



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 yourself with players from other Teams & Divisions.

Results and Information from/about the 84th Missouri 8 Ball Season. The Fall Session continues from the 28th year, September 9, 2013 to January 9, 2014. Information for 5-Player & 4-Player Divisions, Top Players, Top Females, All-Star Singles & Winning Teams, plus other categories we feel you may be interested in knowing. This report also includes 9-Ball results.

Div. # 1      Tuesday      14 Weeks      Considered 3rd toughest @ 27.64 points per team

Hotshots South County #1 rode the coattails of Hotshots West County and Hotshots Arnold throughout the season, but at the end they landed in a 9-5 three-way tie for first place. The only difference here is the 14th week was the wrap-up and HSSC #1's games W-L Pct. was slightly higher, 139-125 .527 to HSWC's 131-122 .518 and HS Arnold's 136-132 .507. Finishing out the top five qualifying teams were Pints and Rails and Hotshots South County #2 with 7-7 records.

Getting Hotshots SC#1 there were Bill Harwell (33-13 .717), Jim Wanner (30-14 .682), Mike Wills (20-13 .606) and Chris Collins (15-14 .517). Nice going, guys!

A pair of 7s rolled the dice and came in 1-2 for the Sunday only appearance. It was Ross Belt leading Pints & Rails to the final five with a great 32-8 .800. I say great because as the 3rd toughest division Ross had to beat out a lot of tough talent. Runner-up for Top Player is Bill Harwell. Bill led the parade the first six weeks before Ross took over for the final eight when time ran out. Bill won the most games but had to settle for second place, 33-13 .717. Great shooting and great race, guys!

First playoff week, over at West County, Hotshots saw WCHS give SCHS #2 two games on the wire. Down 9-7 at one point, WC roared back by taking the final four games for a come-from-behind 11-9 victory. Jerry Terbrock led the way by chipping in four wins for the winners. Pints & Rails won their last seven games for an 11-3 win over Hotshots Arnold. Brian Daniels and Mike Mueller kicked in 3-wins each in that blowout. The second week Pints & Rails handed HSWC their walking papers. Getting P&R there were Ross Belt (32-8 .800), Mike Mueller (17-11 .607) and Don Scott (23-20 .535).

Div. # 2      Monday      16 Weeks      Talk about a 'bragging rights'

situation! Both Final Destination clubs raced to the wire 1-2 the entire session. Final D #2 won their first eight matches and ended 12-4. Final D #1 rallied by winning their last seven matches for the 12-4 tie. As it so often happens, time ran out and the tie had to be settled by games W-L Pct. Final D #2 earned both the title and bragging rights with their 171-111 .606 to Final D #1's 161-140 .535. Hotshots NC #1 was third (9-7), but the last three teams were 5-11. Toni's Dellwood missed the cut by a scant .008.

Five Final D #2 members hit the hot sheet beginning with Shawn Tendiel, 39-14 .736. He was followed by Don Parson (29-12 .707), Scott Isidor (33-15 .688), Tim Conrey (34-16 .680) and Sad Sam Carter (21-14 .600). Nice season, guys!

The race for Top Player heated up the final three weeks by members of these same two teams. As Final D #1's Derek Helms went 8-1 to Final D #2's Shawn Tendiel's 6-5, the outcome turned to Derek's favor, 37-11 .771 to 39-14 .736. Great race, guy! One for FD-1 and one for FD-2. That's fair.

First playoff week we see that Hotshots NC #1 showed their muscle by handing HSNC #2 an 11-6 loss with both Mike C. Roberts and Aaron Boswell kicking in three wins each. Over on the Rock Road Cactus Inn got one game on the wire plus one forfeit win and beat Final D #1, 11-7.

Second Playoff match had HSNC #1 getting a 2-game head start and held on for a tight 11-10 big show win. HSNC-1's Mark Boswell was saving it up for the right time. And the right time was this second playoff match. Mark did not make the All-Star sheet and went 1-2 the first playoff match. But when it counted Marvelous Mark's 4-0 led the way. In fact the only member to make the hot sheet was Captain Jon Pecoraro. Jon's 36-17 .679 was good for 10th on the list of 15. Great shooting, guys!

#### Div. # 3      Monday      16 Weeks

Classics #1, with their usual last minute heroics, pulled into first place the 14th week and held out for an 11-5 finish, one game over Fucifinos 2.0's 10-6. Four members made the final cut led by Danny Robinson's 32-16 .667. Teammates are Sir James Oetker (29-15 .659), Dale 'Watertower' Waters (21-14 .600) and Fast (but not last) Eddie Johnson (25-20 .556). Nice comeback and great shooting, guys!

Three hot hitters vied for the Top Player title, one Redbird and two 'fino 2.0's. The final week told the story as both Mike Remiger and John Lucas went 2-2 while Don Johnson stroked out a 4-0 night. That moved Don from third to first place by a lowly .012 margin. Johnson's 39-13 .750 skimmed past Remiger's 31-11 .738 and Lucas' 26-10 .722. Another great season and great race!

Action from first playoff matches saw Fucifinos 2.0 give Classics #3 three games head start, receive two forfeit games in return, and pull out a 12-8 win. Redbirds were anything but dead birds as they gave Clubhouse three games on the string and also rallied for a 12-8 win.

Second Playoff week was up for grabs as both Fucifinos and Redbirds went one game short of double hill. Redbirds' Tom Dooley flew in with four wins with Calvin Niehaus adding three for a tough 11-9 win. Redbirds got there with three members making the hot sheet. Mike Remiger led (31-11 .738) with teammates Calvin Niehaus (32-20 .615) and Tom Dooley (32-21 .604) helping out.

#### Div. # 4      Tuesday      14 Weeks

It was Billy Wimberly and Company once again leading the division coming in 13-1 with 152 wins and a .591 game's W-L Pct. That was 3-games in front of 2nd place Acapulco, 10-4. One big reason is Billy and teammate John Holman tied for top player honors along with Rich Sager, all at 23-6 .793. Runout Rich has the honor and distinction (if you want to label it this way) of adding another notch to his already record holding of leading a division, but not being able to collect because his '8' level required that his W-L Pct had to be over .900. This makes the 10th or 11th or 100th time. As impressive as it may sound, a record no one really wants to add to their résumé.

However, and I cannot stress this enough, do not be fooled by the totals, heh, heh, heh. Billy and John shot it off for the title and John prevailed. In addition to Billy's and John's 23-6 .793, teammates helping out along the way are Lonnie McGregory (25-12 .676), Shawn Kline (24-14 .632) and John Lee (21-16 .568). Two great races, guys!

Say hey to Aleeta Smith. This Office girl does more than run a copy machine or take dictation. Aleeta again led the ladies with a nice 25-21 .543. Nice shooting Aleeta.

First playoff week Lehmann's #1, behind the 4-win match from Mike Jones, took an 11-9 decision from Acapulco. Acapulco's Jose Pedroza also punched out four wins in a losing cause. In the second match T.R. Gater's got four games on the wire from Schmitt's and held on for an 11-6 victory. Second week Lehmann's #1 took a big bite out of Gater's offence. First they received two games on the wire and because Gater's had only four players, L.L. got another three wins by forfeit. The 11-6 (8-6) win sent Lehmann's #1 to the big dance. Two members hit the hot sheet, Bob Ackley's 31-10 .756 and Mike Jones, 23-20 .535. Way to hang in there guys!

Div. # 5      Wednesday    14 Weeks      Considered 8th toughest @ 24.07 points per team

With three weeks to go Classics jumped the line and held on with an 11-3 finish, a single game over both Clubhouse #1 and Lehmann's #1's, 10-4. Leading the Classics gang was runner-up for top player, Uncle Pete Mocca. (See 'How Close Was It' at the end). Uncle Pete's 23-10 .697 was just shy of Top Player Clubhouse #1's Dave Woodruff's 20-8 .714.

Other Classics' members making the final hot sheet are Brett Sneller (18-10 .643), Danny Robinson (21-13 .618) and Mary Stillwell (22-15 .595). Mary also led the ladies from this division. Of the 18 making the final sheet Mary came in 10th beating out such notables as Howard Lentz, Tyler Jones, Mike Warfel and Jim Davis. Nice going kiddo.

First playoff week 5th place Acapulco received one-game on the wire from 2nd place Clubhouse #1. But that's not the story. Acapulco was missing one player and had to forfeit one game per round. Turned out to be a minor setback as Acapulco turned a negative situation into a positive one and managed to pull out an 11-10 victory. Go figure.

