, and 5th was Bill Ray, 30-8 .789. I'd say JP's Gravois #3 was out to prove something. Their 162 wins were 25 more than their nearest rival. These top five teammates posted 148 wins, only 35 losses and an unbelievable .809 percentage. Their other 88 losses must have come from giving up games on the wire. That's a lot, dawg. Great, great shooting guys!

Wondering who managed to slip in the middle of the top four? It was Denis Dunbar. Denis stroked another great session, 42-10 .808. And that was good for (only) third? Better luck next time, Denis.

Oh, and I guess it's safe to say that Mr. Terbrock went wire to wire. Jerry won his first 30 games before Bill Keith (21 Rock) played the spoiler roll by putting a damper on a perfect season.

Playoff weeks saw Hotshot SC #3 knock out Hotshots Fenton #2 while JP's Corner #1 ko'ed JP's #2. For the shot at the big show JP's #1 took it over Hotshots SC #3. Denis Dunbar led JP's #1 with a hot 42-10 .808. Teammate Bob Thum also made the final cut, 25-17 .595.

Div. #102 Monday 16 Weeks Libby's came out of the gate raring to go. Running off their first 10 matches sent a message that they were taking no prisoners. Their 15-1 season was 2-games over The Patch Tavern's 13-3. And leading the way for Libby's was Top Player Timmay Henderson, 27-8 .771. Timmay moved into the top spot the final week when he went 1-0 the final match and runner-up Allen Barnhart (Friendly's) lost his last game dropping him to the 2nd position, 39-12 .765. Only .006 different. Three other Libby's members hit the hot sheet; Justin Timmons (25-10 .714), Jim Nuelle (17-10 .630) and Allan Ranay (21-14 .600). To all, nice shooting!

First week of playoffs saw Patch Tavern being not too friendly as they knocked out Friendly's Bar, and AMVETS #2 fired a shot into Shot Heaven. For the final it was Patch Tavern over AMVETS #2.

The Patch Tavern put five players on the hot sheet: Pat Bruce (32-11 .744), Ed Nelson (19-9 .679), Brian Scholtes (24-13 .649), Joe Curlee (19-11 .633) and Josh Nelson (22-14 .611). Nice shooting, guys.

Div. #103 Monday 16 Weeks Another team that led wire to wire was Pardella Club #1. Winning their first 10 matches must have had something to do with it. (Ya thank!) They lost their 11th and 16th weeks for a nice 14-2 season, 2-games over Mary's Blue Ribbon #1, 12-4. Three members hit the honor roll beginning with Top Player (this guy AGAIN?) Todd Lamwersiek. Todd took over first place the 15th

week and held off teammate Dave Wiederhold, 40-12 .769 to 25-9 .735. The other Pardella Club #1 to make it is Dave Pope, 27-17 .614. Nice going, guys.

Mary's Blue Ribbon #1 was not to be denied. They came out of the playoffs victorious. Captain Bill Lach led his team with a neat 22-10 .688 and was followed by teammates Mike Roy (33-16 .673), Frank Depoutot (24-14 .632) and Jeff Treacy (20-18 .526).

Div. #104 Thursday 16 Weeks Winning their first seven matches led the way to another first place finish for G.E.D. Git'er Done got'er done all the way ending at 13-3, one-game over P.C. #2, 12-4.

Three of the first 6 players on the hot sheet are G.E.D. members. Third place, Vito Castelli (34-16 .680), 4th is Andrew Feeler (38-18 .679) and 6th, Joe Oberkirsch (39-19 .672).

From Pardella Club #2 we see that Tony Chagolla takes out the Top Player award. Tony took over the cat-bird seat the 12th week and held off the field with a nice 33-10 .767. It was a little better than Libby's runner-up Gary Heffernan, 32-15 .681, and 3rd place Vito Castelli (G.E.D.), 34-16 .680. Nice race, guys.

Libby's out gunned opponents for the second spot at the big show. Three Libby's made the final hot sheet led by Gary Heffernan, 32-15 .681, then Dennis Bullock (36-21 .632) and Jeff Breitenfeld (31-21 .596).

