



As in past sessions 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, Leadership, Sportsmanship and Team Spirit. Because Missouri 8 Ball is spread over vast areas both city and counties perhaps you would like to familiarize yourselves with players from other Teams & Divisions. Results and Information from/about the 82nd Missouri 8 Ball Pool League Spring Session January 21, 2013 to May 23, 2013 for 5-Player & 4-Player Divisions, Top Players, Top Females, All-Star Singles & Winning Teams, plus anything else we feel you may be interested in knowing.

Div. #1 Tuesday 16 Weeks Ranked #1 @ 29.30 points per team

In this toughest of all M0-8 divisions it comes as no surprise that the toughest of the tough would be an '8' level player the caliber of Jerry Terbrock. To outlast this field of talented shooters Jerry took over first place the 9th week and held on 29-7 .806. Jerry's .806 was .139 higher than runner-up Jim Wanner's 36-18 .667. That's how tough this division is. Of the 15 making the All-Star sheet Jerry was the only '8', followed by four '7's and ten '6's. Great shooting, Jerry!

Hotshots SC #2 took the lead the 10th week and barely held on for a 10-6 tie sending the decision to the games W-L Pct. HSSC-2 beat out HSWC 154-129 .544 to 157-147 .516. Helping HSSC-2 get there were Jim Wanner (36-18 .667), Mike Wills (30-21 .588) and Joe Curlee (20-15 .571).

There was a ton of action both playoff weeks. Hotshots SC #1 took out Hotshots Arnold 11-8 behind the 4-wins of Roger Pheasant. Across town Hotshots WC edged out Fandangos #2, 11-10. For the losers Bill Harwell went 4-0 but was outshot by WC's John Porter's 4-0 and Dennis Agnew's 4-1, including the deciding case game. It was another battle for the second spot going to the big show. Hotshots SC #1 got 2-games on the wire and held on for an 11-10 victory over HSWC.

Getting HSSC #1 through the hard times, Jeff Diekemper (28-17 .622), Joe Evola (33-21 .611) and Mike Renick (34-22 .607). Way to hang in there, guys!

Div. #2 Tuesday 16 Weeks

Another tough race as four of the five teams finished 10 wins or better. Fandangos #1 (12-4) beat out Ivory Coast Bistro and Kirkwood Station, 11-5, and JP's Corner, 10-6. Considering they were in 4th after 11 weeks at 7-4, they needed to win the final five matches for a clear cut decision and did.

Leading Fandangos #1 to the victory circle was Mike Vergere. Mike's Top Player performance of 24-5 .828 slid past Larry Lammert the 13th week knocking Larry to the runner-up position, 29-7 .806. Teammates helping Mike Vergere were Mike Rotter (16-10 .615) and Robbi Rohr (16-17 .485). And let's not forget the leading lady was also a teammate, Rhonda Bartram. Rhonda came in 18-4 .818.

First playoff week Ivory Coast Bistro received a freebie when Fandangos #2 did a no-show. On the other side of town Kirkwood Station played host to JP's Gravois and won 11-7 behind the 4-0 night of Brandon Mitchener. Who? Yeah, I had to look him up, too. I went through division #2's All-Star sheets

and not once in the 16 weeks did Brandon's name appear. Talk about keeping a low profile. Nothing like making yourself known when the playoffs show up, right Brandon!

The second week Brandon won his first two games for a 6-game winning streak but it wasn't enough as Kirkwood went down to Ivory Coast 11-7. This time it was Paul Bulus going 4-0 for the Bistros'. Helping to get Ivory Coast there, coasting all the way, were Jesse Sherrell (22-8 .733), Jerry Dodson (23-16 .590) and Allen Barnhart (21-19 .525).

Div. #3 Wednesday 16 Weeks

For the final six weeks the race for Top Player was Jody Zeni barely keeping one step ahead of Joe Curlee. As they crossed the finish line Jody's 32-9 .780 was only .091 better than Joe's 31-14 .689. Adding a little more insult to injury Jody's team (Hotshots SC) edged out Joe's JP's Gravois #2 by a scantier .021. Tied at 11-5 but the games W-L Pct. gave it to HSSC, 145-125 .537 to 144-135 .516. Now the burning question is: Can they take it to the next level, the team championship? Stay tuned.

Helping Jody get there are teammates Bob Urberger (19-11 .633), Greg Newman (25-16 .610), Ken Mann (25-20 .556) and Don Michael (16-14 .533). Nice races and shooting, guys!

Playoff action the first week saw both JP's teams win. JP's #1 took an 11-6 victory over Hotshots Arnold #1 as JP's #2 knocked out Hotshots Arnold #2, 12-7. For bragging rights it was JP's #1 edging out JP's #2 11-9. Leading the way to victory were Pistol Pete Bigott (24-12 .667), Ken Pratt (29-19 .604), and Todd Lamwersiek (17-13 .567). Great going, guys!

Div. #4 Wednesday 16 Weeks

The race for Top Player went to the end as 21 Rock #1's Mike Knoll jumped in with only three weeks to go. It wasn't enough time as Hotshots Arnold's Larry Stuart held on for the title, 37-10 .787 to Mike's 35-10 .778. Only two wins and .009 was the difference. As good as that race was, from the team side it was Hotshots Fenton #3 (11-5) taking it out by one game over 21 Rock's #1 & #2's 10-6.

Four HS Fenton #3 members hit the hot sheet led by Rob Rooney's 28-13 .683. Teammates are Mike Siebert (29-14 .674), Allan Ranay (26-16 .619) and Brian Riggles (23-16 .590).

Victors the first playoff week were Hotshots Arnold over 21 Rock #2, 11-9, while 21 Rock #1 held up for an 11-7 win over Hotshots Fenton #2. Second week it was even tougher as 21 Rock #1 edged out Hotshots Arnold 11-10. Don Weber won case game and had a 4-1 night for the winners. Four 21 Rocker #1's hit the final hot sheet led by runner-up for top player Mike Knoll, 35-10 .778. Teammates are Don Weber (37-15 .712), Dan French (30-15 .667) and Ed Grimm (27-21 .563).

Div. #5 Wednesday 16 Weeks

Shot Heaven #1 took off like another Carrie Underwood hit by winning their first eight matches. Even though they split their final eight (4-4), they still came in one game over Stan's Bar, 12-4 to 11-5. Getting Shot Heaven #1 there were Pete Hoffman (31-13 .705), Mike Polewski (23-11 .676) and Asmer Jusic (24-14 .632). However, it was Stan's Bar's players that occupied the top two places on the All-Star sheet. Mike Basinger kept his lead over teammate Kevin Horne, 33-9 .786 to 33-12 .733. Nice finish!

First playoff week Shot Heaven #2 pulled off an 11-9 squeaker over Slo' Tom's #2, while Stan's Bar, behind the 4-wins of Jeff Frandera, ko'ed Slo' Tom's #1, 11-7. Second spot goes to Stan's Bar after shooting down Shot Heaven #2, 11-5. Jeff Frandera led the 2-weeks with a 6-1 record.

Getting Stan's Bar there other than Mike Basinger's 33-9 .786 and Kevin Horne's 33-12 .733, were teammates Jeff Frandera (23-10 .697) and John Wenzel (26-18 .591).

Div. #6 Thursday 16 Weeks

Hotshots Fenton and Wedge tied 10-6 for first place but it was no contest from the games W-L percentage. HS Fenton's 169-144 .540 was way ahead 153-161 .487. Even had HS Fenton lost their last match 0-11 and Wedge won theirs 11-0 it would have made no difference in the standings as Fenton would come in .522 to .505 for Wedge. That's how important it is to keep the games percentage as high as possible. Too many times a team lost out the final week by percentage points.

Getting HS Fenton there were five members making the hot sheet. Tom Davidson led their attack, 35-14 .714. Teammates are Ken Mann (33-15 .688), Ben Pona (31-16 .660), Jerry House (23-16 .590) and Rich Parshall (27-19 .587). Way to go guys.

Ed Libby did finish at the top for the title but as a '7' level player Easy Ed had to hit .830, as we all know is not very easy. Ed was a little light coming in at 30-8 .789. The only two players (Mike Bartram & Mac McDonald) having a chance for the title both went 4-0 their final match. Mike lifted to 26-8 .765 and was a little better than Mac's 35-11 .761.

Say hey to Marilyn Green. This gal from J.B. Rey's Fryhous not only led her team into the playoffs but finished 7th on the All-Star sheet with a nifty 28-14 .667. Her totals were also high enough they were third of all women for the 'Top Female' trophy this session. This southpaw shooting gal was as high as second place for a couple weeks and looks like she has ditched the rust. Marilyn had been out of the pool-scene for close to 20 years. Hang in there kiddo. Good luck and keep on stroking.

First playoff week Fandangos #1 beat out J.B. Rey's, 12-5, while Libby's went to the hill with Wedge. Amanda Dutton got the glad hand after this match. She won the double-hill game for Libby's and was the only Libby's player to win 3 games. Nice shooting Amanda.

Second week was another exciting match as Libby's received two games head start and held on for a tight 11-9 win. Amanda lets it all hang out for the playoffs with two more big wins. You get the standing 'O', girl. Good luck at the big show. Teammate Jerry Casey came in 24-15 .615.

Div. #7 Thursday 16 Weeks

Team #1 from Cotters led wire to wire. Two things jump out at-cha. The first tip off came when they began the season 5-0. Their 8-3 finish totaled 13-3 was 3-games over runners-up Foley's SC #2 and Stan's Bar #2, 10-6. Number two: The three members hitting the hot sheet all finished with 30-wins or more. Leading Cotters #1 throughout was Randy Heisner with his second place totals of 37-12 .755. However, because the first place leader, Lonnie Hanneke (35-10 .778), did not hit high enough for his '7' level (which had to be .875 or better) Lonnie had to give up the Top Player title. Randy's totals for his '5' level were high enough giving him the award. In addition to Randy, Cotter #1 teammates contributing were Bill March (30-16 .652) and Paul Bulus (32-19 .627).

