



As in past seasons 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 covers such a vast area, both city and counties, perhaps you would like to familiarize yourself with players from other Teams and Divisions.

Listed are results and information about the 86th M0-8 Summer Session, in the middle of our 29th year, June 3, 2014 to August 26, 2014. Information includes 5-Player and 4-Player Divisions, Top Players Male and Female, All-Star Singles and Tournament Winners, plus other facts you might find interesting.

Div. # 1 Tuesday As they say in books, 'the show isn't over until the final curtain comes down'. It was indeed the final act for this 11-week division. Sister-teams from Hotshots SC were tied going in. When they came out HSSC #2 went down 11-9 while HSSC #1 was forced to go to 13 against GED and pulled out a tough 13-10 victory. Getting HSSC #1 there were four members making the final All-Star sheet led by Top Player Elvir Fale, 22-2 .917, followed by Jim Wanner, 20-6 .769. Denis Dunbar (17-8 .680) and Coty Harlan (13-8 .619) assisted along the way.

As mentioned, Elvir took Top Player honors but not right away. Bill Harwell led the first six weeks and Mr. Fale the final five. Great race guys, for both team and Top Player titles.

First playoff week Arnold's hotshots from Hot Shots gave up five games on the string to begin their match with GED. They began the match at 7:30 and walked out at 8:30 after running off 11 straight games for an 11-5 (11-0) win. Meanwhile over on Union HSSC #2 gave Fandangos a 7-game head start and came away 13-10 winners behind Denis Agnew's 4-0 night. A couple big come-from-behinds!

Second week the Arnold gang, still feeling a high after smoking 11 straight wins last week, continued by taking four wins the first round against HSSC #2 then ran off with an 11-7 victory. Bill Harwell banged out four wins and his 6-0 for the playoff earns him the team MVP.

Getting HS Arnold #1 there were Bill Harwell (27-10 .730), Mike Devers (21-9 .700) and tough Tony Treffinger (18-12 .600). Nice shooting, guys!

Div. # 2 Wednesday Sparkling final week situations just keep a-comin'. Hotshots Fenton was in second place only two weeks of the season, the 4th and the 11th. Of course it's always the last week that tells the story. While JP's #2 was winning 11-5, Fenton was doing all they could but fell short to HS Arnold's #2, 12-11. Even though the teams tied at 8-3, JP's #2 captured the crown from the games W-L Pct, 112-82 .577 to Fenton's 111-84 .569. Getting JP's #2 there were Ken Pratt (28-9 .757), Ron Smith (24-11 .686) and Charlie Bellers (19-12 .613). Nice shooting, guys!

Now, for Top Player honors we see that it was not only a last week but a last game situation. While Ken Pratt was helping his JP's #2 guys win by going 3-0, Paul Edstrom, in a team losing cause still went 4-0. The tall title goes to Tall Paul, 26-8 .765 to Ken's 28-9 .757. Again, two great races!

Say hey to Sharon Luitjens from JP's #1. Sharon not only led from the ladies' department but also was her team's top player, 18-16 .529. Sharon always leading by example! You go girl.

First playoff week HS Fenton gave three games on the wire to HS Arnold #1 and came away 12-8 victors behind the 3-0 shooting of three members, Paul Edstrom, Joe Maciocia and Mike Crump. Over in Arnold their #2 guys were more fortunate taking an 11-3 match from 21 Rock as David Kurt and new M0-8 member Huy Ho kicked in 3-wins each.

Second week HS Fenton played even with HS Arnold #2 but it was the three games on the string that brought them down. Arnold takes the 12-9 match even though Fenton's Paul Edstrom punched out four wins. Paul's 3-0 first playoff match ran his totals to 7-0 and even though his team lost, no one is even close to Paul for MVP. Helping to get Arnold #2 there was the only member to make the final sheet, David Kurt, 21-19 .525. Way to hang in David.

Div. # 3 Wednesday When five members of one team fill the first five slots on the All-Star sheet I'd say the odds are better than 8 to 5 that team crossed the finish line first. Wedge came in 9-2, or, three games ahead of runner-up Jefferson Bistro's 6-5. The five Wedge members in order are Jimmy Fried (24-3 .889), Joey Diaz (19-6 .760), Chris Nash (19-9 .679), Chuck Hunter (22-11 .667) and David Starns (also 22-11 .667). Jimmy took the helm the 5th week and all five landed in the top five spots the 9th week to the end. Jimmy Fried and Wedge continue to establish new M0-8 records.