Div. #105 Tuesday 16 Weeks This in-house division is considered 6th toughest and had a couple surprises at the end. Because there was an uneven number of teams, that created a 'bye' each week. Those 'byes' enabled all teams to end the season at least 8-8. Yep, all five teams finished .500 or better. And there were only 4-games between the first and last place team. Fucifinos #1 outlasted Fu-#5, 12-4 to 11-5.

Getting Fu #1 to the finish line were St. Louie Howard Lentz, 29-13 .690 and Jay Carlton, 26-15 .634. The race for Top Player went to the very last game played the final week. Because Victor Day's team had the bye that week he could do nothing but stop by and watch how Howard did. Going into the match Howard needed his first win to tie Victor for the lead. Howard's second win put him in front. Had he decided to sit out the rest of the day he had TP locked up. But he played, as he was supposed to do.

Howard won his third match and again some thought he would walk, but he went back into the match for the 4th round. Unfortunately this was the one that really counted. It was close but Howard did lose that last match and Victor's 27-12 .692 won out by only .002 over Howard's 29-13 .690.

Sportsmanship and fair play toward Victor Day was not only fair but admirable. Some that had the TP won would not have shown for the last week and backed into it. But it's to Howard's credit he displayed those qualities. Nice shooting and nice race Victor and Howard.

Oh, by the way. I guess I should mention that when Victor walked in he approached the members of John Shields' team and offered a 20-dollar bounty on Howard's head. The first person to beat Howard got a double sawbuck. ([Read more at the bottom of the column.](#))

Coming out of the two-week playoff it was Victor Day's team outlasting Kenny Martin's for the 2nd spot. In addition to Victor, teammate Bullet Bob Pendergrass hit the hot sheet, 23-16 .590.

Div. #106 Tuesday 16 Weeks Another wire to wire season for Lehmann's Landing. Oh, they let it be close the first few weeks then pulled away from the field when things got boring. Lehmann's were four full games in front of Fucifinos, 13-3 to 9-7. It really wasn't even close. Even though only two of Lehmann's players landed on the hot sheet it goes to prove once again that a team effort is what it takes to win. The only two were Paul Fitzgerald, 28-10 .737 and Neil Owings, 28-15 .651.

First playoff week winners were Fucifinos over Cocktails and Pirates Cove downing Kenny's Korner. For the finale Pirates Cove edged out Fucifinos, 9-7. The two big guns for Pirates Cove were Mike Moore and Jim Davis, both going 4-0 for this playoff match.

Talk about a nice race for T.P. honors. The final 10 weeks it was Rick J. Peters chasing Bullet Bob Pendergrass. Small percentage points were the difference the entire way.

Bob managed to outlast Rick, 46-5 .902 to 40-8 .833. Nice shooting, guys.

Rachel Slusser led the ladies again. Her 23-14 .622 was 9th of the 16 that made the honor roll. Go girl.

Div. #107 Thursday 16 Weeks Classics #4: What new can we say about these guys? Nothing! Everything that's been said has been said several times. Like 'OI' Man River' they just keep rolling along. When I see five players repeatedly making the All-Star sheet season after season, the only surprise I see here is why is this division only 9th on the 'most toughest' list? I'd of thought it would be higher.

Classics #4 waltzed through their first 11 matches with a .626 games W-L %. Kickin' big butt! Then two-stepped their way past the post with a 14-2 three-game lead over runner-up Classics #3, 11-5.

Here's the Murderous Row rundown: Second on the hot sheet is Steve Monko (33-9 .786), 3rd, Kelly Ambrose (30-10 .750), 4th, Wayne Turner (38-13 .745), 12th, Sean Deckard (20-13 .606) and 14th, Dan Tucker (21-16 .568). 'Nough said!

From the 2-week playoff, Classics #3 ko'ed Classics #2 while Kitty's Korner downed Classics #1. The second week Classics #3 took a 9-7 win from Kitty's Korner. Yep, Ron Deloney's team did it again. And this with almost a new roster. After he won last season's 4-Player Championship plus the extra grand from the Ultimate, half the team split to form another branch. So Ron found Devin Mayes soaking up the rays in the Bahamas or some place, brought him back to town and inserted him into the starting lineup. And all Devin Mayes did was take out the Top Player title. Gee, like he'd never been away.