Clubhouse #2 was not so fortunate. They showed up with only four players to take on Lehmann's Landing #1. C-2 got 2-games head start but gave back three forfeit games as Lehmann's took the match 11-9. "Sometimes you get the bull and sometimes the bull gets you." (Joe Lombardozzi - 2013)

Second week was another squeaker. Acapulco received a 3-game head start but Lehmann Landing landed the final blow by taking the double hill match 12-11. Getting Lehmann's #1 there were Kurt Bauer (17-10 .630), Mike Kiwala (18-11 .621), Jim Underwood (17-12 .586) and Tyler Jones (21-15 .583).

Div. # 6      Wednesday    14 Weeks      There are about a half dozen stories from this division. Where to begin? As they say in books, 'the beginning is a nice place'. Okay, first and foremost, there is a 3-way tie for the team race. If you had Side Pockets #3 winning after leading the first 13 weeks – YOU LOSE. Teachers #2, Side Pockets #3 and ABC Billiards all crossed the line with 10-4 records.

Second: Moving over to the Top Player race we see that Ed Chier jump started his run to the top by leading the first 12 weeks. His main rivals, Tony Napoli and Mike Welker, were just a couple games off in second and third place. After six weeks Tony actually pulled into a two-way tie, 30-6 .833 the 13th week setting the stage for week 14.

Third: Teachers #2 was in the second spot most of the way. Going into the final week T-2 needed a win and they needed SP-3 to lose. As Teachers-2 was taking an 11-7 decision from Big A's, they got help from sister team Teachers #1 who took out Side Pockets #3, 11-10. That situation sent the whole session to the games W-L Pct. Teachers #2 came away victors, 147-111 .570 to SP-3's 139-108 .563 and ABC's 132-111 .543.

Fourth: While Teachers-2 was going for first place Tony went 2-1. Side Pockets #3, without the help of Ed, went down 11-10 for a second place finish. ABC's Mike Welker went 1-0 with ABC in 3rd. Final placing: Ed Chier 30-6 .833, Tony Napoli 32-7 .821 and Mike Welker, 33-11 .750!

Aiding and abetting Tony and Teachers #2 were John Bissell (28-11 .718), Jess Napoli (20-11 .645), newcomer Jeff Hoskins (17-11 .607), Lisa Crosby (23-15 .605) and Derek Sexton (18-13 .581).

Fifth: Of the 20 players making the final sheet #9 is Melissa Drew. Melissa led the ladies with a very impressive 20-9 .690. Not far behind in 14th place was Lisa Crosby, 23-15 .605. Nice going girls!

First playoff week Side Pockets #3 gave two games to SP-2 and overcame that for an 11-8 win. The nail-biter between ABC and Teachers #1 went double hill. Even though Ed Carion was 4-0 at that time it was little Jackie Rehklaue the hero, or heroine. Jackie's lone win carried over the following week when Teachers #1 came away 11-7 winners as SP-3 could manage only four players and had to forfeit four games. Helping Teachers #1 get there were Ed Carion (29-12 .707), Arnie Jones (24-15 .615) and Chris Caldwell (17-12 .586). Nice shooting guys and girl!

Div. # 7      Wednesday    14 Weeks

If you had Hotshots SC topping the field after their 7-0 start – YOU WIN. Yep, and going 5-2 the rest of the way didn't allow much hope for the competition. HSSC's 12-2 finished three games over

runner-up HS Arnold's 9-5. And this division's burning question is: How are numbers 11 and 14 related? I can't think of anything. But to Jody Zeni it was the two and only two weeks he was atop o'da chart. Jody's top player numbers were 28-9 .757 beating out runner-up JP's Gravois' Ken Pratt, 31-11 .738. Helping Jody and HSSC past the post were teammates Tom Davidson (30-11 .732) and Greg Newman (18-11 .621). Great races and great shooting, guys!

First playoff week Hotshots Arnold was victorious over HS Fenton #1, 11-7, but HS Fenton #2 went all the way for an 11-10 win over JPs Gravois. The city of Arnold kicked out Fenton the second week and headed for the big dance. Getting HS Arnold there were Larry Stuart (25-13 .658) and Tony Blackwood (23-15 .605). Great going, guys!

Div. # 8      Wednesday      14 Weeks      If you had Shot Heaven for team champs after leading the first 13 weeks – YOU LOSE. The 14th week Shot Heaven went up against 5th place Libby's and went down 11-8. They also dropped to second place. Filling Station found a weakness in Foley's defense and took advantage to the tune of the same 11-8 score. As mentioned, this is the only time Filling Station led and the last week is the only one that counts. As they say in Vegas, 'that's why they roll the dice'.

In addition to Libby's 5th place finish the first two on the hot sheet are teammates Ed Libby and Jerry Casey. Easy Ed's 25-4 .862 was way ahead for the title with Jerry's 28-11 .718 second. The story is Ed was mired in 6th place after five weeks at 7-3. The 6th week Ed made it look easy going 4-0 and jumped right into first place. The 7th week Jerry fell in behind Ed and together went 1-2 the rest of the way. Ed going 18-1 the final eight weeks and Jerry's 16-7 was good for runner-up. Great shooting, guy!

Getting Filling Station to the top were five members making the All-Star sheet beginning with Tim Finnegan, 22-10 .688. Teammates are Semir Ekic (31-16 .660), Bob Follis (25-15 .625), Dan Shelton (21-13 .618) and Larry Stafford (22-15 .595). Way to hang in there gang!

First week's playoffs had Stan's #1 k-o Wedge 11-7. Not too far away Shot Heaven was playing host to Libby's. Ed's gang wasn't inside 10 minutes when they immediately found themselves in quicksand. Having to give Shot Heaven a 5-game head start was bad enough but when the halos won five of the first six games for a fast 10-1 lead, suddenly this race-to-12 match had gamblers heading for the "smart money" window for Shot Heaven.

Whether it was luck, the Crystal Ball lady or just plain hard determination, Libby's proved there were still a lot of games to be played. As quick as Shot Heaven scored six games, Libby's (to make a long story short) scored 11 wins from the next 12 games for an incredible come-from-behind 12-11 victory. The bookies hadn't taken this big a beating since Mazeraski's 9th inning homer back in 1960.

So how did the follow-up come out? Week two Easy Ed's gang once again found themselves in another uneasy situation. Having to give Stan's Bar #1 a 3-game lead didn't seem so bad after overcoming last week's situation. That is not until they realized they were down 10-5 after two rounds and two games. Again, someone must have brought out the secret pixie dust because of the next eight games played Libby's won seven of them. It was another unbelievable come-from-behind 12-11 heart-pounder. Talk about having flair for the dramatic, Libby's gave 8 games on the wire and had to win 24 games to earn their way to the big dance. Certainly deserving! Getting Ed's gang there, as mentioned, Ed 25-4 .862 and Jerry Casey 28-11 .718. Others are Justin Rea (21-12 .636) and Brian Sullivan (18-12 .600). Hot going!

Div. # 9      Thursday      15 Weeks      Except for the second week Hotshots Fenton was the parade leader and ended the season 10-5. Six members landing on the hot sheet may have had something to do with it. Runner-up for top player who led Fenton's attack was Tom Davidson, 31-8 .795. Tom's five teammates are Rich Parshall (27-10 .730), Ken Mann (28-16 .636), Ben Pona (23-15 .605), Bob Urberger (25-17 .595) and Jerry House (20-18 .526). Davidson was a distant second to Fandangos #2's Top Player Ronnie Hansen, 32-4 .889. Ronnie jumped the line the 11th week and stayed for the ride.

Stratford Inn's Marilyn Green led the ladies with a neat 22-15 .595. Hotshots Arnold #1's Shellie Downs 19-19 .500 made the sheet the final week. Nice going girls.

First playoff week both matches were decided 11-9. Stratford Inn was led by the Bobbish Brothers, Mike and Mikel kicking in three wins each. Fandangos #2 was victorious over HS Arnold even though they gave up four games on the string. Second week was another 11-9 final as Fandangos #2 goes to the big show behind the 4-0 shooting of both Ronnie Hansen and Doug Wallace. Both also went 6-1 for the playoffs. Great shooting, guys!

Div. # 10      Thursday      15 Weeks

If you skip the second week you could say Cotters #1 went wire to wire. Their 13-2 finish was three games over Cotters #2 and Sophie's Place at 10-5 each. Four C-1 members hit the hot sheet leading with Top Player Lonnie Hanneke, 34-9 .791. Lonnie reached the top the 11th week and held on for the title. Teammates are Randy Heisner (25-10 .714), Paul Bulus (24-16 .600) and Kurt Hansen (23-17 .575). Runner-up for top player was Wedge #2's Harold Fuqua. Harold came in 30-9 .769. Nice going guys!