Three ladies made the final cut landing on the All-Star honor roll. Leading the girls is Donna Pope from Foley's SC #1 with her 18th place finish, 20-12 .625. Rebekah Katzenberger is back in town and back on the hot sheet with a neat 19-17 .528 for Stan's Bar. Not to be out done Kim Fried was 22-20 .524 for her Wedge team. Great shooting, ladies!

First playoff match winner was Ivory Coast Bistro 11-6 over Stan's Bar #2. But Stan's Bar #1 came through with an 11-4 win over Foley's SC #2. The thing about this match is all seven members for Stan's-1 contributed with at least one win. It happened one other time this session, Div-11. To wrap up for the big show big game Stan's Bar #1 muscled up for the 11-3 (11-5) winning match over the Bistro Boys.

In addition to Lonnie Hanneke's 35-10 .778 we have 3rd place John O'Farrell at 27-9 .750, Jim Stevens, 24-14 .632, and Tim Finnegan at 20-16 .556. Nice shooting, guys!

Div. #8 Monday 16 Weeks Ranked #8 @ 24.53 points per team

After eight matches, if you had Cactus Inn or Redbirds at 6-2 in the team race - YOU LOSE! Classics came from way down (3-5) then went 7-1 the final eight weeks for a 10-6 tie. That also took their games W-L Pct. to .537, better than Cactus Inn's .487. It was a great come-from-behind win for Classics. Three of their teammates made the final sheet beginning with newcomer Tom Mueller leading the way with a neat 22-15 .595. Others are Danny Robinson (32-25 .561) and Uncle Pete Mocca (27-23 .540).

When Cactus Inn's Matt DeBarr took the lead for Top Player the 12th week he was 26-13 .667. With the talents of Redbirds' Mike Remiger and Mike Emerson riding his heels Matt had to turn it up a notch. Matt went 11-1 the final four weeks increasing his lead to 37-14 .725 over Remiger's 32-16 .667 and Emerson's 21-11 .656. Great finish Matt.

First playoff week Cactus Inn gave Clubhouse a 2-game spot. Cactus stuck in more than a thorn as they nailed the Clubhousers 11-6. Meanwhile, the Rock Road Salooner's (with no players making the final All-Star sheet) KO'd Redbirds setting up a Cactus Inn/Saloon meeting. It was a tough battle as the Rock Roader's took the 11-10 double hill match even though two Cactus players, Matt DeBarr & Mark DeMariano had 4-0 matches. Jerry Ray won case game to be Saloon's hero. Welcome back Jerry.

Div. #9 Monday 16 Weeks

On the 10th week of play Dellwood's Sean Deckard had a 4-0 match. Those four wins allowed Sean to take over first place on the hot sheet dropping Wayne Lowery Jr. to second. Sean's 23-6 was only one loss better than Wayne's 23-7. From that time to the end Deckard shot at a 17-4 clip to Wayne's 6-1 for Top Player. Final totals were tight at 40-10 .800 to 29-8 .784, or only .016 different. Nice race, guys!

From the team race Final Destination #2 opened up a 4-0 lead and never was out of first place ending 11-5, one game over Hotshots NC #2's 10-6. Getting Final D-2 there were five members making the honor roll. Runner-up for Top Player Wayne Lowery Jr. led the attack, 29-8 .784. Others are Shawn Tendiel (37-16 .698), Don Parson (23-14 .622), Scott Isidor (24-15 .615) and John Zeppo (25-19 .568).

First week's playoff matches saw Classics #2 take an 11-8 win over Cactus Inn with Rich Henning going 4-0 and Sherry Peitz kicking in three wins. Hotshots NC #2 clipped Toni's Dellwood, 11-7. Second week was just as tough as HSNC-2 gave two games on the wire to Classics-2 for another 11-10 match with Jon Pecoraro going 4-0. In addition to Jon's fine performance three teammates made the final sheet: John Knue (28-17 .622), Seth Pecoraro (29-18 .617) and Blake Bucholz (22-15 .595). Nice going, guys!

Div. #10 Tuesday 16 Weeks

Only two players this entire session, Charlack Pub's Larry Hebold and from Nuts, Ron King, led for Top Player. Larry led the first eight weeks, Ron the final eight. Ron King's 33-5 .868 outlasted runner-up Brett Fallon, 34-10 .773 and Larry Hebold, 26-9 .743. Nice shooting, guy!

From the team race there is Nuts again. They tied with Classics at 12-4 but their games W-L Pct. was higher .558 to .537. Getting Nuts past the post, in addition to Ron King's Top Player numbers are teammates Biff Barieter (24-16 .600), Sam DiMarco (16-13 .552) and Frank Smith (22-18 .550).

First week's playoff winners are Classics over Hotshots NC, 11-6, and Cactus Inn knocking out The Office, 11-4. Second week action had Cactus Inn getting 4-games head start. Classics muscled up and pulled out yet another 11-10 double hill match. Helping to get Classics through were six members making the hot sheet led by Captain Billy Wimberly, 24-9 .727. Teammates are Louis Erby (24-12 .667), Shawn Kline (22-12 .647), Leon Young (25-16 .610), LaJuania Henry (20-15 .571) and Lonnie McGregory's fine 18-14 .563. Billy Wimberly's 6-0 led the 2-week playoff matches with teammate Leon Young next 5-0.

If you didn't pick up on it, the leading female is LaJuania Henry. Of the 23 players making the hot sheet Lou's 20-15 .571 was good for 13th place. Nice going, Lou!

Div. #11 Wednesday 16 Weeks

It has been a few years since Allen Lewis picked up a Top Player trophy. Well, he may have picked one up to (re)-familiarize himself with what one looks like. But this season makes up for the long, too long over-do with a nice 40-14 .741. Allen slipped into the lead the 12th week and held on over runner-up Neil Owings' 27-13 .675 and newcomer Fa Makisini with the same 27-13 .675; all three players perform from different teams.

Lehmann's Landing, 12-4, came in 2-games over Clubhouse #1 and Classics #1 at 10-6. Getting Lehmann's to the finish line were four members hitting the hot sheet; Neil Owings (27-13 .675), Mike Kiwala (38-19 .667), Tyler Jones (33-21 .611) and Brandon Schowengett (18-14 .563).

First playoff week saw Classics #1 eliminate Classics #2, 11-5, as Clubhouse #2 eked out a 12-11 victory over Clubhouse #1. The second week playoff was one for the books as Clubhouse #2 received seven games on the wire from Classics #1. Down 7-0 before the first rack is broken Classics fought like they were defending the Alamo. Thirteen battles fought and 13 battles won. (13-7 with the spot) This was another odd match where all seven members won at least one game; the other Div.-7. Four Classics #1

members hit the hot sheet with Uncle Pete Mocca's 24-14 .632 leading the parade. Others are George Chaffin (also 24-14 .632), Brett Sneller (27-17 .614) and Wayne Turner (23-16 .590).

Div. #12 Thursday 16 Weeks Ranked 6th @ 24.65 points per team

As so often happens, this race was not finalized until the last week of play between the top two teams having to face each other in a winner-take-all shootout. In baseball "Ol' Abner has done it again" is what you hear from Mike Shannon. In pool it would be the schedule maker, in this case ol' Rusty. After 15 weeks Hazelwood Redbirds and Just Bill's Place were tied 10-5 with Redbirds' games W-L % higher .526 to .495. Had Redbirds played any other team and lost they still would have won the race whether Just Bill's won or lost. But they met this final week and Just Bill's gang took the match 11-7 for the one and only time they led the division. One Redbirds' supporter was heard to say, in his best Chester A. Riley role-playing impersonation, 'What a revolting development this is.' That's Just Bill's being just Bill.

Now we move to the Top Player race. Look, it's between a Redbirds player and a Just Bill's player. The difference was only .008 but enough for Rolla Hoffman's 27-8 .771 to edge out Rich Sager's 29-9 .763. The final week of play made it close for Rich. While he was having a 4-0 night and rose from .735 to .763, Rolla went 1-2 and .813 down to .771; still good enough for the title. Great race guys!

First playoff week we see that Fucifinos, behind the 4-win night of Neon Leon Young, beat out New Classics 11-9. Bad luck continued for the flock of 'birds as Final D #1 used them for skeet and shot them down 11-5. For the second week it was a final for Final D as 'finos took it 11-8. Helping out along the way were Leon Young (33-18 .647) and Lee Davis (29-22 .569). Nice going, guys!

Div. #13 Thursday 16 Weeks

It's all about Ballard's #2 going coast to coast this season. Sure, Ballard's #1 made the playoffs coming in 3rd, but it was B-2 grabbing the headlines from both races. The team come's outta the gate knocking off opponents easier than the 1961 Yankees. They jump-started with a 10-0 division lead and a Team Seal 6 attitude of 'try and stop us'. Their 14-2 was only one game over Hotshots Florissant but the games W-L % was .607. Four members hit the honor roll, all three in the first three places.

This was a great race the final nine weeks. In first place David Lehner and Justin Eifert second all nine weeks. David edged out Justin 26-6 .813 to 28-10 .737. Third place was Steve Mack (28-12 .700) and 10th, Jarred Cardinal (23-13 .639). And from the ladies side we have Cathy Nickles again. This Cactus Inn gal led with a neat 26-23 .531. Way to go, Cathy!

First playoff week Nuts hung an 11-5 loss on Ballard's #1 while Just Bill's Place went the distance with Hotshots Florissant. Just Bill's Jon Lancaster won the double hill game and went 4-1 on the night. For the wrap up Just Bill's took a tight 11-9 win over Nuts. Jon Lancaster led with his 36-19 .655 with Butch Matlock helping out, 28-17 .622. Way to hang in gang.