Devin's 39-7 .848 outlasted Steve Monko's 33-9 .786. But it wasn't easy. After five weeks of play Devin was in 5th place with a 12-3 .800. You read it right, 5th. From that point to the end Devin went 27-4.

Also making the hot sheet with Devin were teammates Ron Deloney (31-13 .705) and newcomer Jamie Mitcherson (18-15 .545). Nice shooting, guys.

Wait until next session. Deloney has another new guy. Some hacker named Joe Mele. Anyone know him?

Div. #108 Thursday 16 Weeks Redbirds jumped into a first place tie the 9th week then took first place away the 10th ending at 12-4. That was for a two-game finish over both Marley's #1 and Classics, 10-6. Of the 20 making the hot sheet only two are from Redbirds, Ed Wartts (36-22 .621) and Paul Pittman (33-25 .569). But it's not how many get on the sheet, it's where the team finishes and first place buys you a spot at the big show, right!

First playoff week winners saw Kenny's Korner k.o. Marley's #1 while Classics did the same to Seansies Pub. For the second tournament spot Kenny's beat up on Classics to the tune of 10-4.

Kenny's had four members make the final cut; Joe Middendorf (26-15 .634), Jeff Butler (19-12 .613), Vernon Perkins (25-16 .610) and Cliff McCoy (23-19 .548). Nice shooting, guys.

The race for Top Player was basically between two players, Jeff Niebling (Marley's #2) and VFW's Jay Carlton. Jeff held the top spot up to the 10th week, Jay taking over the 11th riding out the session with a final 6-week total of 19-3. When the final was in Jay's 44-13 .772 was a little ahead of Jeff's 38-13 .745.

Div. #109 Thursday 16 Weeks Lehmann's Landing #2 stretched their opening season winning streak to 6-0 and road it to a 12-4 finish. They managed to stay 2-games ahead of Cocktails' 10-6. Five Lehmann's members hit the hot sheet. Alan Johnson led with his 22-14 .611. He was followed by teammates Paul Fitzgerald (24-16 .600), Mike Brusca (23-16 .590), Scott Jordan (24-17 .585) and Chris Lubiewski (21-18 .538). Nice shooting, guys.

First week playoff winners were Suwallers #1 over Cocktails and Lehmann's #1 ko'ed Airport Billiards. For the payoff Suwallers #1 took a 9-5 decision form Lehmann's #1. Unlike Lehmann's #2 Suwallers #1 shows only one player making the final sheet and that was Captain Mike Waller (32-21 .604).

The run for Top Player was basically between Country Club's Tom Licklider and Suwallers #2 Dale Fallon, except for the one week Kurt Bauer snuck in. Tom led the division with 41 wins but had to settle for the runner-up spot. Dale's 40-12 .769 was slightly higher than Tom's 41-17 .707. Great race, guys.

Div. #110 Tuesday 16 Weeks For those of you unaware of this division being M0-8's 3rd toughest, listen up. Of the 12 listed on the All-Star sheet, only three '5's made it, then it goes up to eight '6's and one '7'. And the person there at the end deserves the title. In this case it's another TP trophy for Dennis Gallagher. Dennis hit .733, but considering the talent here .733 is very good. Dennis led Teachers #1 with his performance (44-16 .733) a little ahead of runner-up Brian Hedrick (Teachers #2) 33-16 .673).

Brian may have finished second for TP, but his team didn't. Teachers #2 tied with Teachers #1 at 11-5, but their games W-L % won out, 125-100 .556 to 126-105 .545. Another great race! Here is another indication of how tough this division is: Julia Gabriel's 25-23 .521 barely made the sheet. And we all know this gal is tough to beat. And speaking of Julia, her team of all stars out of Allstars took out the 2-week playoff. Eden Chan was the other member to make the final sheet, 22-17 .564.