Here's that girl from Stan's Bar again. Rebekah Katzenberger led from the ladies department. This gal came on the final week, 17-15 .531, to help her team into 4th place. Nice work Rebekah.

First playoff week Stacked Burger Bar received a 2-game head start then stacked nine games on top of them to bring in the 11-10 cliffhanger. It was the same over at Sophie's Place. They spotted Stan's Bar two and played catch-up all the way for a big 11-10 victory. Sophie's Captain John O'Farrell led with his 4-0 night. Week two was another one up for grabs. Sophie's gave three games on the wire to Stacked Burger Bar. That kicked it up a notch making it a race to 12.

Again this match went the distance. Again it was a 4-0 night for Mr. O'Farrell. Not to be outdone Jim Stevens pumped in 4-wins of his own. The 12-11 win sent Sophies to the big dance. It goes without saying that with his 8-0 record John O'Farrell is the playoff MVP. Five members made the All-Star sheet beginning with John's 29-10 .744. Teammates are Jim Stevens (31-13 .705), Ron Anderson (20-12 .625), Robert Froesel (23-17 .575) and newcomer Sean McElrea (25-19 .568). Very nice playoffs, guys!

Div. # 11      Thursday      15 Weeks      Considered 6th toughest @ 26.99 points per team

From the third week to the finish line it was Redbirds #1 and Ballards, or Ballards and Redbirds. They changed places more often than a guy in the Witness Protection program then ended up in an 11-4 tie. The games W-L Pct. went to Redbirds #1, 123-84 .594, to Ballard's 135-114 .542.

Four Birds flew their way across the wire beginning with Top Player Rolla Hoffman, 22-6 .786. Teammates are Denny DeMello (18-10 .643), Ken Pruett (23-13 .639) and Chris Salvo (16-12 .571). Runner-up for TP was Redbirds #2's Victor Day, 21-10 .677. Great race guys!

First playoff week saw Ballards get three games head start and run off a 12-7 victory. Over at Fucifinos the 2.0 guys edged it out 11-9 over the Clubhousers with Neon Leon Young having a nice 4-0 match and Mr. Lee Davis kicking in three wins of his own.

Second playoff week Ballards received four games on the wire but that was offset by Mr. Arthur Love. Arthur showed no love as he hammered out a 4-win match leading Fucifinos to an 11-9 victory and a team entry into the big showdown. Other 'fino-1's helping out are Leon Young (29-16 .644), Lee Davis (27-16 .628) and Mark McConnell (15-13 .536). Nice shooting Arthur and gang.

Div. # 12      Thursday      15 Weeks

Just Bill's Place was in a just Bill's race the final 11 weeks. Once they jumped-started their offense there was no stopping them. Their 12-3 record was two games better than Redbirds' 10-5. Not only did Bill's Place run up 163 wins and a .613 W-L Pct., but Jon Lancaster took out the Top Player award. Jon's 36-9 .800 was only one win better than Cactus Inn's Dan Young's 35-9 .795. Talk about close. If that wasn't enough Aleeta Smith again took out the top female spot with a hot 25-13 .658. Two other members making the hot sheet are Warner Brooks (32-16 .667) and Butch Matlock (25-18 .581).

First playoff week saw a couple blowouts. Redbird's knocked off Cactus Inn, 11-6, while Final Destination took care of Nuts, 11-5. Second week Final D gave up two games on the wire to Redbirds, rallied to overcome that, and behind the 4-0 night of Sean Murphy took out a tough 11-10 victory. That raised Sean's playoff totals to 6-0 and MVP status. Nice going, Sean.

Three Final D members hit the final hot sheet led by Doug Gibbons, 30-11 .732. Teammates are Sean Murphy (25-13 .658) and Dan Abrams (20-16 .556). Way to hang in guys!

Div. # 13      Thursday      15 Weeks      Considered #1 toughest @ 28.84 points per team

Tied at 4-wins each after four weeks Teachers #'s 2 & 4 met. T-2 won a tough 11-10 battle over T-4 for the lead. That would be the only loss T-4 would suffer. Their 10-game winning streak tells the tale with their 14-1 finish. T-2 came in a distant second, 11-4. Getting Teachers #4 past the post were five members beginning with Top Player Paul Hopfer. Paul's 25-8 .758 outlasted runner-up Teachers #2 Brian Kroeger, 23-8 .742, only two wins difference. Paul's teammates are Tony Napoli (28-16 .636), Bob Robbins (22-14 .611), Andy Hurwitz (17-11 .607) and Mike Welker (25-17 .595).

The two playoff weeks proved what was advertised, that this being the toughest division, and teams involved lived up to the hype. First playoff week Nick Evans lost his first match then ran off four wins in a row to lead ABC past Side Pockets #1, 11-10. Down Highway 94 at Teachers, visiting team Side Pockets #2 got three games on the string. Those three plus the four wins Walt Crane Jr. turned in didn't stand up to the onslaught put out by the Teacher's gang. It went to the wire 12-11 with Brian Kroeger's three wins, the third being the winner.

Second week was another thriller. Playing even, Teachers #2, behind another three wins by Brian K. again held on for an 11-9 squeaker over ABC. Brian's 6-0 was good enough for MVP. Five members made the final sheet beginning with Brian K's 23-8 .742. Teammates are Al Hale (20-10 .667), Ed Carion (17-12 .586), Keith Grob (15-12 .556) and Dan Klemme (18-15 .545). Way to really hang in guys!

Div. # 14      Thursday      15 Weeks      Considered 7th toughest @ 24.21 points per team

Rich's Place opened the season by winning their first four matches. It wasn't easy but they kept enough ahead of the field to hang in going wire to wire for a 10-5 winner beating out the 9-6 of Duchesne B&G. It was a double-header for Rich's Place as Ron Griffin jumped the shark the 14th week coming in 28-13 .683 for Top Player honors. This is how close it was, the next three all finished with .660 percentages. Making it close were Gene Rader (35-18 .660), Mark Roland (33-17 .660) and Julia Gabriel (also 33-17 .660). Talk about a couple great races.

To the surprise of no one Julia Gabriel led the ladies department again. Of the 15 on the sheet this leader of Side Pockets #1's all women's team came in tied for third, 33-17 .660. Like Old Man River, this gal just keeps rolling along. Another nice session, Julia!

First playoff week Duchesne B&G jumped outta the box and headed home before Side Pockets #1 could catch their breathes. The 10-0 start (SP got one on the wire for 10-1) was looking like a complete whitewash until the SP girls ran three in a row. It was closed out 11-4 as all eight members from Duchesne B&G pitched in with at least one win. Duchesne B&G tied a record set last season when on Monday 11-25-13 Classics' Jeff Taylor's gang won 11-8 (12-8) and the next night, Tuesday 11-26-13 Miguel's club from Acapulco won 11-7 (11-8). Only 37 days later, go figure.

The second match wasn't as dramatic, play wise, as only five members from Side Pockets #3 took an 11-9 decision from SP-2. One reason is Tim Graves hogged the show by winning four games. As they say in books, 'It doesn't matter how many players win, it's the club with the highest number that counts when the score sheet is turned in.' Close book!

DB&G edged out SP#3 for the right to go above. Helping DB&G to get there were Mark Roland (33-17 .660), Pat Tobin (26-15 .634) and Steve Schultz (21-16 .568). Nice shooting, guys!

Div. # 15      Thursday      15 Weeks      If week 13 was *unlucky* for one team it stands to reason it would have to be lucky for another, especially if they played each other. In this case when both of Salvatore's teams met one was going down. Sal's #2 took a close 11-9 decision from Sal's #1 and held on for a 13-2 finish as Sal's #1 and Hotshots O'Fallon's came home 12-3.

Five of Salvatore's #2 members helped getting to the wire. Runner-up for top player Kent Keiser led the attack with his 37-13 .740. Ernie Braidlow came out smokin' with his best performance in years

and was leading the parade the 12th week finally ending in third place, 33-13 .717. Other teammates are Jeff Maxville (28-17 .622), Chuck Humburg (22-18 .550) & Dan Frawley (21-18 .538). Nice shooting.

So who gets the photo shoot? Kyle Wagner took over the 13th week and beat out Kent Keiser by a single game, 37-12 .755 to Kent's 37-13 .740. Another great race!