Div. #14 Wednesday 16 Weeks Ranked 9th @ 24.51 points per team

Side Pockets #2's Walter Crane Jr. jumped into first place on the All-Star sheet the 12th week and rode it to the finish line for another Top Player title. His 23-5 .821 edged out Duchesne B&G's Dave Brengle, 19-6 .760! However, neither is from the team that took out the team title. Teachers Billiards ended 12-4 or 2-games over the next three teams that tied at 10-6.

Helping to get Teachers there were three members hitting the honor roll beginning with Kris Farrand, 31-15 .674. Other two are Tony Napoli (22-11 .667) and Terry Moore (15-14 .517).

Playoff winners went to Side Pockets #2 edging out ABC Billiards, 11-10, even with Derek Schmuck having a 4-win night for ABC, and Redbirds, behind the 4-0 night of Ron Griffin, got past Duchesne B&G, 11-7. For the second spot Redbirds hung on for an 11-8 win over SP #2. The birds got a break when SP-2 came up a player short and had to give four forfeit wins away. Flying the birds to the 2nd spot were Kelly Nesslage (22-16 .579), Robert Bickford (21-16 .568) and Ron Griffin (25-21 .543).

Say congrats to Melissa Drew. This B&G gal led the ladies with a nice 18-15 .545.

Div. #15 Wednesday 16 Weeks

All those who did not know ABC Billiards would take the team title raise your hands. No one! Big surprise! There were two tipoffs. One: They blasted from the starting gate with a 7-match winning streak and finished 13-3. Two, I'll save this for a later date. For now, down the stretch, five members landed on the All-Star sheet beginning with runner-up for Top Player Brian Woolford. Brian came in at 31-5 .861. In 4th place was Shawn Jaeger, 32-12 .727. Following those two we have Brian House (23-15 .605), Anne Lavelle (also 23-15 .605) and Brett Creech (19-16 .543). Nice playing gang!

ABC's closest competition was Duchesne B&G #2 at 12-4. B&G also had five members make the final cut. Numerical uno was Top Player Mike Vergere. To say Mike Vergere had an outstanding season is like saying Taylor Swift had a noteworthy night winning eight Billboard awards Sunday May 19, 2013. Mike's 44-2 .957 deserves a lot of credit for one simple reason, had he lost three games the title would have gone to the next player in line. Mike is a '7' and certainly put it all together when he had to. He was 11-0 after four weeks and 16-2 after six weeks. But that 16-2 was good for only second place as Brian Woolford was cruising at 18-1. From that point to the end Mr. Vergere went 28-0 to Brian's 13-4. Talk about a great race. Both players were a great force getting their teams to the finish line.

Say congrats to Anne Lavelle. Ms Lavelle led the ladies department with a nifty 23-15 .605. Of the 15 making the sheet Anne was tied for 10th place. Runner-up is Jackie Rehklau, 19-23 .452.

First playoff week Teachers #2 gets an uncontested win as Teachers #1 does a no-show. Down the road a piece Duchesne B&G #1 received 7-games head start from their sister team B&G #2 and went on to mow them down, 13-6. B&G #1 got a 5-game lead the following week and almost pulled it off. But Teachers #2 was up to the challenge taking the match to double hill with Chris Caldwell winning that all-important case game. Arnie Jones (24-8 .750) and Ed Carion (30-12 .714) made the All-Start squad.

Div. #16 Thursday 16 Weeks Ranked #2 @ 29.00 points per team

As they say in books and in tight situations- 'timing is everything'. Case in point: Ed Carion might have surprised a few skeptics. Ed never saw his name in lights, his profile on a U.S. stamp or on this session's All-Star hot sheet. That is not until the 15th week. Ed (a '5') took over the top spot surprising the nine '6's and two '7's of which one of them was sure to come out ahead. I mean the smart money was already wagered on Nick Evens, Charlie Heavel, Jr., Jim Crosby, J.R. Simmons or any of the other 12 listed. Certainly not Ed Carion! But stuff happens; and Ed shot his way there and Ed certainly deserves the title. But wait, there is one week left to play.

What happened is this: Monty Caldwell goes 2-1 for a 4th place 29-14 .674; Nick Evans sat out the final week and tied for 2nd (20-9 .690) while Charlie Heavel, Jr. made a great effort by going 3-0 and jumped into second place, 29-13 .690. Ed's team got the bye that last week and so he had to rely on the others *not* to have a great last night. Ed's 18-8 .692 held up. It was only a minuscule .002 better, but again, 'timing is everything'. Congratulation, Ed.

ABC Billiards edged out the team race at 12-4. It was only one game better than Side Pockets #1's 11-5. Getting ABC there were four members making the hot sheet. Nick Evans led, 20-9 .690. Nick's teammates are Monty Caldwell (29-14 .690), J.R. Simmons (20-12 .625) and Brian Hedrick (22-15 .595).

First playoff week Side Pockets #1 beat out Teachers 11-5 while Side Pockets #2 edged out SP #3, 11-10 behind the four wins of Chip Schmidt. Second week SP #1 hit a hot streak by taking seven of the last eight games for an 11-4 victory over SP-2. For Side Pockets #1 both Keith Grob and Brian Kroeger went 5-0 for the playoffs. Great shooting, guys!

Div. #17 Thursday 16 Weeks

The full 16 weeks was a two-team race between Duchesne B&G and Side Pockets #2. Each team took their turn at the top until time ran out and each finished 13-3. The lead changed names almost every week until time ran out and B&G was last team standing 133-105 .559 to 116-111 .511. Getting B&G there were four teammates on the hot sheet beginning with runner-up for top player Pat Tobin, 23-8 .742. Others are Chris Donovan (19-11 .633), Steve Schultz (19-13 .594) and Mark Roland (17-14 .548).

First playoff week Rich's Place doubled up over Highway 94 Hotshots 11-5. Over at Side Pockets it was the all-women's team SP #2 taking an 11-9 squeaker from SP #1. Julia Gabriel led the attack with a 4-win match with Nikki Pagoria kicking in three wins. That wasn't as easy as it sounds. The girls were down 2-3 after one round and down 3-7 after the second round. They took four of five the third round closing the gap 7-8, lost the first game in round five making it 7-9. The girls turned it around by winning the last four games for the 11-9 victory.

That comeback pumped them up for the second playoff match. Against Rich's Place it went a little smoother. Julia went 3-0 and Jan Clark matched that as the girls took an 11-6 win to get to the big show. Ms Gabriel was the playoff MVP going 7-0. Add that to her Top Player totals and we have one of the highest sessions turned in by any female, 37-10 .787. Nice comeback and great shooting ladies.

As mentioned Julia Gabriel was Top Player. Her 30-10 .750 was only .008 over Pat Tobin's 23-8 .742. Other ladies making it are Nikki Pagoria (22-16 .579) and Anne Carion (21-19 .525).

Div. #18 Thursday 16 Weeks

The entire 16 weeks Salvatore's was either tied for first or in first place. It wasn't until the 11th week Sal's found they were alone, but it still wasn't from both ends. Sal's gang had the most wins but their games W-L Pct was not. So they had to continue putting up W's. They won four of their final five matches and then took over both ends just in case. Salvatore's 12-4 was two games better than Redbirds St. Charles, 10-6 and games W-L % was .020 higher.

Getting Sal's crew on top were four members hitting the All-Star sheet. Kyle Wagner led the attack with his Top Player performance, 43-8 .843. Teammates are Jason Miller (25-18 .581), Sean Kelly (23-18 .561) and Randy Tourville (20-17 .541). Runner-up for top player was Bob Frazier (Mark's #2), 30-11 .732. Nice shooting and nice race, guys!

First playoff week Mark's #2 lost four games to Redbirds St. Charles the first round then turned it up with three wins in the second going on to win 11-9. Across town ABC Billiards played host to Rich's Place and went down 11-5. Second week the gang from Rich's Place was in dead punch taking the match 11-7 behind the four wins put up by Jeff Maxville. Getting Rich's Place to the big dance were Jeff Maxwell (33-21 .611), newcomers Kent Keiser (36-24 .600) and Rodney Pahall (24-22 .522). Jeff Maxwell becomes the playoff MVP going 5-1 for Rich's Place. Nice shooting, guys!

Say congrats to Barb Beasley for taking this division's top female shooter. This Side Pockets gal made the hot sheet landing 4th highest, way ahead of the other 16 behind her. Barb was also the leading player from her Side Pockets team with a great 30-14 .682. Second lady was newcomer Kristy Schauer from Mark's Place. Kristy's first season's totals were 22-21 .512. Expect great things from these girls.

Div. #19 Thursday 16 Weeks

From week six to the end it was all ABC #5. They were two games over ABC #2, 12-4 to 10-6. The next three teams were 8-8 with poor ABC #3 like being hit with an ugly stick, 2-14. But they had fun and kept up with their fees. And that is a testament to their gamesmanship.

In addition to ABC-5 taking the team race, Jeff Davenport rips off the Top Player award. Jeff shot a mean 37-11 .771 slightly over ABC #1's Andy Tebeau, 28-10 .737. Helping Jeff get the team to the top was teammate Bob Colyott, 32-19 .627.

Playoffs went this way: First week ABC #2 clipped ABC #4, 11-9. Now, check this out, ABC #6 edged out ABC #1 in a strange type match. It goes in the books as 11-10, but read on. First off Kim's #6 gets a 5-game head start but then had to play a person short. (No Tony, not a short person.) This means that each round of play ABC #1 would receive one forfeit win in return. Counting the five games on the wire for #6 and the three forfeit wins for #1, at the end of round three the score is 10-10. For #6 it was Tina Dillard getting the number one pill and this '2' pulled out win number 11. Go figure. With four players they made it to the second week.