Div. #111 Tuesday 16 Weeks After Side Pockets won their first 14 matches I guess they decided the last two was for kicks and grins. They lost both but still ended up 2-games in front of Duchesne B&G's 12-4. Leading Side Pockets was Top Player Jim Scarcello. Jim's 23-2 .920 so dominated it was .261 ahead of runner-up Ken Trokey's 27-14 .659. That's got to be a new record. The only other Side Pockets member on the hot sheet is Shane Palmasano, 16-13 .552.

Kimberly Sykora (Bottoms Up) led the ladies, 23-19 .548. Nice going girl.

After going through the 2-week playoff, Allstars came out on top for the second spot at the big show. Three Allstar members hit the hot sheet leading with Bill Weber, 15-13 .536. He was followed by teammates and newcomer to M0-8 Gary Weible (18-18 .500) and Lee Utterback kicked in 15 wins.

Div. #112 Tuesday 16 Weeks From the 12th week on Teachers #3 out ran the field and came in 11-5, 2-games over Teachers #1, 9-7. Of the eight players making the All-Star sheet four are from T-3; Maurice Agaid (25-15 .625), Tommy Lowey, Jr. (28-17 .622), Derek Bell (21-15 .583) and Ben Wilson (19-15 .559).

The race for Top Player was simply called The Kyle and Kyle Show. From the 10th week to the finish line Kyle Kroeger stayed just enough ahead of teammate Kyle Stuesse to take out the title, 30-10 .750 to 30-15 .667. And it didn't stop there. They muscled up by taking the playoff birth earning a spot to the big event. Great race and great shooting, guys!

Div. #113 Tuesday 14 Weeks This division has been classified at being as close to a joke as possible, and has been for awhile. If any sane person can honestly say the teams from this in-house division has a Chinaman's Chance in hell of winning first place, other than Buddy Evans' family, - I would like to know how much you want to wager? And make it easy on yourself. Bring it on. Pink's, mortgages, your kids' educational savings, the girlfriend on the side's apartment fund; name it. It ain't gonna happen, dudes, and dudettes.

M0-8 doesn't run this division, Buddy Evans runs it. The only reason this division didn't play out the full schedule (two short) is because Buddy said, "NO". Evans runs this division with an iron fist like Ma Barker ran the Karpis-Barker gang, and no other team has a chance.

That is Ma ran it until January 16, 1935 when the feds gunned down Fred and Ma Barker outside Ocklawaha, Florida. When is someone gonna step in and gun down these guys?

Example #1: The Evans ABC Billiards #3 family went 13-1 while the other three teams all finished 5-9. The only thing wider than this margin is Monty Python's eyes.

Example #2: Their games W-L % was .618. The highest % from the other three was .480. The only thing lower is Obama's current approval percentages.

Example #3: The first three names on the All-Star sheet are son Nick Evans (38-7 .844), big daddy Buddy Evans (36-9 .800), son Ricky Evans (34-13 .723), and then 6th place is son Mikey Evans (20-17 .541).

Need more proof? Don't need no more proof? Didn't think so! Then let's go to film at 11.

Buddy did allow playoffs to take place. This is the way it came out. For the second spot Keith Birch led his ABC #4 guys to the winner's circle. Keith finished 4th on the sheet, 25-15 .625, and teammate (newcomer) Pat Reeves brought in 17-16 .515. Nice going, guys.

Div. #114 Wednesday 16 Weeks Side Pockets #1 and Teachers #1 pulled off 11-5 records. SP-1 took the games W-L % by a minuscule .011. Yep, 99-93 .516 to 92-90 .505! This was another one of those 5-team divisions where because of the 'bye' weeks all five teams were 8-8 or better and was only

three games difference from top to bottom. Three SP-1 members hit the hot sheet led by Kurt Liliensiek (29-14 .674). Partners John Schneider (25-14 .641) and Ed Chier (23-14 .622) helped with the assault. For Top Player honors we find that Rich Sager finished atop-o-the-heap, but... well... he missed it again. As an '8' level player Mr. Sager had to hit .815. He was a little short at .741.

So who was in the right place at the right time? Congrats to Creator Gene Rader. Rich and Gene are teammates on Side Pockets #2. Gene's 20-9 .690 was good for his '6' level. In addition to Rich and Gene, partner Tattoo John Snyder also hit the hot sheet, 23-16 .590. Nice shooting, guys.