Both first weeks playoff matches went 11-6. Matt Black, with his three wins, led Redbirds over the O'Fallon Hotshots gang while Side Pockets locked out Salvatore's #1 with Jim Elshcide and Vanna Leavy each having a 3-win night. Redbirds flew over Side Pockets the second week with three members hitting the hot sheet. Grady Hester led the team, 29-14 .674. Others are Greg Winchester (30-18 .625) and Rich Ruops (23-16 .590). Nice going, guys!

Div. # 16 Thursday 15 Weeks In-house Six-teams

The 11-4 tie was with ABC #'s 4 & 5. But the games W-L Pct. went to #5. Their 148-122 .548 edged out #4's, 140-130 .519. And it would not have happened had not #5 won the 12-11 shootout on the final week. ABC #5 took both sides of the coin. Tony Thieman won four games from that 12-11 victory even though he was so far ahead Tony could have gone 0-6 and still took the Top Player award by .002, .782. Tony's 47-6 .887 was .107 over runner-up Andy Tebeau's 32-9 .780. Two of Tony's teammates also made the final cut, Jim Roson (22-16 .579) and Mike Rieker (24-21 .533).

First playoff week Eric Hall got more help from the wire than from his teammates. ABC #1 received 4-games head start, and with Eric's four wins eked out the 11-10 match over ABC #4. Across the room ABC #3 and ABC #2 had it out in #3's favor, 11-7. The second week #3 edged out #1, 11-9 with Jsun Mitchell going 6-2 for the playoffs. Three #3 members hit the hot sheet led by Jsun's 23-17 .575. Teammates are newcomer Matt Fozzard (19-18 .514) and Carl Adcock (18-18 .500). Nice going, guys!

Div. # 17 16 Weeks Eureka Division Winner: JPs Eureka (14-2) Capt. John Pedrolie  
Playoff Winner: Capt. Earl Challans Top Player: From JPs B&G – Tom Dinovi 29-5 .853

Div. # 18 16 Weeks Jeff. County Div. Winner: Kenny's #2 B&G (15-1) Capt. Mike Devers  
Playoff Winner: K-#1 Capt. Mike O'Farrell Top Player: B&G's - Kevin Carron 32-6 .842

Div.	Top Player	Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Runner-up	Team	W.	L.	Pct.
# 9	Ronnie Hansen	Fandangos #2	32	4	.889	Tom Davidson	HS Fenton	31	8	.795
# 16.	Tony Thieman	ABC Bill. #5	47	6	.887	Andy Tebeau	ABC Bill. #4	32	9	.780
# 8.	Ed Libby	Libby's	25	4	.862	Jerry Casey	Libby's	28	11	.718
# 17.	Tom Dinovi	JPs Eureka	29	5	.853	No info for runner-up				
# 18.	Kevin Caron	Kenny's B&G	32	6	.842	No info for runner-up				
# 6.	Ed Chier	Side Pockets #3	30	6	.833	Tony Napoli	Teachers #2	32	7	.821
# 12.	Jon Lancaster	Just Bill's Place	36	9	.800	Dan Young	Cactus Inn	35	9	.795
# 1.	Ross Belt	Pints & Rails	32	8	.800	Bill Harwell	HSSC #1	33	13	.717
# 4.	John Holman	Classics	23	6	.793	Billy or John	Classics	23	6	.793
						Rich Sager	Schmitt's	23	6	.793
# 10.	Lonnie Hanneke	Cotters #1	34	9	.791	Harold Fuqua	Wedge #2	30	9	.769
# 11.	Rolla Hoffman	Redbirds #1	22	6	.786	Victor Day	Redbirds #2	21	10	.677
# 2.	Derek Helms	Final Des. #1	37	11	.771	Shawn Tendiel	Final Des. #2	39	14	.736
# 13.	Paul Hopfer	Teachers #4	25	8	.758	Brian Kroeger	Teachers #2	23	8	.742
# 7.	Jody Zeni	Hotshots SC	28	9	.757	Ken Pratt	JP's Gravois #1	31	11	.738
# 15.	Kyle Wagner	Salvatore's #1	37	12	.755	Kent Keiser	Salvatore's #2	37	13	.740
# 3.	Don Johnson	Fucifinos 2.0	39	13	.750	Mike Remiger	Redbirds	31	11	.738
# 5.	Dave Woodruff	Clubhouse #1	20	8	.714	Uncle Pete Mocca	Classics	23	10	.697
# 14.	Ron Griffin	Rich's Place	28	13	.683	Gene Rader	Side Poc. #2	35	18	.660
						Julia Gabriel	Side Poc. #1	33	17	.660
						Mark Roland	Duchesne	33	17	.660

\*\*\* #4. Three way tie at 23-6 .793 between Rich Sager, John Holman & Billy Wimberly.

Rich did not hit high enough for his '8' level. Had to finish over .900.  
 John Holman defeated Billy Wimberly in the shootout for Top Player.

### Results from the 5-Player Board - \$17,200 Paid Out

Champions: Pints & Rails	\$6000	Capt: Brendan Sullivan	Members: Vicki Narez
Div. #1 Playoff Champs: St. Louis		Ross Belt, Don Scott, Matt Petefish, Brian Daniels	Colby Hinch, Scott Hyatt & Mike Mueller
Second: Hotshots Fenton	\$3800	Capt: Bob Urberger	Members: Ben Pona, Tom Davidson
Div. #9 Champs: Fenton			Ken Mann, Jerry House & Rich Parshall
3/4. Teachers	\$1900	Capt: Paul Hopfer	Members: Tony Napoli, Bob Robbins
Div. #13 Champs: St. Charles		Mike Welker, Jeremy Null, Andy Hurwitz & Ryan Hopping	
3/4. Salvatore's #2	\$1900	Capt: Kent Keiser	Members: Ernie Braidlow, Jeff Maxville, Nick
Div. #15 Champs: St. Charles		Volansky, Chuck Humburg, Dan Frawley, Rick Eagan & Ted Perotte	
5/8. Fucifinos	\$900	Capt: Robert Dino Brown	Members: Leon Young, Lee Davis
Div. #11 Playoff Champs: Berkeley		Mark McConnell, Arthur Love, Lorenzo Casey & Perry Coats	
5/8. Libby's	\$900	Capt: Justin Rea	Members: Ed Libby, Jerry Casey, Mark Rambo
Div. #8 Playoff Champs: St. Louis		Olivia Paquet, Brian Sullivan & Vernon Thornton	
5/8. Teachers	\$900	Capt: Kyle Kroeger	Members: Brian Kroeger, Paul Verhulst
Div. #13 Playoff Champs: St. Charles		Keith Grob, Dan Klemme, Al Hale, Ed Carion & Matt White	
5/8. Just Bill's Place	\$900	Capt: Kathy Anderson	Members: Jon Lancaster, Ann Matlock
Div. #12 Champs: Overland		Butch Matlock, Terry Lancaster, Warner Brooks & Aleeta Smith	

### Ladies Department

Div.	Top Player	Team	W.	L.	Pct.
#109	Julia Gabriel	Side Pockets #2	25	11	.694
# 6.	Melissa Drew	Side Pockets #2	20	9	.690
# 14.	Julia Gabriel	Side Pockets #1	33	17	.660
# 12.	Aleeta Smith	Just Bill's Place	25	13	.658
# 6.	Lisa Crosby	Teachers #2	23	15	.605
# 5.	Mary Stillwell	Classics	22	15	.595
# 9.	Marilyn Green	Stratford Inn	22	15	.595
#106	LaJuania Henry	Redbirds #1	27	19	.587
#104	Donna Pope	Pardella Club #3	27	22	.551
# 4.	Aleeta Smith	The Office	25	21	.543
# 10.	Rebekah Katzenberger	Stan's Bar	17	15	.531
#113	Mary Stillwell	Classics #2	18	16	.529
#104	Lori Sansagraw	G.E.D. #1	17	16	.515
# 9.	Shellie Downs	HS Arnold #1	19	19	.500

Julia Gabriel once again gets the nod as the top female player. This is the 5th for Julia and 4th straight. Melissa Drew gave it one heck of a try but was .004 short.

Keep it up Julia and we'll have to retire your cue stick to give other ladies a chance.

Going down the list of ladies we see two new names, Lori Sansagraw from G.E.D. and Shellie Downs from Hotshots Arnold.

Three women made the All-Star list from two divisions, Julia Gabriel, Aleeta Smith and Mary Stillwell. Rebekah Katzenberger is back in town. She will be looking to add her name to this award a second time.

Div. # 101 Monday 16 Weeks Considered 4th toughest @ 25.77 points per team

If you had Hotshots SC #2 getting first past the post after starting off 12-0 – YOU WIN. Losing 3 of their last 4 matches did not even enter into the equation because they already had it sewn up. That's when you're tough. This was a double win for HSSC #2. Bill Harwell took over the Top Player spot by edging out runner-up Bill Ray, 26-7 .788 to 44-12 .786. That .002 was the closest for this session.