Unfortunately the celebration was short lived. The second week Sandy's #2 comes out smokin' and took the match 11-4. From Sandy's squad Tony Thieman was 34-13 .723 with Jim Roson kicking in a nice 31-17 .646. Nice playing guys and gals.

Div. # 20 Jefferson County 16 Weeks
 Champions: Kenny's #4 Captain: Mike Devers Won 15, lost 1
 Playoff Winner: Hillsboro Billiards Captain: John Neels
 Top Player: Kevin Carron 43-7 .860 (Courthouse Grill)
 (Only information available)

Div. # 21 Eureka 16 Weeks
 Champions: JP's Bar & Grill #3 Captain: John Pedrolie Won 13, lost 3
 Playoff Winner: JP's Bar & Grill #1 Captain: Fred Roulx, Jr.
 Top Player: John Pedrolie 27-4 .871 (JP's Bar & Grill #3)
 (Only information available)

Division	Top Player	Team	W	L	Pct.	Runner-up	Team	W	L	Pct.
Div. #15	Mike Vergere	Duchesne	44	2	.957	Brian Woolford	ABC Billiards	31	5	.861
Div. #21	John Pedrolie	JP's B&G	27	4	.871	No info for second				
Div. #10	Ron King #2	Nuts	33	5	.868	Brett Fallon	Cactus Inn	34	10	.773
Div. #20	Kevin Carron	Courthouse	43	7	.860	No info for second				
Div. #18	Kyle Wagner	Salvatore's	43	8	.843	Bob Frazier	Mark's #1	30	11	.732
Div. # 2	Mike Vergere	Fandangos #1	24	5	.828	Larry Lammert	Kirkwood Sta.	29	7	.806
Div. #14	Walter Crane Jr.	Side Poc. #2	23	5	.821	Dave Brengle	Duchesne B&G	19	6	.760
Div. #13	David Lehner	Ballards #2	26	6	.813	* Justin Eifert	Ballards #2	28	10	.737
Div. # 1	Jerry Terbrock	Hotshots WC	29	7	.806	Jim Wanner	Hotshots SC	36	18	.667
Div. # 9	Sean Deckard	Dellwood	40	10	.800	Wayne Lowery Jr.	Final D-2	29	8	.784
Div. # 4	Larry Stuart	HS Arnold	37	10	.787	Mike Knoll	21 Rock #1	35	10	.778
Div. # 5	Mike Basinger	Stan's Bar	33	9	.786	* Kevin House	Stan's Bar	33	12	.733
Div. # 3	Jody Zeni	Hotshots SC	32	9	.780	Joe Curlee	JP's Corner #2	31	14	.689
Div. #12	Rolla Hoffman	Redbirds	27	8	.771	Rich Sager	Just Bill's Place	29	9	.763
Div. #19	Jeff Davenport	ABC #5	37	11	.771	Andy Tebeau	ABC #1	28	10	.737
Div. # 6	Mike Bartram	Fandangos #1	26	8	.765	** Ed Libby	Libby's	30	8	.789
Div. # 7	Randy Heisner	Cotters #1	37	12	.755	** Lonnie Hanneke	Stan's Bar #1	35	10	.778
Div. #17	Julia Gabriel	Side Pockets #2	30	10	.750	Pat Tobin	Duchesne B&G	23	8	.742
Div. #11	Allen Lewis	Clubhouse #1	40	14	.741	Neil Owings	Lehmann's	27	13	.675
						Fa Makisini	Classics #2	27	13	.675
Div. # 8	Matt DeBarr	Cactus Inn	37	14	.725	Mike Remiger	Redbirds	32	16	.667
Div. #16	Ed Carion	Side Pockets #1	18	8	.692	Charlie Heavel, Jr.	Side Poc #3	29	13	.690
						Nick Evans	ABC Billiards	20	9	.690

* Teammates

** Div. #6 Ed Libby had to hit .830 for Top Player

** Div. #7 Lonnie Hanneke had to hit .875 for Top Player

5-Player Team Results - Payout \$19,200.00 – 42 Teams

No one can argue that the best team did not win the event. This Side Pockets team captained by Kyle Kroeger was involved in five matches, played 30-points three times; 28-points twice, gave up 16 games on the wire, won a total of 58 games, lost only 24, had a .707 W-L percentage and flat kicked butt.

Kyle's Killers opened up Saturday against a tough team out of Hotshots South County. Down 6-4 after two rounds Side Pockets won seven of the last eight games for the 11-7 win. They followed that up by handing Salvatore's a 5-game head start then overcome that for their second win, 12-8.

Sunday's schedule called for a meeting with the tough Teachers gang. Down three before the start Side Pockets hit a hot streak by taking all five games the second round and four the third round for a 12-6 victory. Three players won three games each and Dan Klemme ran his personal winning streak to seven.

It was back to work immediately as Nuts just knocked off Billy Wimberly's Classics' team, 11-8. Nuts got three games on the wire and put up a great battle. Up 5-3 after one round, 8-6 after two, tied 9-9 after three proved the match was still up for grabs. Al Hale put Side Pockets on the bubble and Brian Kroeger, with his 4th win, closed it out for the 11-9 victory advancing as one of the final two teams. Those four wins gave Brian Kroeger an 8-game winning streak.

From the top of the playing board Libby's was putting it all together for a run at the title. Their first match was weird to say the least. In a capsule Hotshots SC was one player short and had to forfeit one game each round (three total). Libby's received four games on the wire, plus the three forfeit wins left only four games to actually win, which they did with Ed Libby winning two and Jerry Casey winning the other two. Hotshots SC won seven and that was that. It goes in the record books as an 11-7 win for Libby's but actual games played was 7-4 in favor of Hotshots SC.

Libby's met ABC Billiards the next match and received a 2-game start. Libby's was down 8-7 in the third round, then thanks to Amanda Dutton, took the last two games and opened the 4th round with two fast wins. Amanda beat Brian Woolford for the hill game setting up Ed for the 11-8 winner.

Libby's first match Sunday met Kenny's from Barnhart. Kenny's having to give five-games on the wire found it hard to overcome and Ed's crew took the match 12-5 with Ms Dutton having two more important wins. The 6p.m. matchup against Ballards played even at 21 points. On paper it looks easy but there was nothing easy about this 11-6 match. Ed Libby won four games with Jerry Casey and Amanda Dutton kicking in three wins each.

For the wrap-up Side Pockets had to give Libby's five games on the wire. After Libby's won three the first round for a fast 8-2 lead, if it wasn't obvious SP had their work cut out for them, it certainly was now. They didn't waver. Side Pockets came back with four wins in round two closing the gap 9-6. Another four wins from round three tied the match 10-10. Matt White's, only win this match put SP on the hill and Dan Klemme put them over the wire for a great come-from-behind 12-10 Championship win.

Side Pockets takes the 5-Player Championship title and the \$6000 that go with it. Libby's takes the \$4000 second prize and hearty congratulations with a team that many thought had no chance.

Slick Chicks with Straight Shootin' Sticks

	Player	Team	W.	L.	Pct.	
Div. #017	Julia Gabriel	Side Pockets #2	30	10	.750	Looking at the list of ladies one might say 'who didn't know this?'
Div. #018	Barb Beasley	Side Pockets	30	14	.682	
Div. #006	Marilyn Green	J.B. Rey's	28	14	.667	They notice Julia Gabriel's name at the top. Think about it. Julia didn't just show up and throw her stick on the table. She had to earn this title.
Div. #103	Debbie Alvarado	Libby's	24	14	.632	
Div. #110	Mary Stillwell	Classics #2	24	14	.632	Check out the great session by Barbara Beasley, Marilyn Green, & Debbie Alvarado, with veterans Mary Stillwell and Donna Pope always make for great competition.
Div. #007	Donna Pope	Foley's SC #1	20	12	.625	
Div. #015	Anne Lavelle	ABC Billiards	23	15	.605	There are 8 ladies .600 or over.
Div. #101	Julie Hemann	HS Arnold #2	24	16	.600	
Div. #017	Nikki Pagoria	Side Pockets #2	22	16	.579	Several newcomer's are Nikki Pagoria, Kristy Schauer, Amanda Dutton, Anne Lavelle, etc! I think Ms Gabriel will have her hands full defending her Top Ladies Award.
Div. #010	LaJuania Henry	Classics	20	15	.571	
Div. #014	Melissa Drew	Duchesne B&G	18	15	.545	Let's not forget about Rhonda
Div. #013	Cathy Nickles	Cactus Inn	26	23	.531	
Div. #007	Rebekah Katzenberger	Stan's #2	19	17	.528	
Div. #017	Anne Carion	Side Pockets #2	21	19	.525	
Div. #007	Kim Fried	Wedge	22	20	.524	
Div. #102	Paula Dooley	HS Arnold #1	18	17	.514	
Div. #018	Kristy Schauer	Mark's #2	22	21	.512	
Div. #006	Amanda Dutton	Libby's	20	20	.500	

Div. #110	Nancy Piper	Clubhouse #2	15	15	.500		Bartram. Rhonda was ten games
Div. #105	Tracy Breitenfeld	Stan's Bar	19	21	.487		short and certainly had a shot had
Div. #108	Jeanine J.D. Dunn	Cactus Inn #1	16	23	.410		personal business not interfered.
Div. #015	Jackie Rehklau	Teachers #2	19	23	.452		

Honorable Mention:

Div. #002 Rhonda Bartram Fandangos #1 18 4 .818

** Rhonda did not qualify. Was short 10 plays.

Top Hitters from the Happy Hour teams

Division	Top Player	Team	W	L	Pct.	Runner-up	Team	W	L	Pct
Div. #103	John Snyder	Shot Heaven-1	42	5	.894	Kevin Hampton	Friendly's	43	13	.768
Div. #104	Pete Hoffman	Slo' Tom's	42	7	.857	f-s Rolla Hoffman	Slo' Tom's	31	7	.816
Div. #114	John Pedrolie	JP's B & G	41	7	.854	No info for second				
Div. #108	Biff Barieter	Nuts	26	5	.839	* Ron King	Nuts	40	11	.784
Div. #109	Joe Mele	Classics #2	33	7	.825	Dan Tucker	Classics #1	20	7	.741
Div. #105	Joe Curlee	Hotshots SC #1	26	8	.765	* Chris Collins	Hotshots SC #1	32	10	.762
Div. #102	Ed Medlock	Hotshots SC	38	12	.760	Mike Crump	HS Fenton #2	32	14	.696
Div. #101	Bill Ray	JP's Gravois #1	31	10	.756	** Jerry Terbrock	JP's Gravois #1	37	7	.841
Div. #113	Wayne Coder	Shirley's	30	10	.750	Nathan Brugmann	Mark's	36	15	.706
Div. #106	Jim Crosby	Redbirds #2	26	9	.743	* Keith Grob	Redbirds #2	25	13	.658
Div. #107	Tony Gregory	Pirates Cove	40	14	.741	Danny Robinson	Classics	37	14	.725
Div. #110	Bob Rojeski	Classics #1	40	15	.727	Dave Gase	Our Place	38	15	.717
Div. #111	Nick Evans	ABC Bill. #1	34	13	.723	* J.R. Simmons	ABC Billiards #1	26	12	.684
Div. #112	Walter Crane Jr.	HSSSt.C-1	41	17	.707	Aaron Moss	Teachers Bill.	31	17	.646

* Teammates

** Div. #101 Jerry Terbrock had to hit .860 for Top Player

f-s Father-Son and teammates from Slo' Tom's

Div. #101 Monday 16 Weeks Ranked #4 @ 26.13 points per team

For 15 of the 16 weeks JP Gravois #1 was in first place including the final 14 weeks. For all 16 weeks Jerry Terbrock was leading the All-Star parade. For the last nine weeks teammate Bill Ray was in second place. Together, along with Jim Wanner's 27-15 .643, they edged out Hotshots Arnold's #2's gang 11-4 to 10-5. So what's the problem? Did I say there was a problem? Actually, no! Because even though Mr. Terbrock ended the campaign 37-7 .841, and Bill Ray's 31-10 .756 was second, well, Jerry's .841 was a little shy of what an '8' level player had to hit; and that be .860.

Bill Ray gets the nod for the title as his numbers are high enough for a '6' level player. Not all is bad for Jerry Terbrock. He did take out the title from Division One and will not have to go through the preliminary rounds Saturday. Problem? What problem? Ain't got no stinking problem!

Say hey to Julie Hemann. This hotshot Hotshots girl from Arnold's #2 crew led the ladies with a neat 24-16 .600 which was strong enough for 7th place of the 16 on the hot sheet. Nice going, Julie!

First playoff week we see that Hotshots #3 from Arnold had to give HSA #2 a 3-game head start. It took four rounds as #3 pulled out a 10-6 win behind the 4-0 night of Mike Wills. Over at JP's they gave up 2-games to Hotshots WC then came back for a 9-7 victory. Second week JP's #2 earned the second spot by taking a 9-5 decision from Arnold's #2. Helping to get JP-2 there were Ken Mann (33-18 .647), Denis Dunbar (30-21 .588) and Dennis Bullock (24-18 .571).

Div. #102 Monday 16 Weeks

It took 14 weeks to get to first place but once there Hotshots SC held off HS Fenton's #2 & #3. Getting there were three members hitting the hot sheet led by Top Player Ed Medlock. Ed was 38-12 .760 with teammates Jason Skrbins (36-20 .643) and Roger Pheasant (30-21 .588) pitching in. Mike Crump, HS Fenton #2, was runner-up for top player at 32-14 .696.

The name Dooley is synonymous in local amateur pool leagues and recognized in M0-8 ball circles for 25 years, and now, to continue it's widely and well-known legacy, the newest Dooley, Paula Dooley. Paula led from the ladies department and finished 15th on the All-Star sheet. Paula assisted her Hotshots Arnold #1 teammates to the playoffs with a nice 18-17 .514 session. Nice going, Paula.

First playoff week was a couple 9-7 matches. Hotshots Fenton #2 beat out Hotshots Arnold #1 and JP's Gravois took out HS Fenton #3 behind the 4-win night of John Legens. Second week John was still in dead punch as he again went 4-0 in leading JP's to a 9-5 victory over HS Fenton #2. Also helping JP's get there were Joey Diaz (26-15 .634), Jim Kiwala (21-16 .568) and Tim Huntley (18-17 .514).

Obviously John is the MVP with his 8-0 playoff showing. It is also obvious that Mr. Legens has a flair for the dramatic. Before playoffs he was a so-so .500 ending the season 19-19. As they say in books, and high school graduation nights - 'timing is everything'! Great shooting, John!

Div. #103 Monday 16 Weeks

Libby's made the playoffs again. No surprise here. The difference now than from other sessions is Debbie Alvarado. This gal not only led the female department with a nifty 24-14 .632, but of the 20 making the hot sheet Delightful Debbie landed in the number seven spot. You go girl!

Debbie led the ladies and John Snyder led all others. Tattoo John took the lead the 5th week and ran off a fantastic season of 42-5 .894. John's Top Player performance was a whopping .126 higher than runner-up Kevin Hampton's 43-13 .768. John also led his Shot Heaven #1's crew to an 11-5 finish, only one game over the Famous Martini Bar and Stan's Bar, both at 10-6.

In addition to John's great season teammates making the sheet are Kenny Gerwitz (30-11 .732), Mike Polewski (25-17 .595) and Allan Ranay (20-17 .541). Two great finishes for first place.

First playoff week Stan's Bar took a 9-5 win from Filling Station and Libby's edged out the Famous Martini Bar 9-8 after giving them a 3-game head start. Tony Gregory went 4-0 and Debbie Alvarado was 3-0 for Libby's. Second week it was another tight battle as Stan's received 3-games on the wire. Even though two of Libby's members went 4-0 (Gary Heffernan & Jeff Ford) it wasn't in the cards to be. It went to the final game and Stan's gang takes the 10-9 victory. Helping to get Stan's Bar there were Matt Burke (26-14 .650), Bill Hubbs (24-19 .558) and Uptown Joe Brown (17-15 .531).

Div. #104 Monday 16 Weeks

From week eight through week 15 the same two names appear top-o'-the heap. They are Rolla Hoffman and father, Pete Hoffman. This is one of those times unforeseen events popped up at the most inopportune time. It is the final week of play, week 16 would be the perfect example. In Slo' Tom's 9-4 loss to first place Wedge #2, Rolla had an off night going 1-2. Pete, on the other hand, won the only game he played because the match was over before he got a chance to play his second game. That one win was really all that was needed to bring Pete's record to 42-7 .857. Rolla's 1-2 dropped him to second place, 31-7 .816. As they say in pool, 'sometimes timing is good, and sometimes timing is not so good.' Congratulations to Pete Hoffman for an outstanding season.

As mentioned Wedge #2 not only won the team race but went wire to wire ending 15-1. That was three games over Slo' Tom's 12-4. Three Wedge-2 members hit the hot sheet beginning with Mac McDonald's 35-10 .778. Others are Ray Ridenour (34-12 .739) and Vito Castelli (27-15 .643).

From Pardella Club #3, may I have a drum roll please... thank you... Donna Pope. This gal repeatedly leads this division from the ladies side. Donna shot a nice 25-23 .521. Go kiddo!

First playoff week we have a no-show and a squeaker. Slo' Tom's got a forfeit win because Mary's Blue Ribbon #1 bowed out. The squeaker went to Pardella Club #3. Bob Jones won four games including case game that knocked out Wedge #1, 9-8. Second week Slo' Tom's gang got their chance to show their stuff and show their stuff they did. The 5-game head start to Pardella Club #3 lasted two rounds. Tom's guys kicked it up a gear in the third round and ran away with the final seven games for an 11-8 victory. Getting Slo' Tom's there with Pete and Rolla are teammates Tom McLaughlin (29-12 .707) and Chuck Hooper (26-14 .650). Nice shooting, guys!

Div. #105 Thursday 16 Weeks

Joe Curlee and Chris Collins from Hotshots SC #1 made a great one-two punch. And it carried into the final week. The race for Top Player was as tight as Howard Lentz' shoes; (and when he walks he squeaks). To close it out Joe went 2-2 while Chris tried to pull it out with a 4-0 night. That brought their final totals to 26-8 .765 for Joe and 32-10 .762 for Chris, only a slight .003 difference. Great race, guys!

Stan's Bar went 5-2 the final seven weeks and led the parade with a 12-4 finish. That was just one game over Hotshots SC #'s 1 & 2. Getting Stan's Bar past the post were Chris Dondzila (24-10 .706), Ray Terry (22-13 .629), Jeff Breitenfeld (23-15 .605) and Tracy Breitenfeld (19-20 .487).

First playoff week saw Hotshots SC #2 get two games on the wire, plus three wins from Phil Henderson, and run out a 9-3 victory from Libby's. Hotshots SC #1 got a free pass from Hotshots Arnold as they did a no-show. Second week playoff saw Hotshots SC #2 get three games on the wire then run off three wins the first round for a fast 6-1 lead. From there they coasted to a 9-4 win getting to the big show. Helping HSSC-2 there were four players that made the hot sheet, Larry Reifsteck (26-12 .684), Phil Henderson (33-17 .660), Tony Lorenz (22-13 .629), and Eddie Price (21-13 .618). Nice going, guys!