Teachers #1 managed to out-shoot the others and made the second spot. Led by Captain Brian Kroeger's 18-7 .720, and fellow partners Al Hale (20-12 .625) and Richie Bryan (17-11 .607).

Div. #115 Jefferson County
 Champs – O’Aces – Roy Traughber – Capt.
 Playoff – O’Aces – Mike Renick – Capt.
 Top Player – Andy Wanner (O’Aces)

Div. #116 Jefferson County
 Champs – JP’s Eureka – John Pedroli – Capt.
 Playoff – 3rd Rail – Jason Barnhart – Capt.
 Top Player – Chris Collins (JP’s Eureka)

	Top Player	Team	Record	Runner-up	Team	Record
Div. #101	Jerry Terbrock	JP’s Corner #3	42 1 .977 *	Gene Dix	JP’s Corner #3	28 6 .824
Div. #111	Jim Scarcello	Side Pockets	23 2 .920	Ken Trokey	Bottoms Up	27 14 .659
Div. #106	Bob Pendergrass	Fucifinos	46 5 .902	Rick J. Peters	Cocktails	40 8 .833
Div. #107	Devin Mayes	Classics #3	39 7 .848	Steve Monko	Classics #4	33 9 .786
Div. #113	Nick Evans	ABC Billiards #3	38 7 .844 **	Buddy Evans	ABC Bill. #3	36 9 .800
Div. #108	Jay Carlton	VFW	44 13 .772	Jeff Niebling	Marley’s #2	38 13 .745
Div. #102	Timmay Henderson	Libby’s	27 8 .771	Allen Barnhart	Friendly’s	39 12 .765
Div. #103	Todd Lamwersiek	Pardella #1	40 12 .769 *	Dave Wiederhold	Pardella #1	25 9 .735
Div. #109	Dale Fallon	Suwallers #2	40 12 .769	Tom Licklider	Country Club	41 17 .707
Div. #104	Tony Chagolla	Pardella Club #2	33 10 .767	Gary Heffernan	Libby’s	32 15 .681
Div. #112	Kyle Kroeger	Teachers #1	30 10 .750 *	Kyle Stuesse	Teachers #1	30 15 .667
Div. #110	Dennis Gallagher	Teachers #1	44 16 .733	Brian Hedrick	Teachers #2	33 16 .673

Div. #105 Victor Day Fucifinos #3 27 12 .692 Howard Lentz Fucifinos #1 29 13 .690
 Div. #114 Gene Rader Side Pockets #2 20 9 .690 **(A)** Rich Sager Side Pockets #2 20 7 .741

Div. #115 Top Player – Andy Wanner (O’Aces) No records or other information offered.

Div. #116 Top Player – Chris Collins (JP’s Eureka) No records or other information offered.

***** Teammates ****** Son & father **(A)** Div. #114 Teammates + as an '8' level player Rich Sager had to hit .815 for the title. Rick was a little short. Gene Rader was next in line and his totals were high enough.

Results of 4-Player Tournament - \$11,647.20 paid out

- 1) Teachers (St. Peters) \$5,147.20 Captain: Brian Kroeger Members: Jason Helmholtz
 (Div. #114 Playoff) Al Hale, Richie Bryan, Kyle Kroeger & John Bissell
- 2) Classics (Florissant) \$2,500 Captain: Dan Tucker Members: Wayne Turner
 (Div. #107 Champions) Sean Deckard, Steve Monko & Kelly Ambrose
- 3-4) JP’s Gravois (Sunset Hills) \$1,000 Captain: Bill Ray Members: Gene Dix, Jim Wanner
 (Div. #101 Champions) Jerry Terbrock, Carol Hamilton, Tony Chagolla & Ross Belt
- 3-4) Teachers (St. Peters) \$1,000 Captain: Kyle Kroeger Members: Paige Enlow
 (Div. #112 Playoff) Kyle Stuesse, Mike Rotter & Rick Hawkins
- 5-8) Teachers (St. Peters) \$500 Captain: Tommy Lowery, Jr. Members: Maurice Agaid
 (Div. #112 Champions) Derek Bell, Nick Lowery, Tom Lowery, Sr. & Ben Wilson
- 5-8) Side Pockets (St. Charles) \$500 Captain: John Schneider Members: Kurt Liliensiek
 (Div. #114 Champions) Ed Chier, Kris Chier, Ryan Saffer & Jennifer Grace