Helping Wild Bill get there were teammates Coty Harlan (25-7 .781), Mike Wills (22-11 .667), Gentleman Jim Wanner (24-14 .632) and Dapper Dave Collins (19-14 .576). Nice season gang.

First playoff week JPs Gravois #2 got past Hotshots Arnold #2, 9-6 with Jerry Terbrock and Bill Ray having three wins each. JPs #1 invaded Pints & Rails territory and took away a 9-5 decision. That called for a playoff between two JP's teams. It was rough going but JP's #1 pulled it off and headed for the big show. Hitting the high notes were Dennis Bullock (27-13 .675) and Denis Dunbar (35-18 .660).

Div. # 102      Monday      16 Weeks      Who would have thunk it. Thunk what, you ask. Thunk this: After 15 weeks of play there is a three-team tie for first place at 10-5, Hotshots SC, JP's Gravois and 21 Rock. The 16th week 21 Rock takes a 4-3 win from Fenton #1. You read it right, 4-3. That landed the Rockers into a first place tie (11-5) with the games W-L Pct. of .510. As luck would have it Hotshots SC got a bye. That bye-win left HSSC with a .552 W-L Pct. and a first place win. Not only that, the bye allowed Ed Medlock not having to defend his divisional lead and finished ahead of teammate Jason Skrbin, 28-9 .757 to 27-12 .692. Pretty sure this is the first time a bye on the last week allowed both a team and a member from that team to win without having to put their sticks together. In addition to Ed and Jason, Roger Pheasant landed on the hot sheet in 9th place, 24-16 .600. Nice shooting, guys!

First playoff week was a downer two ways for Elmo's. They could play only three members and went down 9-4 (6-4) as they had to forfeit one each round. Second match saw 21 Rock roll their way to a 9-4 decision over Hotshots Fenton #2. And they didn't stop rolling until the final '8' ball was dropped the next week as 21 Rock rocked their way over JP's for the second spot at the big dance. Four members hit the hot sheet led by Bill Keith, 21-11 .656. Teammates are Mark Halim (also 21-11 .656), Vince Dinatale (24-15 .615) and Steve Raymo (21-15 .583). Nice shooting, guys!

Div. # 103      Monday      16 Weeks      Shot Heaven went coast to coast by blowing out the competition to the tune of 15-1. That was a four-game margin over Friendly's #3's 11-5. Getting there were three members hitting the hot sheet led by Top Player Allan Ranay. That was a see-saw battle between Ranay and Dave Koepke as they held the top spot several weeks each before time ran out and Allan got the call. Alan's 35-11 .761 was just a trifle (.030) over Dave's 38-14 .731. Allan's teammates are Asmir Jusic in 3rd place (27-13 .675) and Reco Gibson in 9th place, 19-14 .576. Nice going guys!

First playoff week American Legend 111 got one game on the wire and pulled off a 9-7 victory over Friendly's #1, behind three George Janssen wins. Across the room it was a battle between two more teams from Friendly's. Number 2 knocked out #3 (9-5) with Danny Kuntz dropping the '8' three times. The following week Friendly's #2 continued to show just how un-friendly they could be by knocking out the American Legion bunch. Getting there were the Kuntz Brothers. Eric came in at 21-14 .600 and Danny was 23-16 .590. Way to go guys!

Div. # 104      Monday      16 Weeks

Quote: "Whenever you think you have this game conquered, the game will turn around and kick you right in the behind." Unquote! Actually that is paraphrased from a 1982 Mike Schmidt quote about the game of baseball. But you have to admit it fits right in here. For who better to understand this than the gang from Pardella Club #3! Donna Pope and crew shot outta the gate by winning their first four matches. They clawed their way into a first place tie with Pardella Club #1 at 6-1. From there it was 'Nightmare on Elm Street' or, in this case, Weiss Street. The following eight weeks was a struggle but no rewards came their way as they lost all eight matches. It was like going down on the Titanic and there were no lifesavers for them. PC-3 did end the season with a win but by this time they were out of it. Their 7-9 was one win short from making the playoffs. This would probably have a negative effect on the average person, but Donna Pope is anything but the norm. She has been around long enough to know these things happen. She also knows there's another session around the corner.

By the way, Donna was the leading female with another outstanding session, 27-22 .551. Way to hang in there kiddo! And say hey to G.E.D. #1's Lori Sansagraw. Lori made the final cut, 17-16 .515.

Pardella Club #1 passed the post 2-games in front, 12-4. They led the final eight weeks with three members occupying the All-Star sheet. Dave Pope (37-12 .755) led the attack and was followed by John Pope (23-17 .575) and Dave Wiederhold (22-18 .550).

Top Player Alex Brown came out of G.E.D. #3. Alex jumped into the cat-bird seat the 15th week edging out runner-up Wedge's Vito Castelli, 34-9 .791 to 31-9 .775. Nice shooting guys!

First playoff match saw Keith Heffernan bang out a 4-win night in leading Pardella Club #2 over Some Other Place 9-6. Not to be outdone Ray Ridenour dropped four 8-balls in leading Wedge to a 10-9 victory over G.E.D. #3. Week two the Pardella guys made it two for two as PC #2 edged out Wedge to go to the big tournament. Of the 20 that made the final cut Mike Dugan was the only PC #2 player to make it. Mike came in 7th with a heavy 35-14 .714. Nice leadership, Mike.

Div. # 105      Monday      16 Weeks      Six team In-house Hotshots, Manchester

For 11 weeks The Wolfpack followed their prey by quietly creeping up on them. The 12th week they made their move. No contest after that. Once they pounced there was never any real competition. They devoured the enemy like a school of piranha double-dog dares anything to enter their waters. Leading the Wolfpack to their 13-3 finish was runner-up for top player Ryan Millburg. Ryan ended the season 32-13 .711. Teammates are Marc Brand (24-16 .600) and Russell Merritt (16-18 .471).

Dan Luebbert took the title. This Cameltoes player jumped the line the 14th week and held on for a 28-7 .800 finish. Nice going, Dan!

First playoff match had some good news for American Honey, but again, as they say in books, 'there's some bad news'. The good news was they would get a 5-game head start. The bad news was, only three players showed up. Giving back three forfeit games allowed Cameltoes a chance to get to the hill. And what was waiting for them, the forfeit win making it 11-10 for Cameltoes and a tough luck loss for American Honey. On the other side of the room it was another double hill situation and Not Rated seemed to have it sewn up with their 8-5 lead. As they say in pool halls, 'that's why they shake the pill bottle'. Misfits roared back with three wins to make it a hill-hill match. That set the stage for Mike McGuire to win his third game of the night to put Not Rated over the hump 9-8 to live another day. And live they did as they rolled over Cameltoes the following playoff match.

Talk about an in-house oddity: Al Hahs was the only Not Rated player making the final hot sheet. Al came in 12th at 17-21 .447. Hang in there and nice shooting, Al!

Div. # 106      Tuesday A.M. In-house      14 Weeks      Considered 5th toughest @ 25.35 points per team

It was tight to the wire as five of the six teams ended the season only 2-games apart. LaJuania Henry's Redbirds #1 took the title 9-5 on the final week. Four #1 members hit the hot sheet beginning with former champion Primes Oden, 29-17 .630. Teammates are Waddell Whitehead (28-17 .622), Lou (27-19 .587) and her doubles partner Calvin Niehaus (24-18 .571). In addition to being the leading female, of the 12 making the All-Star roll, Lou finished 7th. Way to go, Lou!

Redbirds #4's Bob Mannecke jumped into first place the 8th week and held on to edge out the Top Player title by a scant .021. Mannecke's 31-12 .721 beat out both Jay Carlton (35-15 .700) and Victor Day (28-12 .700). Nice race guys!

First playoff week saw one (almost) blowout, and one come-from-behind match. Lisa Crosby's #3 birds clipped Ken's #4's 9-5 with Keith Grob going 4-0. Jay's #2 gave up 3-games on the wire (get it, birds' on the wire- forget it), to John's #5 flock. Jay's had to win the final two games to pull out a tough 10-9 victory. Second week Lisa's gang was down 7-5 going into the 4th round. They won all four games to pull out a 9-7 victory and a ticket to the big show. Getting there were Lisa Crosby, Jim Crosby, Walt Crane, Keith Grob and Mark Voerg.