Say hey to Tracy Breitenfeld. Tracy shoots out of Stan's Bar and played a big part in getting the gang first past the post. Tracy also led all ladies with 19 wins. Her 19-20 .487 no doubt will improve as Tracy is from a pool playing family. Nice going, girl!

Div. #106 Tuesday – In house 16 Weeks Ranked #5 @ 25.85 points per team

Each team from this division held the number one spot at least twice throughout this race. Not much of a surprise as you can see this division is ranked 5th toughest. Lisa Crosby and her Redbirds #2 posse took over for good the 13th week and ended the suspense coming in 11-5, or one game over team numbers 3 & 1. Leading the way were four members hitting the All-Star sheet. Jim Crosby took the Top Player title 26-9 .743 over teammate Keith Grob, 25-13 .658. Mark Voerg was 5th, 25-17 .595, with Walter Crane 6th, 24-17 .585.

First week's playoff matches went to Redbirds #3 10-6 over #6, as RB-1 edged out a 9-8 win over RB #4. Getting to the big show RB #3 took RB #1 to the hill for a 9-8 victory with Joe 'Cozy' Lombardozzi being the hero. Joe becomes MVP for his winning team going 6-1 for the playoffs. Rick Peters was 7-1 for the losing #1 team.

Div. #107 Tuesday 16 Weeks Ranked #10 @ 24.34 points per team

Tony Gregory has rebounded; regrouped even. What do you mean rebounded and regrouped? Just this, ever since Tony discovered his jump-stick was snapped in half he has gone about business as though nothing happened. This Pirates Cove shooter hasn't allowed that one 3-second incident bother him. The proof is in front of you. Tony is the Top Player from this division. It took him 'til week 14 to overtake the tough Classics' Danny Robinson; but once he did, the rest was positive playing as well as positive thinking. The final six weeks Tony went 14-3 to Danny's 13-4, just enough to bring home another Top Player title. Tony's 40-14 .741 was just a scant over Danny's runner-up totals of 37-14 .725.

Danny missed out the TP title but Classics was number one in the team race. Getting there were three other Classics' players; Wayne Turner (39-18 .684), Greg Schroeder (24-18 .571) and Uncle Pete Mocca (28-22 .560). Always tough!

First playoff week we see that Pirates Cove sneaked past Lehmann's #2, 9-7, even though Jim Harrison went 4-0 for the losers. Meanwhile Hotshots NC beat out Lehmann's #1 in a tighter match, 9-8. Second week action saw Mike Musser muscle up with a 4-win match to lead Hotshots NC to a 9-4 victory over Pirates Cove. Two HSNC players made the final hot sheet: Tom Meeks (33-19 .635) and Phil Steimel (32-21 .604). Nice going, guys!

Div. #108 Thursday 16 Weeks

Had the spring session stopped after 15 weeks Ron King would have gotten the photo-shoot, the fruit basket, the top player trophy and the pleasure of skipping Saturday's preliminary Single's rounds. Well, actually that isn't true. Ron did win the award from Division-10. But from this division Ron was

ridin' high, wide and handsome atop the All-Star sheet from week six through week 15. That would have been a great ending for Ron King. But as so often occurs there's always some fly in the ointment, some bug in the soup. In this case it was a Biff in the shadows. At no time throughout this season did Biff Barieter's name appear on the sheet. We checked. Not once. Not twice, but three times. Not there. It was the 16th and final week. How's that for a teammate? So Biff gets the photo-shoot, the fruit basket, etc. Ron, we at the M0-8 office feel your pain. At least you have Division-10.

Even though Nuts claims wire to wire entitlement they were in fact in a first place tie with Lehmann's #1 at the close of the season, 12-4. Their claim, and rightly so, comes from the games W-L percentage. Nuts was 136-97 .584 to Lehmann #1's 138-114 .548. Close but no cigar for the L-L squad.

Getting the nut-crackers there were Top Player 'sneaky' Biff Barieter (26-5 .839) and runner-up Ron King (40-11 .784). The other two are Sam DiMarco (22-13 .629) and John Grisham (18-15 .545).

First playoff week Suwaller's scored a 9-3 victory over Lehmann's #3 behind the three wins of Randy Turnbough. Charlack Pub must have missed a sign as they no-showed at Lehmann's for their match. Second week action was another victory for Suwallers scoring the 9-6 match over Lehmann's-1. Helping Suwallers to the big show: Randy Turnbough (28-17 .622) and Mike Waller (27-22 .551).

Jeanine Dunn led the ladies' attack. This Cactus Inn girl was a little off her game this session with only 16 wins but make no mistake she will be back next season. Hang in there J.D.

Div. #109 Thursday 16 Weeks Ranked #7 @ 24.64 points per team

Except for the one week Vernon Perkins led the division it was all Joe Mele and Dan Tucker. They sparred around each other until time ran out and Joe landed his first Top Player award in years coming in with great numbers, 33-7 .825. Dan wasn't far behind at 20-7 .741 and Vernon hung in there for third, 33-13 .717. Vernon finished third but his team did not. Kenny's Korner took complete control the 15th week and beat out all four Classics' teams. In addition to Vernon's .717, teammates making the hot sheet are Joe Middendorf (27-18 .600) and Pat Miley (19-17 .528). Way to go gang.

All four Classics teams made the playoffs and it went this way. Sue Vaughn's C-3 gang beat C-4, 9-2, while Dan Tucker's C-1 crew, behind four wins kicked in by Steve Monko, knocked out C-2, 9-6. Second week it was as close as newlyweds after the reception. C-3 got a 3-game head start but Mr. Tucker's gang made a great run coming from behind to take the match 10-9. The four Classic #1's on the hot sheet are Dan Tucker (20-7 .741), newcomer Rudy Riva (21-13 .618), Steve Monko (19-14 .576) and Floyd Dooley (19-15 .559). Nice going, guys!

Div. #110 Thursday 16 Weeks

If you had Classics #1 winning the team race after leading the first 15 weeks – YOU LOSE! It was another one of those weird things. Florissant Hotshots (formally Brewskeeze) was staying on Classics' heels the last seven weeks and pulled within .001 of a percentage point going into the final week of play. Classics took it on the chin from Our Place 5-9, while across town Hot-Flo won 9-6 overtaking the lead 11-5 to 10-6. Getting Hot-Flo through the hard times were four members making the All-Star sheet; Rich Taylor (35-16 .686), Mike Quinlisk (21-13 .618), John Littrell (22-15 .595) and Brett Ross (25-21 .543).

How ironic would this have been? Shooting it out for Top Player were Bob Rojas from Classics and Dave Gase from Our Place. With their teams facing each other the final week these two could have gone head to head had the pills rounded out that way. Bob went 3-1 and Dave was 3-0. Bob's numbers held up at 40-15 .727 and Dave's just .010 behind at 38-15 .717, only two wins different.

First playoff week Marley's took a 9-4 win over Clubhouse #2. Clubhouse #1 invaded Classics' house and got a 3-game head start. Even with Bob Rojas's 4-0 night that wasn't enough to keep Classics #1 in the hunt. Clubhouse #1 eked out a tough 9-8 victory to stay alive. The second week was almost a carbon copy with Clubhouse #1 getting another 3-game head start. None of the four Clubhouse #1 players, Dave Nishback, Larry Porter, Chris Henke or Lee Burns, would be what you call celebrity or household names. But they held it together when they had to and earned the second playoff spot with a 10-7 win over Marley's. We checked twice to confirm that newcomer to Missouri-8-Ball Lee Burns is the

only Clubhouse #1 member making the hot sheet and he didn't appear until the 13th week. Lee's 20-16 .556 was good for 11th place.

Two ladies hit their way onto the All-Star honor roll. Mary Stillwell, Classics #2, led the gals with her 6th place 24-14 .632, and Nancy Piper was 15-15 .500 for Clubhouse #2. Nice going, girls!

Div. #111 Tuesday 16 Weeks Ranked #3 @ 27.50 points per team

J.R. Simmons held the number one spot for nine weeks, Nick Evans only two. But the 16th and final week is the only one that counts to miss Saturday's elimination rounds at the All-Star tournament. These two teammates are from ABC Billiards #1. Nick's 34-13 .723 beat out J.R.'s 26-12 .684 by a slight .039. While Nick and J.R. were shooting it out for Top Player, Side Pockets #3 was shooting for the finish line. Their 13-3 was 3-games over ABC #2's 10-6.

Side Pockets #3 opened with three fast wins. From there it was a wire to wire ride. Getting SP-3 there were Eric Rackley (29-17 .630) and Tim Mislark (21-16 .568).

ABC #'s 1 & 2 made it to the second playoff week. ABC #1 knocked out Teachers #2, 9-3, and behind the 4-wins put up by Monty Caldwell, ABC #2 edged out Teachers #1, 9-7. For bragging rights it was ABC-1 in another squeaker over ABC-2, 9-8 with Big Daddy Buddy Evans in the spotlight. Buddy ended the contest by winning the double hill game. Nice shooting, guys!

Div. #112 Tuesday 16 Weeks

It took Elmer's gang all 16 weeks just to get to a tie for first place. After eight weeks of play they showed a 3-5 record with a low games won-lost percentage of 47-61 .435. From that point forward Elmer's went 7-1 in their final eight matches and 71-47 .602 in games. Adding those two half seasons together Elmer's finished 10-6 & games W-L % of .522. They played hard, got all the way up to the front door, and found it locked. For you see, Hotshots St. Charles #1 was also 10-6 but their games W-L Pct. was .006 better. Elmer's, 118-108 .522, but HSO-1 went three wins better, 121-108 .528. And get this, when the final hot sheet came out there were no players listed from Hotshots #1. None! Go figure!

Walter Crane Jr. is back in the spotlight. Walt (Hotshots St. Charles #2) jumped into the catbird seat the 15th week and held on for the Top Player title with a 41-17 .707. Runner-up was Teachers Billiards' Aaron Moss, 31-17 .646.