5-8) Libby's (St. Louis) (Div. #102 Champions)	\$500	Captain: Timmay Henderson Justin Timmons, Allan Ranay, Jim Nuelle & Bob Simpson	Members: Bill Henderson
5-8) Suwallers (Overland) (Div. #109 Playoff)	\$500	Captain: Randy Turnbough	Members: Mike Waller Tim Carey, Mike Koytk & Brian McCarthy

Ultimate Challenge

Two power-house teams went at it for the extra \$1,000. The Champions from the 5-Player board Mike Devers and crew from Fandangos put it on the line against the 4-Player tournament Champs, Brian Kroeger & gang out of Teachers. It was a learning experience for Mike and Fandangos. The Teachers educated them to the tune of 10-2.

What happened was, after consulting with team members, Mike decided to play 21 points knowing that Brian would be forced to anti up 25 points as his players consisted of four '6's and one '7'. That would give him 3-games on the wire. It didn't work out so good for them.

Teachers turned on from the bell by taking three wins the first round, all four the second and capped it off with three more wins in the third frame for the 10-5 (10-2) victory.

That extra \$1,000 pumped up Teachers' winnings to \$6,147.20. Not bad for the Happy Hour division.

Results of 76th M0-8 All-Star Singles Championship – Payout \$5,655.00

1. Mike Renick	(6)	1000 & Trophy	13/16. Semir Ekic	(6)	100
2. Keith Birch	(5)	800 & Trophy	13/16. Tom Dooley	(6)	100
3. Dennis Gallagher	(7)	635 & Trophy	13/16. Danny Llamas	(5)	100
4. Jeff Niebling	(5)	500	13/16. Bob Alferman	(5)	100
5/6. Nick Evans	(6)	375	17/24. Dustin Dunham	(8)	40
5/6. David West	(5)	375	17/24. Kyle Kroeger	(6)	40
7/8. Tony Napoli	(6)	275	17/24. Ed Chier	(6)	40
7/8. Ryan Schaefer	(4)	275	17/24. Marland Choy	(6)	40
9/12. Matt DeBarr	(7)	175	17/24. Kevin Brickey	(5)	40
9/12. Keith Valet	(6)	175	17/24. Chris Collins	(5)	40
9/12. Pat Blackwell	(5)	175	17/24. Mohammad Jalali	(4)	40
9/12. Mikey Evans	(3)	175	17/24. Rick Jones	(4)	40

Top Player Side Pot Winners – Payout \$570.00

1. Dennis Gallagher	\$300 + \$635 tourney = \$935 total winnings
2. Nick Evans	\$170 + \$375 tourney = \$545 total winnings
3. Matt DeBarr	\$100 + \$175 tourney = \$275 total winnings

Saturday and Sunday June 25-26, 2011 was the dates for the 76th Missouri 8 Ball All-Star Singles tournament. As usual the event took place at Side Pockets in St. Charles, Mo.

There were 160 players entered for this event. After Saturday's elimination rounds 67 showed up for the final shootout Sunday.

Mike Renick shot his way to his second championship win. That's two wins from the last three events. Last summer you may recall Mike snapped the '8' for the final game against Marland Choy. (You can bet Marland remembers.) This time he double dipped Keith Birch for the come-from-behind win. Yeah, always pulling off the unexpected and doing it in style. Congrats to Mike Renick and all the players that not only cashed but those who participated still making Missouri 8 Ball the most popular pool league around the St. Louis and surrounding areas.