Div. # 107      Tuesday      14 Weeks      Considered 10th toughest @ 23.63 points per team

If you had Final Destination at 12-0 after 12 weeks – YOU WIN. Final D ended the season 12-2. I guess the final two weeks were just for fun. Either way they came in three games over Lehmann's 9-5.

Helping to get Final D there were Ken Pruett (29-11 .725), Dave Downing (31-12 .721) and Tommy Webb (25-11 .694). Nice session guys!

The Top Player spot changed names a few times but the one that counts is the final one. And, again, this is why we play the games. Tony Gregory playing out of Pirates Cove (before an incident forced them to close) was in 8th place, 13-8 .619. He moves the team across the street to Streiler's. From that point on Tony goes 21-2 .913. Add that to his Cove's totals and we have a final 34-10 .773 and Tony racks up another title. So what was it? The change of location! A different table! A little trust and pixie dust! Runners-up Ken Pruett (29-11 .725) and Dave Downing (31-12 .721) are asking the same questions.

First playoff week was a couple close matches. Lehmann's #2, behind four Bill Sago wins, took a 9-8 decision from Lehmann's #1. Over on West Florissant it was Classics #2 nipping Streiler's, 9-7. Second playoff saw Classics #2 get a 2-game head start and held on for the 9-6 finish. Helping to get Classics #2 there was 83-year-young Uncle Pete Mocca with a great 5th place finish, 30-14 .682 and teammate Harold Seider, 18-14 .563. Nice going guys!

Div. # 108      Tuesday      14 Weeks      Considered 2nd toughest @ 27.64 points per team

Amazing how the Pool Gods work in their mysterious ways. Case in point: Side Pockets #2 lost their first two matches then made somewhat of a minor run getting into a 4th place tie at 4-5. At this point Eric Rackley had just made his first appearance on the All-Star sheet, whereas Julia Gabriel still had not.

To prove this team is much better than their record was showing they had to bring on their 'A' game. Eric went from 14-11 to 27-13 (a 13-2 run) and Julia jumped from 13-11 to 25-11 (a 12-0 run). The supporting cast was John Schneider (17-11 .607) and Tim Mislark (18-15 .545) muscling up as SP-2 won their last five matches. The final being a 9-6 win over SP-3, the team that would have finished first had the score went the other way. Their team finished first (9-5) as Julia finished 2nd (25-11 .694) behind Top Player ABC's Nick Evans (30-13 .698) and Eric was 3rd (27-13 .675). And here is another aside: the next four teams ended 8-6 and the last three, 5-9. Weird!

As mentioned Julia again is the leading female from this division, 25-11 .694, and again tops the chart for another great Ladies title. When you consider this division is the second toughest in which to compete, the talent one has to face each match, whom ever comes out on top certainly deserves it. Congrats to Nick and Julia.

First playoff week O'Fallon Hotshots, behind the four wins of Walter Crane Senior, ran off with a 9-5 win over Side Pockets #3. Brian Hedrick pumped in three wins for the losers. Side Pockets #1 spotted Elmer's a 3-game start then formed a 2-man attack. Tattoo John Snyder went 4-0 and Kyle Wagner was 3-0 in the 10-6 SP-1 victory. Second week the O'Fallon Hotshoter's took their 5th place team to the big show and won the whole she-bang. Getting HS O'Fallon there were Kyle Kroeger (20-13 .606) and Walter Crane Jr. (21-14 .600). Way to hang in gang.

Div. # 109      Tuesday      14 Weeks

If you had Andy Quinn winning Top Player after his 24-0 start, – YOU WIN, and so did he. Andy ended the campaign 30-2 .938. The other side of the story is Ron Parks. From the 4th week 'til the end Ron was playing catch-up always in second place, ending 31-5 .861. Talk about stalking someone.

Ron didn't win the title but his team did. Hotshots O'Fallon nailed it down 11-3, one game over Teachers #2's 10-4. Two great races! In addition to Ron, teammates making the All-Star sheet are Tom Lowery (28-14 .667) and Ed Johnson (19-12 .613). Andy's Redbirds missed the final five by a scant .006. Teachers #1 & Redbirds tied 8-6 but the games W-L Pct. went to Teachers #1, .511 to .505.

From the playoff side we see that Harry Fry led his Side Pockets #2 gang over Main Street All Stars #1, 9-5. Meanwhile down Highway 94 Teachers #2 nailed Teachers #1, 9-3, with Jackie Rehklau and Ed Carion pitching in with three-wins each. Teachers #2 kept up the pace by eliminating Side Pockets #2 the second match. Ed Carion (24-10 .706) and Matt White (22-12 .647) made the final cut from Teachers #2. Great managing, Jackie, and great season!

Div. # 110 Thursday 15 Weeks

To say that Elmo's was on fire (not to be confused with Saint Elmo's Fire) would be an understatement. There was no electrical storm involved but they did have something in common this session. Elmo's sparked from opening night and burned up the competition by going on a 5-week winning streak. The fire continued to rage throughout the campaign as Elmo's brought it home 13-2 with a game's W-L Pct. of .604. Four members that kept the flame lit were Greg Newman (28-11 .718), Roger Monroe (29-12 .707), Tim Powers (22-12 .647) and Scott Ronshausen (21-15 .583). Nice shooting, guys!

We have another one of these 'what do these numbers mean'? This time they are #'s 11 & 15. Once again nothing to do with me but to Jim Hopen they do. Jim showed up on the All-Star sheet only twice and the second time was sheet #15, the one that counts. Jim, shooting outta Hotshots Arnold, was only .030 above runner-up Ed Libby's, 23-6 .793 to 29-9 .763. Another great Top Player race!

First playoff week had three players going 4-0 for their respective teams. First, Ed Libby's 4-win match helped his #2 gang knock out Pardella Club, 9-8. For the second match a member from both teams turned the trick. Larry Reifsteck's 4-0 match helped lead Hotshots SC 10-8 over Libby's #1. Kenny Morris was 4-0 for the losing team. Second week Hotshots SC got 3-games on the wire and rode it out for a 10-7 big show spot. Larry Reifsteck went 3-1 for a 2-week MVP total of 7-1. Nice shooting, Larry. In addition to Larry's 23-14 .622, teammate Phil Henderson turned in a nice 22-17 .564.

Div. # 111 Thursday 15 Weeks

Lehmann's Landing #1 landed in the top spot the 7th week and traveled to the finish line 12-3 just one game over Suwallers #1's 11-4. Beginning with Top Player Tyler Jones' 26-8 .765, two teammates also made the final cut, Mike Doak (31-14 .689) and Kurt Bauer (26-14 .650). Runner-up for TP was Hotshots Dorsett #2's Ron Claggett, 32-14 .696. Ron had an eight week run atop the helm but Tyler came on strong the final two weeks (8-1) to capture the title. Great shooting, guys!

Getting into that most coveted 5th place for the playoffs is not always easy. Case in point: Rumor's. The first four teams had it sewn up but the next four all finished 7-8. The games W-L Pct. was another squeaker as Rumor's eked out Lehmann's #2 by the narrow margin of just .002. From there a little bit of history can be made for the gang from Rumor's.

For the first playoff week Hotshots Dorsett #2 got two games head start from HS Dorsett #1, and behind three wins by Jay Decker took a 9-4 victory. Rumor's paid a visit to Overland to meet Suwallers #1, got two games on the wire and left with a 9-6 win. The second playoff week Rumors, again having to go on the road, this time to Dorsett Road to meet Hotshots #2, again came away victorious, 9-4. They may have finished 5th by a scant .002, but that was a BIG .002. Getting Rumor's through the hard times were four members making the hot sheet led by Dave Swyers', 23-14 .622. Teammates kicking in are James Jensen (26-17 .605), Chris Lubiewski (24-18 .571) and Kevin Rawson (23-19 .548). Great comeback gang! James Jensen was the 2-week MVP going 6-1 for Rumors. Nice shooting James!

Div. # 112 Thursday 15 Weeks Considered 9th toughest @ 23.68 points per team

Classics #'s 1 & 3 tied for first place at 9-6. The games W-L Pct. said Classics #1 gets the call 120-108 .526 to Classics #3's 104-107 .493. Hummmmm... 9-6 and under the .500 mark in games played. A cynic would be thinking 'there's something rotten in Denmark'. Good thing we have **NO** cynics as members of the Missouri 8 Ball Pool League, and we are not playing in Denmark. (By the way I know a good joke that features Denmark if anyone is interested.)

Helping to get Classics #1 there was led by Top Player Steve Monko. Steve outlasted Vernon Perkins from Kenny's Korner, 32-8 .800 to 34-12 .739. Other Classics #1 members are Wayne Turner (34-13 .723) and Larry Seisner (20-10 .667). Nice finish guys!