Elmer's didn't let down for the playoffs. They took a 9-5 decision from Side Pockets as Teachers Billiards knocked off Hotshots #2, 9-4. For the second spot it was Elmer's coming through with a tough 9-8 win over Teachers even though Teachers' Mike Ratliff went 4-0. Mike also was 6-0 for the two-week playoff, but it is Elmer's getting the nod behind the fine shooting of Jason Helmholtz (23-15 .605), Rick Spies (31-21 .596) and Bob Alferman (24-24 .500). Way to hang in gang.

Div. #113 Tuesday 16 Weeks

Side Pockets put together a team of new players and entered this Tuesday Happy Hour division. And wha'da'ya think happened? First time out of the box they take the prize. No holding back for these guys. With a go-get'em, take no prisoner's attitude; there's a new sheriff in town, well, over at Side Pockets anyway. It was first past the post with their 13-3 winning record. That was two games over Shirley's 11-5 and three games over both Duchesne B&G and Allstars, 10-6. Four of their members made the final two All-Star sheets: Steve Lewis (20-8 .714), Darin Pearl (23-12 .657), Carl Herr (24-14 .632) and Scott Spangler (19-13 .594). Great beginning, guys! Don't stop now.

Top Player honors go to Wayne Coder from Shirley's. Wayne jump-started his attack the first three weeks at 10-0 and rode it out for a 30-10 .750 winner, just a slight .044 over runner-up Nathan Brugmann's (Mark's Sports Bar) 36-15 .706. Nice race, guys!

First playoff week Allstars ko'ed Duchesne B&G, 9-2, and behind the 4-wins put up by Warner Brooks, Shirley's knocked out Mark's Sports Bar, 9-5. Second week Shirley's was up for it again taking a close 9-7 match from Allstars. Warner's 6-1 was tops for the playoffs.

Div. # 114 16 Weeks Eureka
 Champions: JP's Bar & Grill #3 Captain: Mike O'Rourke Wins 10, lost 5
 Playoff Winner: JP's Bar & Grill #2 Captain: John Pedrolie
 Top Player: John Pedrolie 41-7 .854 (JP's B&G #2)
 (Only information available)

Single's Results – Sat. & Sun. June 22-23, 2013

The action was fast, tough and exciting both days at Side Pockets Sports Grill in St. Charles, Mo. One hundred thirty one players signed up for the 82nd Missouri 8 Ball All-Star shootout. After Saturday's preliminary qualifying rounds concluded, a total of 56 players met for Sunday's finals.

Mike Vergere had to go all out the first round and what a battle. First opponent was the tough Rolla Hoffman. After getting past Rolla it was supposed to be John Pedrolie but John couldn't make it and Mike got a pass to the third round. There he met two-time winner Mike Renick. Never an easy task against Renick as the score was 2-1. Matt DeBarr was next in line for another 2-1 match and it didn't get any easier from there. Walter Crane, Jr. also put up a great tussle but went down putting Mr. Vergere one of the last two on the winner's side.

Coming up from the lower half of the board was Kris Farrand. Kris had his own problems putting together a string of hits leading off with Wayne Coder. After getting past Mike Basinger and Jeremy Davenport two more real tough matches followed against Tony Gregory and Mike O'Farrell. When Kris met Mike Vergere, Mike came away the lone gunman and Kris could not finish lower than third place.

Meanwhile, shooting it out from the one-loss side Walter Crane, Jr. was mowing them down. He knocked off Mike Wills, Pat Murphy and Kris Farrand to get another shot at Vergere. The first set was a real tough 2-1 match going to Walter that set up the finale. Walter took the first game and looked like an upset in was in the making when Mike evened the match 1-1. Mike broke the third and last game, and as everyone watched in disbelief, Mike ran out a game that most players would have tried to find a place to hide. Vergere found the pattern that led to the '8' ball and put it away for a real thought-out and well-played game for his first Missouri 8 Ball Championship.

The following are the 12 that cashed taking home part of the **\$4,435.00** up for grabs. Also the Top Player Side Pot was worth **\$450.00**.

- First: (7) * Mike Vergere \$1,000.00 & Trophy + First place Side Pot of \$225.00 = \$1,225.00
- 2nd. (6) * Walter Crane Jr. 785.00 & Trophy + Second place Side Pot of \$150.00 = \$935.00
- 3rd. (5) Kris Farrand 620.00 & Trophy
- 4th. (4) Pat Murphy 470.00
- 5/6. (6) Mike Wills 320.00
- 5/6. (5) Mike O'Farrell 320.00
- 7/8. (6) * Matt DeBarr 220.00 + Half of 3rd place Side Pot of \$37.50 = \$257.50
- 7/8. (5) * Tony Gregory 220.00 + Half of 3rd place Side Pot of \$37.50 = \$257.50
- 9/12. (7) John Neels 120.00
- 9/12. (6) Ed Chier 120.00 The Top Player Side Pot paid out a total of **\$450.00**. Only
- 9/12. (5) * Kyle Wagner 120.00 Top Players are eligible for that money. Matt and Tony
- 9/12. (5) * Pete Hoffman 120.00 finished 7/8 but were the next highest TP's in line.

* Top Players

5-Player Team - Payout \$19,200.00 - Fri., Sat., Sun., June 28-29-30, 2013

First: Side Pockets – St. Charles \$6000 Captain: Kyle Kroeger Members: Brian Kroeger
 Div. #16 Playoff Winner Keith Grob, Paul Verhulst, Dan Klemme, Al Hale, Ed Carion & Matt White

2nd. Libby's – St. Louis \$4000 Captain: Ed Libby Members: Amanda Dutton, Justin Rea
 Div. #6 Playoff Winner Jerry Casey, Vernon Thornton, Art Vanderiet, Eric Lister & Mike Pulcher

- 3/4. Ballards – Florissant \$2000 Captain: Steve Mack Members: Justin Eifert, Jarrod
Div. #13 Champs Cardinal, Brent McDonald, Dan Schmidt, Greg Govenal & David Lehner
- 3/4. Nuts – Maryland Heights \$2000 Captain: John Grisham Members: Frank & Justin Smith
Div. #10 Champs Ron King, Biff Barieter, Sam DiMarco, Al Walls & Vic Thebeau
- 5/8. Kenny’s – Barnhart \$1000 Captain: Mike Devers Members: John Porter
Div. #20 Champs RicardoBellido, Kurt Kertz & Joe Evola
- 5/8. Teachers – St. Peters \$1000 Captain: Tony Napoli Members: John Bissell, Kris Farrand
Div. #14 Champs Joe Schmidt, Jeremy Null, Terry Moore, Scott Petcu, Jake Hummel & Lisa Crosby
- 5/8. Hotshots NC – Bridgeton \$1000 Captain: Jon Pecoraro Members: Seth Pecoraro
Div. #9 Playoff Winner Blake Bucholz, Jon Knue, Rich Dobrick, Mark Boswell & Mike C. Roberts
- 5/8. Classics – Florissant \$1000 Captain: Billy Wimberly Members: LaJuania Henry, Louis Erby
Div. #10 Playoff Winner Leon Young, Shawn Kline, Lonnie McGregory, John Holman & Gus Wright
- 9/12. JP’s Grill – Eureka \$150 Captain: John Pedrolie Members: Johnny Sapp, Jeff Scott
Div. #21 Champs Mike O’Rourke, Steve Mozer, Matt Purcell & Bob Johnson
- 9/12. ABC Billiards – St. Peters \$150 Captain: Mike Stude Members: Anne Lavelle
Div. #15 Champs Brett Creech, Shawn Jaeger, Brain Woolford & Brian House
- 9/12. Final Destination – St. Ann \$150 Captain: Tim Conrey Members: Shawn Tendiel
Div. #9 Champs Wayne Lowery, Jr., Scott Isidor, Don Parson, Zach Rinehart & John Zeppo
- 9/12. Lehmann’s Landing – Bridgeton \$150 Captain: Kurt Bauer Members: Greg Mayfield, Tyler Jones
Div. #11 Champs Mike Kiwala, Neil Owings, Matt Cherry, Brandon Schowengett & Jim Underwood
- 9/12. Cotter’s – St. Louis \$150 Captain: Jessie Jimenez Members: Randy Heisner
Div. #7 Champs Mark O’Brien, Paul Bulus, Bill March, Terry Etling & Gary Kuhn
- 9/12. Salvatore’s – St. Peters \$150 Captain: Randy Tourville Members: Kyle Wagner
Div. #18 Champs Ryan Wagner, Sean Kelly, Jason Miller & Matt Apollo
- 9/12. Redbirds – St. Charles \$150 Captain: Susan Dobbs Valet Members: Ron Griffin, Mike
Div. #14 Playoff Winner King, Darien Wills, Robert Bickford, Kelly Nesslage & Malina Hollis
- 9/12. Hillsboro Billiards – Hillsboro \$150 Captain: John Neels Members: Mitch Parmeley
Div. #20 Playoff Winner Jody Zeni, David Moore, John Kite, Dave Luster & Al Talan

Side Pockets (Kyle Kroeger)

W. L. Pct.
58 24 .707 Actual games
0 16 .000 On wire
58 40 .592 Final totals

Ballards (Steve Mack)

W. L. Pct.
42 32 .568 Actual games
8 3 .727 On wire
50 35/ .588 Final totals

Libby’s (Ed Libby)

W. L. Pct.
36 38 .486 Actual games
16 0 1.000 On wire
52 38 578 Final totals

4-Player Team Results – Payout \$11,252.00 – 28 Teams

Okay, let’s lay out some numbers shall we: 12-14-16. No, these are not Lotto or Power Ball winning numbers (well, not this week), but rather significantly important nonetheless. They do represent \$\$\$ Five-thousand \$\$\$ to be exact! These three numbers are the ages of three members from the ABC Billiards Team Six that contributed in taking out the 4-Player Championship title at Side Pockets over the weekend. There are three other numbers representing ages of the three adults, but let’s not go there.