Players with 4-win Matches

Teachers: Kyle Kroeger, John Bissell, Mario Webster, & twice for Mike Werner – **21 Rock:** Rob Royer

Fandangos: Jerry Terbrock, Bill Harwell, Pat Dirsas & John Porter – **Hotshots WC:** Ron Seiber

Libby's: Gene Schauman & Allan Ranay – **Classics:** Steve Monko & Ken Martin – **Nuts:** Ron Chatterton

Stan's Bar: Pete Hoffman – **Clubhouse:** Dave Smorado – **Red Birds:** Andy Quinn
ABC Billiards: Robert Schalk – **Fucifinos:** Nathan Brugmann – **Side Pockets:** Ed Chier
JP's Gravois: – Jerry Terbrock, Jim Wanner & Ed Parris
 Jerry Terbrock turned the trick with two teams: Fandangos & JP's Gravois
 Mike Werner twice for Teachers

Other odds and ends of the 4-win matches:

There were four matches that produced two players having 4 wins.

- 1) Teammates Mike Werner and Mario Webster for Teachers.
- 2) Bill Harwell (Fandangos) & Ron Seiber (Hotshots WC)
- 3) Robert Schalk (ABC Billiards) & Rob Royer (21 Rock)
- 4) Pat Dirsra (Fandangos) & Ken Martin (Classics)

There was ONE match that produced three players with 4 wins:

Ron Chatterton (Nuts) won 12-11 over (Libby's) Allan Ranay & Gene Schauman

Consecutive Wins		Total Wins		W-L Pct. 20 Games	
Jerry Terbrock *	11 (11-1)	Brian Kroeger	23 (2 teams)	Jerry Terbrock	.833 (24)
Kyle Kroeger	9 (10-3)	Jerry Terbrock	20 (2 teams)	Tony Napoli	.810 (21)
Tony Napoli	9 (12-2)	Tony Napoli	17 (2 teams)	Brian Kroeger	.767 (30)
Mario Webster	9 (11-3)	Kyle Kroeger	17 (2 teams)	Kyle Kroeger	.739 (23)
Steve Schultz	9 (12-6)	Bill Harwell	16	Bill Harwell	.640 (25)
Mike Werner	8 (8-0)	Wayne Turner	14 (2 teams)	Wayne Turner	.636 (22)
Jody Zeni	8 (8-1)	Ronnie Hanson	14	Ronnie Hanson	.583 (24)
Brian Kroeger *	7 (15-5)	John Bissell	13	Mike Devers	.550 (20)
Vernon Virgin	7 (7-1)	Tony Napoli	12	John Porter	.500 (22)
Steve Monko	6 (12-5)	John Schneider	12 (2 teams)	Pat Tobin	.500 (20)
Wayne Turner	6 (14-8)	Steve Monko	12		
Brian Kroeger *	6 (8-2)	Jason Helmholtz	12	14-19 Games	
Jerry Terbrock *	6 (9-3)	Steve Schultz	12	Mario Webster	.786 (14)
Andy Quinn	6 (6-0)	Mark Rowland	12	John Bissell	.722 (18)
John Porter	6 (11-9)	Jim Wanner	11	John Schneider	.706 (17)
Bill Harwell	6 (15-8)	Mario Webster	11	Steve Monko	.706 (17)
		Mike Devers	11	Jim Wanner	.688 (16)
		John Porter	11		

Speaking of oddities: There are 15 players listed on Div. #13's All-Star sheet. One third (or five for those in L.A.) of those have Dave as their first name. Taking it one step further, three of those Dave's are members of Valley Clubhouse. There are also three Mike's. (I know, I know – slow news day.)

Joe Lombardozzi and **Ronn Nadeau** were considering partnering up for the next doubles tournament. One is hip, and one has a new hip. Actually two new hips! Ronn is back in action and doing very well.

IQ Jones says: "After June's Singles Tournament **Jay Carlton** made an appointment at the city morgue. Says he wants to visit his bank shot, his kick shot and after going two and out AGAIN, what's left of his 8-ball career."

Happy Birthday Rich Sager

Saturday July 9th was also the anniversary of Rich Sager's arrival on the planet. Mr. Sager celebrated a double birthday of sorts. On July 9th Runout Rich turned 55, and his stroke turned 75.

(Huuuummm... I wonder if that is what he meant [after being eliminated from the tournament] when he said, "I wish I could shoot like I did 10 years ago?")

Hang in there Rich. There will be many more birthdays to go with many more tournaments.

Happy birthday, pal...