First playoff week went something like this. Well, actually it went exactly like this. Classics #2 ambushed Kenny's Korner, 9-2; while across the room Classics #3 double-up't Kitty's Korner, 10-5. Oh look, Classics #3 does it again. They meet and beat Classics #2, 9-6. Let's do the math. Under .500 for the session, get into the two-week playoffs and run up 19 wins while dropping only 8. Hummmmm...

\*\*\* For those who don't know I am joking, this team and their players are above reproach. All have been members for many-many years and as honest as John the Baptist. Just giving them static!

So, who are the C-3 members that made the All-Star sheet; Uncle Pete Mocca (28-15 .651), Dave Vaughn (22-15 .595) and Kickin' Kenny Martin (26-21 .553). Great going gang!

Div. # 113 Thursday 15 Weeks Two Classics teams tied for first place, 12-3. The games W-L Pct. gave it to Classics #2 over Classics #3, 111-81 .578 to 134-110 .549. Helping Classics #2 over the wire were 'The Warden' James Warden (31-12 .721), Joe 'the Dodge' Hodge (28-22 .700) and the leading female, Miss Mary 'Giv'em Hell' Stillwell, 18-16 .529. Nice shooting gang!

Interesting race for Top Player! The top three spots are occupied by Classics #3's players. Leading the parade was Joe 'Mealticket' Mele, 29-8 .784. Joe outlasted teammates Rick Nadal (29-10 .744), notice the two-loss difference; and Ron Deloney, 31-12 .721. Way to go, Joe, and teammates!

First week playoffs saw Classics #3 give Our Place 3-games on the wire but it still wasn't close as the 10-6 score shows. Classics #1 knocked off Clubhouse #2, 9-6 with Brandon Grbcich going 4-0 for the losers. The second week Classics #1 got three games head start from Classics #3 and held on for a real squeaker, 10-9. Ron Deloney kicked in 4-wins for the losers. Helping Classics #1 there were Tom Wolkey (28-14 .667), Greg Wangelin (20-15 .571) and Bob Rojeski (24-19 .558). Way to bring it home gang.

Div. # 114 14 Weeks Winner: Hillsboro Billiards (12-2) Capt. Larry Sauer  
 Playoff Winner: Hillsboro Billiards Capt. John Neels Top Player: Jack Neels 36-9 .800

Div.	Top Player	Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Runner-up	Team	W.	L.	Pct.
#109	Andy Quinn	Redbirds	30	2	.938	Ron Parks	HS O'Fallon	31	5	.861
#112	Steve Monko	Classics #1	32	8	.800	Vernon Perkins	Kenny's K.	34	12	.739
#105	Dan Luebbert	Cameltoes	28	7	.800	Ryan Millburg	Wolfpack	32	13	.711
#114	Jack Neels	Hillsboro	36	9	.800	No info for runner-up				
#110	Jim Hopen	HS Arnold	23	6	.793	Ed Libby	Libby's #2	29	9	.763
#104	Alex Brown	G.E.D. #3	34	9	.791	Vito Castelli	Wedge	31	9	.775
#101	Bill Harwell	HSSC #2	26	7	.788	Bill Ray	JP's Gravois	44	12	.786
#113	Joe Mele	Classics #3	29	8	.784 *	Rick Nadal	Classics #3	29	10	.744
#107	Tony Gregory	Streiler's	34	10	.773	Ken Pruett	Final D.	29	11	.725
#111	Tyler Jones	Lehmann's #1	26	8	.765	Ron Claggett	HS Dorsett #2	32	14	.696
#103	Allan Ranay	Shot Heaven	35	11	.761	Dave Koepke	Friendly's #3	38	14	.731
#102	Ed Medlock	Hotshots SC	28	9	.757 *	Jason Skrbin	Hotshots SC	27	12	.692
#106	Bob Mannecke	Redbirds #4	31	12	.721 *	Victor Day	Redbirds #4	28	12	.700
						Jay Carlton	Redbirds #2	35	15	.700
#108	Nick Evans	ABC Bill.	30	13	.698	Julia Gabriel	Side Poc. #2	25	11	.694

\* Teammates

### Results from the 4-Player Board - \$10,825.00 Paid Out

Champions: Hotshots O'Fallon, Mo. \$5,000 Capt: Tommy Lowery Members: Walter Crane, Jr.  
 Div. #108 Playoff Winner Walter Crane, Sr., Kyle Kroeger, Nick Lowery & Zack Fine

Second: Teachers \$2,220 Capt: Jackie Rehklau Members: Anne Carion, Vickie Welker  
 Div. #109 Playoff Winner Ann Ralston, Ed Carion, Mike Welker, Jason Roman & Matt White

3/4: Hotshots SC \$1,000 Capt: Jason Skrbin Members: Roger Pheasant  
 Div. #102 Champs St. Louis Ed Medlock, Keith Harangozo & Bill Keith Jr.

3/4: 21 Rock \$1,000 Capt: Bill Keith Members: Steve Raymo, Mark Halim  
 Div. #102 Playoff Winner, Jefferson County Morris Andrews, Vince Dinatale & Dan French

5/8: Hotshots SC Div. #101 Champs, St. Louis	\$401.25	Capt: Chris Collins Bill Harwell, Mike Wills, Jim Wanner & Coty Harlan	Members: Dave Collins
5/8: Hillsboro Billiards Div. #114 Champs, Hillsboro	\$401.25	Capt. Larry Sauer Don Wade, Kurt Kertz & Abby Adams	Members: Al Toland
5/8: Hotshots O'Fallon Div. #109 Champs - O'Fallon Mo.	\$401.25	Capt: Ron Parks Steve Tyler, Dan Darden, Robby Banden & Ed Johnson	Members: Tom Lowery, Joe Heiman
5/8: JP's Corner – Gravois Div. #101 Playoff Winner – Sunset Hills	\$401.25	Capt: Jim Musiol Dennis Bullock, Mike Lashley & Charlie Bellers	Members: Denis Dunbar, Ken Mann

**4 Wins in a Single Match – All 4-0**

Classics – Dan Tucker, Wayne Turner & Billy Wimberly	Redbirds – Mike Remiger
HS Fenton – Tom Davidson, Ken Mann & Ben Pona	HS South County – Mike Wills
Teachers – Ed Carion, Keith Grob & Dan Klemme	HS O'Fallon – Tom Lowery Sr.
Lehmann's – Bob Ackley	Shot Heaven – Asmir Jusec
	Side Pockets – Julia Gabriel

**10 Wins or More**

1. Walter Crane Sr.	12 – 1 .923
2. Mike Welker	12 – 3 .800
3/5. Ross Belt	12 – 4 .750
3/5. Walter Crane Jr.	12 – 4 .750
3/5. Mike Mueller	12 – 4 .750
6/8. Ed Carion	11 – 5 .688
6/8. Tommy Lowery	11 – 5 .688
6/8. Brendan Sullivan	11 – 5 .688
9/11. Ken Mann	12 – 6 .667
9/11. Bob Robbins	10 – 5 .667
9/11. Mike Welker	10 – 5 .667
12/14. Tom Davidson	11 – 6 .647
12/14. Colby Hinch	11 – 6 .647
12/14. Bob Urberger	11 – 6 .647
15/16. Paul Hopfer	10 – 6 .625
15/16. Brian Daniels	10 – 6 .625

**6 or More Consecutive Wins**

9	Walter Crane Sr.	
9	Mike Welker	
8	Mike Wills	(9-2)
7	Dan Klemme	(7-0)
7	Bob Urberger	
6	Ed Carion	
6	Keith Grob	(6-1)
6	Tommy Lowery	
6	Mike Mueller	
6	Brendan Sullivan	
6	David West	(6-0)
6	Matt White	(9-3)

**5-Player Team Champs**

Pints & Rails		
Games	57 – 25	.695
On Wire	0 – 15	.000
Total	57 – 40	.588

**Runner-Up**

HS Fenton		
Games	52 – 31	.627
On Wire	3 – 14	.176
Total	55 – 45	.550

**Total Payout for all events**

\$33,998.00  
Two more dollars and it would have been an even 34-grand.  
5-Player Board – 17,200.00  
4-Player Board – 10,825.00  
All-Star Singles – 5,005.00  
Top Pl. Side Pot – 400.00  
9-Ball Paid Out – 568.00  
Totals \$33,998.00

**4-Player Team Champs**

O'Fallon Hotshots		
Games	48 – 16	.750
On Wire	0 – 17	.000
Total	48 – 33	.593

**Runner-Up**

Teachers		
Games	39 – 25	.609
On Wire	3 – 0	1.000
Total	42 – 25	.627

As you can see, from the 5-player teams, Pints & Rails gave up the most games on the wire to their opponents with 15, while HS Fenton was second with 14. From the 4-player teams Hotshots O'Fallon was far ahead of second place allowing 17. The team that received the most head-start games was Salvatore's with 18.