Try these numbers: 5-1, 5-2 & 11-1. This set of numbers coincide with the first three sets in line one. 12-year-old Ricky Evans was 5-1 for this event, 14-year-old brother Mikey was 5-2 and 16-year-old big brother Nick was 11-1. This group – 21-4 .840 – is their combined total won-lost percentage. I'd say not too shabby for a trio of (one pre-teen) and two teenagers going against tournament veterans. It sure beats a weekend at Kiddie Land. The other set of numbers – 16-7 .696 – is what the adults kicked in. Both Jeff Diekemper and J.R. Simmons were 8-3 each with Big Daddy Buddy Evans losing the only game he played. Hummmmm... I wonder if Buddy was voted a full share!?! We are talking \$833.33 apiece with two cents left over. Yeah, I'd say it beats a weekend at Kiddie Land or *anywhere* else.

It happened this way. ABC opened up their 3p.m. match Saturday by giving 3-games head start to Wedge. ABC took three wins the first, second and third rounds and the only game played in round four for the 10-6 win. The second match was against Nuts and that was a 9-5 victory with J.R. Simmons going 4-0. Nick Evans kicked in three wins as he also did in his first match.

To get to the hill ABC didn't give Redbirds a chance as they jumped on them winning all nine games played. Which was kind-a surprising as this same Redbirds club rode roughshod over Elmer's the previous match, 9-0.

Coming up to meet ABC for the title was Dan Tucker and crew from Classics. Classics gave up four games to Hotshots Florissant but that was short-lived. Classics won all four games in round one to tie the match. They split rounds two and three before Kelly Ambrose won the double hill game and Classics moved on to meet their next opponent. It would be Redbirds from Hazelwood. This was a real do or die match. Redbirds' was up 7-5 after three rounds but could not close it out. Classics took three games the 4th round for an 8-8 hill setup. Dapper Dan Tucker and Victor Day got the number one pills and after a little back-and-forth Dan pulled it out sending Classics to the 9p.m. slot. The battle continued as JP's Gravois took Classics to the hill a second time. When Denis Dunbar won his 4th game for JP's it looked like they had it. But Kelly Ambrose was up to it again. He became the hero for the second time and Classics was in the final four for Sunday.

JP's Eureka and Classics met for Sunday's first round. JP's got a 3-game start but Classics won all four in round one to wipe that out. The two teams split the second, third and fourth rounds and Classics came away 10-9 winners with Dan Tucker's 4th win being the double hill winner.

For the 4-Player Championship the final match was played heads-up at 24-ponts. ABC came out smokin' by taking the first three games to open up a 3-1 lead. The 2-2 split from the second round had ABC up 5-3. Going all out in the third round ABC took the final four games for a 9-3 win. Nick Evans won three games ending the campaign on an 8-game winning streak.

I'd say with the young ages of the three Evans Brothers this would have to be, on the average, the youngest team to win a Missouri 8 Ball Team Championship.

4-Player Team - Payout - \$11,252.00 - Sat., Sun., June 29-30, 2013

First Div. #111 Playoff Winner	ABC Billiards – St. Peters	\$5000	Captain: Nick Evans	Members: Buddy Evans Ricky Evans, Mikey Evans, J.R. Simmons & Jeff Diekemper
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2nd. Div. #109 Playoff Winner	Classics – Florissant	\$2500	Captain: Dan Tucker	Members: Steve Monko Kelly Ambrose, Floyd Dooley & Rudy Riva
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3/4. Div. #114 Champs	JP's B&G – Eureka	\$1000	Captain: Mike O'Rourke	Members: Steve Mozer Steve Reynolds, Gordy Neihoff, Victor Padilla & Junior Moore
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3/4. Div. #106 Champs	Redbirds – Hazelwood	\$1000	Captain: Lisa Crosby	Members: Jim Crosby Walter Crane, Sr., Keith Grob & Mark Voerg
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5/8. Div. #108 Champs	Nuts – Maryland Heights	\$438	Captain: Dale Fallon	Members: Sam DiMarco Ron King, Biff Barieter, John Grisham & Al Walls
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5/8. Hotshots SC – St. Louis \$438 Captain: Larry Reifsteck Members: Eric Price
Div. #105 Playoff Winner Phil Henderson, Tony Lorenz, Billy Heinemann & Danny Armstrong

5/8. JP's Gravois – Sunset Hills \$438 Captain: Denis Dunbar Members: Ken Mann
Div. #101 Playoff Winner Jim Musiol, Jr., Dennis Bullock & Charlie Bellers

5/8. Elmer's – St. Charles \$438 Captain: Jason Helmholtz Members: James Helmholtz, Jr.
Div. #112 Playoff Winner Ben Moorhead, Chuck Finch, Rick Spies & Bob Alferman

ABC Billiards (Nick Evans)

W.	L.	Pct.	
37	11	.771	Actual games
0	4	.000	On wire
37	15	.712	Final totals

JP's Eureka (Mike O'Rourke)

W.	L.	Pct.	
31	22	.585	Actual games
5	3	.625	On wire
36	25	.590	Final totals

Classics (Dan Tucker)

W.	L.	Pct.	
40	34	.541	Actual games
0	8	.000	On wire
40	42	.488	Final totals

4 Wins from a single Match:

ABC Billiards: Brian House & J.R. Simmons
Ballards: Steve Mack
Classics: Billy Wimberly & Dan Tucker
Cotter's: Paul Bulus (4-1)
Hotshots Fenton: Rich Parshall
Hotshots N.C.: Jon Knue
JP's Gravois: Jerry Terbrock, Dennis Bullock,
also Ken Mann & Denis Dunbar
Kenny's Korner: Vernon Perkins
Libby's: Ed Libby
Side Pocket: Brian Kroeger &, Eric Rackley
Shot Heaven: Bill Henderson (4-1)
Teachers: James Helmholtz, Jr.

10 + Wins

Nick Evans	ABC Billiards	11	1	.917
Ed Libby	Libby's	13	3	.813
Dan Klemme	Side Pockets	12	3	.800
John Porter	Kenny's	10	3	.769
Paul Verhulst	Side Pockets	12	4	.750
Al Hale	Side Pockets	11	4	.733
Steve Mack	Ballards	11	5	.688
Jerry Casey	Libby's	10	5	.667
Dan Tucker	Classics	12	7	.632
Steve Monko	Classics	11	7	.611
Kelly Ambrose	Classics	11	8	.579

Consecutive Wins:

10	Ed Libby	Libby's
8	Brian Kroeger	Side Pockets
8	Dennis Bullock	JP's Gravois
8	Nick Evans	ABC Billiards
7	Dan Klemme	Side Pockets
7	J.R. Simmons	ABC Billiards
7	Steve Mack	Ballards

Total Payout for the 82nd Tournaments

All-Star Singles	4,435.00
Top Player Side Pot	450.00
5-Player Team	19,200.00
4-Player Team	11,252.00
	\$35,337.00

Say What: Here is an oddity about the 5-player schedule. John Grisham's Nuts team won two matches and walked out with \$2000. Not bad, a grand a win. What happened was they got a bye Friday night. Their first Saturday match was a no-show allowing Nuts to go straight to the money. They cashed without firing a single shot. They beat Final Destination and Classics for their two wins then lost to eventual winner Side Pockets. Until now no team had gone straight to the money without playing a single match.

Talk about bad luck:

After having the worse day of his Missouri 8 Ball League playing career (0-5 in the playoffs), Howard Lentz said, "Now I wish the governor hadn't given me that pardon."

While trying to forget the disappointment, Howard thought about the date he had for that evening. It was with a magician's assistant. The final act is where she gets sawed in half; to wit Howard said, "With my luck I'll get the half that eats."

I.Q. Jones says: The weather in the Northeast has been unseasonably cold this season. Yeah, people there are still waiting for the heat to show up, you know, just like Jay Carlton's Happy Hour 8-ball team.

Overheard at the Team event: "Life is a crap-shoot. If you shoot snake eyes it's better to do it in a meaningless two-dollar game than in a championship match worth six-grand."

Mike the Spike: After reading where, according to The New York Times, Mexican drug cartels launder millions and millions of dollars through horse races, mentioned: "I hate to see something like betting on horses become corrupt and seedy. What's next, boxing, Chicago politics, DC Liberals?"

TV watcher **Philosophy Phil** reminds us that the original "Dallas" series started in 1978. Back then, America was very different. We had an ineffective, one-term president; gas prices were through the roof; and we were in a stand-off with Iran. Phil says, "I'm sure glad those dark days are over."

In Memory: Sad to announce that five Missouri 8 Ball League players passed away this past session. We will mention only their names and the areas they mostly were known to play. In alphabetical order:

Tom Cody – Classic's, Florissant

Steve Danegger – Longbranch, Cocktails, and Overland area

Greg DeWeese – Players Pub and Overland area

Pat Guittar – St. Charles, St. Peters areas

Rich Ortell (a.k.a. Rocky Ortello) – VFW, and other Florissant locations

R.I.P.

In Closing: Once again we at the Missouri 8 Ball office wish to thank all who participated this past session and many for the last 27 years. As we enter our 28th year we will continue to offer what we believe is the best Pool League in our local and surrounding areas. Thanks for your support and we hope you enjoy the events offered, i.e., Singles, Doubles and Team tournaments as well as weekly play.

Rusty Brandmeyer – Missouri 8 Ball Pool & Dart League Operator

Dave Collins – Jefferson County Operations

Roger Pheasant – Internet Specialist

Dustin Brandmeyer – M0-8 Magic Man

Jay L. Carlton – Assistant to the Wheels

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