A new Fandangos 'Rivalry' in the making?

Someone brought this up during Sunday's semi-finals: What's a bigger rivalry, U.S. – Afghanistan, or the two Fandangos teams, one captained by **Mike Devers** and the other by his brother **Sam Devers**?

When it got down to the 'real nitty-gritty' they faced off this way; Sam's team, Fan #1, played 32 points. Mike's team, Fan #3, put up 28 points allowing them to get three games head start in a race to 12.

After three games were played in round three, Sam's team made up the 3-game spot and the score was tied 8-8. But the 4th and 5th games were taken by Mike's team, Mike himself and John Porter rounded out the third frame for a 10-8 lead.

When the pills were rolled out for round four both '8's, Jerry Terbrock and Sam Devers got the first two. When seeing that, someone said he thought he overheard Mike mumble something inaudible. But it wasn't loud enough for our microphones to pick up, so we have no way of knowing what it was. And when we brought in a "lip reader" the video wasn't clear enough to make it out.

So what happened? This! Jerry Terbrock broke open the rack, didn't make a ball and John Porter ran out. It wasn't as simple as all that. But a runout was the only way of keeping Mr. Terbrock in his chair.

The second game was close to that. Bill Harwell knocked a ball in off the break and slowly and methodically ran off his group for another runout off the break. Sam Devers didn't get a chance.

Two '8's up and two '8's down. And let that be a lesson for you. If you keep them sitting, your chances of coming out ahead are pretty good. That is soooooo eeeasyyyy to say.

Final score was 12-8 and that match sent Fandangos #3 into the Finals against Duchesne B&G to where Mike's guys overcame a 2-game spot to become the new Champions by edging out Duchesne 11-10.

Covering his Bases:

The first thing **Victor Day** did after walking into Fucifinos the last week of play was approach members of John Shields' team. There was a proposition on the table. Victor was offering a 20-dollar bounty on **Howard Lentz**. Because Victor's team had a bye this final week there was no way he could improve his one-game lead in the race for Top Player. Howard, on the other hand, needed just his first win to tie for the lead and his first two wins would take over the lead. Knowing that Howard would be playing at least three and possibly four games Victor had a chance. All Howard had to do was lose one game, just one. Any game would do. The first person to beat Howard would get a double sawbuck.

Lee Davis made a good effort but went down in the first round. Donald Rash had it won but missed a shot and Howard got out on him in the second game. Lee Davis got the call for another chance in the third but got shot down again. Three down and still one to go.

Now you have to remember at this point Howard had the title won. It was his. All he had to do was to break down his stick, slide it in his case and walk out of Fucifinos (in front of 30 people). Play stopped from the other match as everyone wanted to see the outcome. Howard did not leave. Sportsmanship!? Maybe! Howard went right back into action for the 4th round.

His last opponent was **Arthur Love**. Long story short, Arthur Love showed nooooo love. He not only took the TP title away from Howard but waved the 20-dollar bounty note in the air. Drinks were on Victor Day, heh, heh, heh. Hey, all's fair in love, war and 8-ball pool.

(Sportsmanship; bah, humbug!) Just kidding! Kudos to Howard Lentz for playing fair!

The final: Victor Day 27-12 .692, Howard Lentz 29-13 .690. A really great session for Victor & Howard. I'd say that Arthur came out a little ahead too.

On a Sad Note:

Two of our Missouri 8 Ball players passed away this July: Tom (Tommy) Arcobasso and Ronda Day. Those who knew Tom and Ronda will miss them very much. Take my word for it, two of the finest people you would ever want to meet and know.

Tom Arcobasso was the father of Chrissie (Arcobasso) Ayres, and father-in-law to Jeff Ayres.

Ronda Lynn Day was married to Victor Day and had been very sick for a couple years.

I'm sure everyone sends our heartfelt condolences to their friends and family.

The Missouri 8 Ball Pool League wants to congratulate all our members and teams that participated this session and we are looking forward to seeing you at the next big event.
Our office doors are always open to our members and feel free to contact us anytime.
Enjoy your summer vacation and we are looking forward to seeing you real soon.

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Jay L. Carlton – Assistant to the Wheels

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