## 84th All-Star Singles Tournament – Paid \$5,005.00

February 8-9, 2014 – Side Pockets Café & Sports Bar, St. Charles, Mo.

Champion:	(7) Brian Daniels	1000	& Trophy	9/12:	(6) <b>Julia Gabriel</b>	150
Runner-up:	(7) Tom Dinovi	750	& Trophy	9/12:	(6) Bob Mannecke	150
Third:	(5) Danny Llamas	600	& Trophy	9/12:	(5) Allan Ranay	150
4th:	(4) John McWilliams	475		9/12:	(4) Ernie Braidlow	150
5/6:	(6) Mike O'Farrell	350		13/16:	(7) Bill Harwell	100
5/6:	(5) Ron Smith	350		13/16:	(6) Kyle Kroeger	100
7/8:	(6) Tim Mislark	240		13/16:	(5) Tony Gregory	100
7/8:	(5) Jim Stevens	240		13/16:	(4) Jose Pedroza	100

### Top Player Side Pot Winners - \$400 paid out

2/3 tie: Bob Mannecke – \$100 for a total of \$250

First: Tom Dinovi – \$200 for a total of \$950

2/3 tie: Allan Ranay – \$100 for a total of \$250

**You have to go back** a long ways to find when two '7' level players finished 1-2 in this event. Brian Daniels and Tom 'Terrific' Dinovi certainly earned their way there. Brian went through a hard qualifying field Saturday and made it by knocking out 8-time winner Runout Rich Sager. No easy task. Dinovi was a Top Player and did not have to play Saturday. Of the 169 that signed up for Saturday's rounds, 48 made the cut. The other 16 were top players making a Sunday shootout total of 64.

Brian Daniels reached the hill from the top of the board. He got a bye the first round when Kevin Carron did not show. From there Brian met and defeated heavy hitters Lonnie Hanneke, Bill Harwell, Bob Mannecke and Mike O'Farrell.

From the lower half of the board Danny Llamas was making believers out of those who asked the burning question – who is Danny Llamas? Danny, shooting from the '5' slot (now a '6'), answered the question by knocking over several big hitters the likes of Shawn Kline, Ron Smith, Allan Ranay, Jim Stevens and John McWilliams.

When Brian and Danny met for last man standing Daniels ran off both games faster than Obama doing a 180 on Obamacare. YES - you can buy your way back in after being knocked out Saturday. YES – you may keep all your Saturday wins as you make your way to the winner's circle. Oh wait, NO – that's a misunderstanding. I *didn't* say that. *Somebody* else said that. Let's forget about who said what.

Meanwhile Tom Dinovi was sent to the one-loss side by Bob Mannecke. From there he really had his work cut out. The road led through a bunch of characters rougher than Murder Inc. beginning with Lonnie Hanneke. From there it was Wild Bill Harwell, a rematch with Mannecke, Tim 'the Spark' Mislark, Mike 'double-barreled' O'Farrell and Danny Llamas.

Now all Tom had to do was defeat Brian Daniels twice to take the crown. A lot easier said than done. But at first it looked doable. Brian opened the match but nothing dropped. Tom took charge and ran out the first game. As this is winner breaks, Tom broke open the second game. Again nothing dropped. Brian took charge and ran out. Two games in one inning. Brian broke the third game, made a ball, and proceeded to make one of the finest run-outs of the weekend. It was pen-point position as Daniels went from one ball to another. It was a great match that was won by Brian Daniels, 2-1 in only two innings. If you weren't there you missed a few great performances. Congrats to all who participated in making this another successful tournament.

## 9-Ball Results - \$568.00

Session Dates - October 13, 2013 to December 30, 2013

Monday 12 Weeks Side Pocket In-House Division #1

Side Pockets #4 rode roughshod over the field and crossed the wire a big five games ahead of Side Pockets #3, 11-1 to 6-6. Third place came in 5-7 and holding up the division was SP-2 at 2-10. The only upside, if you consider making the playoffs with a season low of 2-10 an upside, would be the one final chance. But, in this case, no!

Gene Rader's Side Pockets #4 gang went on a tear by winning their last 10 matches and saw their four players come in 1-2-3 & 5th on the All-Star sheet. That's not a good sign for the other teams. Tattoo John Snyder was in 3rd place the first six weeks at 27-13 .675. Going 36-8 the final six weeks elevated his winning totals to 63 wins, only 21 losses for a winning .750 percentage. Runner-up and teammates are Gene Rader (56-28 .667), Kyle Wagner (49-25 .662) and Jason Uttley (34-25 .576).

For the playoffs Nathan Brugmann's #1 guys outlasted Ron Farrell's #2 the first playoff week to get to Tony Gregory's second place #3's gang the second week. Nathan took his team's 5-7 record to the big stage after knocking out Tony's crew and faced Gene Rader and Company.

I don't want to say there was a mad rush to the wagering window but, when an 11-1 team goes up against an opponent that was 5-7, well, you know who the smart money was on. But, as they say in pool halls, 'this is why we rack'em up'. It was like David and Goliath, and little David pulled it off again.

Whether it was by luck or design Nathan decided to include Chuck Humburg into the starting lineup and accept *only* one-game on the wire against the tough Rader bunch. He could have gotten four games head start by omitting Chuck and including Heather in every round as Humburg was also involved with Salvatore's 5-player 8-ball playoff match. Any way you look at it, it paid off. Each team took four wins the first and second rounds. The third round Nathan, with Chuck drawing the number four spot, took five games for a 14-11 lead. Splitting the fourth round 3-3 ended the contest 17-14 and the underdogs that entered the championship match with a lowly 5-7 record walked out champs.

Nathan Brugmann's #1 crew are Mark Wieland (31-13 .705), Chuck Humburg (42-31 .575), Dennis Guevara (39-36 .520), Nathan (35-37 .486) & Heather Mitchell (24-33 .421). Mark Wieland and Dennis Guevara share MVP honors as each went 5-3 for the playoff. Congrats guys and great shooting.

As there were only four teams in this leadoff 9-ball division the payout was not as big as hopped. First place earned \$450 and runner-up only \$118. Here's hoping 9-ball will be revived and there would be a much bigger payout for future championship matches.

**Odds & Ends:** This is the first time there were four divisions where both teams qualified for the money. In past years one and on occasion two divisions where the championship team and playoff team cashed but this is the first time four teams pulled the trick. It was Division-13 from the 5-player board, both from Teachers. Paul Hopfer tied for third and Kyle Kroeger tied for fifth.

From the 4-player board there were three divisions where both teams placed. From Division-101, both teams tied for fifth, Chris Collins' Hotshots South County were champs and Jim Musiol's JP's Gravois made the playoff. From Division-102 it another HSSC, this was Jason Skrbins as champs and Bill Keith's 21 Rockers from the playoffs. Lastly, Division-109 where Jackie Rehklau's Teachers brought home the championship from that division and second place money at the tournament and Hotshots O'Fallon, led by Ron Parks, tied for fifth.

**I.Q. Jones** informs us on the real reason VP Joe Biden was across the river in southern Illinois in February. He was there to introduce Obama's new economic plan as part of the Just For Laughs Festival.

**Dennis 'Hawkshaw' Hawkins** is saying his ex-girlfriend tried to assassinate him by putting poison in her hair. Luckily, Hawkins had recently just stopped eating hair. And the entire M0-8-Ball community is shocked. Shocked to learn that Hawkins had a girlfriend!

**How Close Was It?** They say if you stay around long enough you just might see something unexpected. It did not happen this session but came as close as Thanksgiving falling on the fourth Thursday in November. Uncle Pete Mocca came within a whisker of breaking the all-time record for being the oldest to win the Top Player title. Had the 83-year-old perennial M0-8 sharpshooter lost just one less game his record would have been 23-9 .719 and would have beat out Dave Woodruff's 20-8 .714. As it is Uncle Pete has to settle for runner-up with another outstanding season and a near miss 23-10 .697. Congrats, Pete, for a great run. Walter 'Red' Penrod's record is safe for now, but 2014 is here.

**That's about it from here.** Once again thanks to all who help keep the Missouri 8 Ball League in first place in St. Louis and surrounding areas. We just wrapped up our 28th year (29th under way now) and could not do it without your great support. See you next time.

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