First playoff week Shot Heaven allowed Foley's SC two-games on the wire. Foley's managed only one win as Shot Heaven shot to an 11-3 walkover. Second week was a little tougher but Shot Heaven edged out Jefferson Bistro 11-9 behind three wins each by Reco Gibson, Tom Giljum and Allan Ranay. Making the hot sheet and getting Shot Heaven there were Allan Ranay (15-9 .625), Bill Day (19-12 .613) and Tom Giljum (17-17 .500). Way to hang in guys!

Div. # 4 Thursday This Hotshots' gang from Fenton took the lead the 8th week and rode it out for a 10-1 season. When you see six members making the hot sheet and none lower than 15th, that's not bad, dad. Third place Ken Mann led their attack, 16-4 .800. Teammates are Bob Urberger (13-5 .722), Dave Sewell (17-8 .680), Ben Pona (12-6 .667), Rich Parshall (13-7 .650) and Roger Pheasant (11-7 .611). Way to go guys!

If you had Lonnie Hanneke winning Top Player after beginning 8-0 – YOU WIN. Lonnie, from Cotters, came in 22-4 .846 to runner-up Wedge's Jim Stevens' 25-6 .806. Great race, guys!

First week's winners was 2nd place Wedge over 5th place Stan's Bar, and 4th place Elmo's outlasting 3rd place Cotter's. Second week Wedge gave Elmo's a game on the wire then took over with an 11-7 win getting to the big show. Getting Wedge over the hump were Jim Stevens (25-6 .806), Jimmy Fried (17-5 .773), Phil Jordan (also 17-5 .773) and Harold Fuqua (16-10 .615). Nice shooting, guys!

Div. # 5 Monday I.Q. Jones says there are three mysteries of this world that no one can give reasonable explanations. ONE: Brad Pitt giving up Jennifer Aniston for Angelina Jolie. As you know Brad Pitt is a Missouri boy. But someone has to 'Show Me' how he traded 'up' in this deal. Of course the smart money is on Jennifer dumping him, which would make a heck of a lot more sense.

Two: When all that breaking and entering, robbing and looting was going on in Ferguson last August, can anyone explain to us why not one pair of 'work' boots was stolen?

And Three: In trying to elucidate the success of Hotshots NC #2 you would be better off using a Ouija board or crystal ball. Sure, they placed three members on the hot sheet, but none higher than 9th place. With four stronger teams in the mix like Schmitt's, Clubhouse, Redbirds and Classics, well, once again, as they say in books, 'Pool Gods work in mysterious ways'.

So how did it happen? They jumped out with a five-match winning streak before losing the 6th week to Classics. Three more very close wins before losing their second match made it 8-2. Keeping pace with HSNC #2 was Schmitt's that pulled even the 10th week. The title was decided the final week when Schmitt's went down 11-7 while the Jon Pecoraro gang squeezed out an 11-8 ninth win. Go figure.

The three hotshot Hotshots on the list are Jon Pecoraro (24-11 .686), his brother Seth (23-12 .657) and Mark Boswell (16-10 .615). Don't know how they do it, but good luck and keep on truckin'.

Only three players held the number one spot going for the Top Player title. Marland Choy jumped out and was headed in the right direction for seven weeks. At this point Mike Remiger was 13-4 in 5th place. For the 8th week Marland's teammate Fast Eddie Johnson took over, but only for that week. Mike went 12-1 the final four weeks edging out Marland 25-5 .833 to 28-8 .778. Nice race guys!

First playoff week Clubhouse got a game from Redbirds but didn't need it as the Clubhouser's clubbed the birds 11-4. Schmitt's gave up two games to Classics but wasn't hurt by it as they went on for an 11-8 victory. For the second big show spot Clubhouse got a 3-game head start then proved they really did know Schmitt. Clubhouser's pumped the iron and muscled Schmitt's out to the tune of 12-5.

Getting Valley Clubhouse there were four members making the All-Star sheet. Runner-up for Top Player Marland Choy led with his 28-8 .778. Teammates are Fast Eddie Johnson (23-9 .719), Mark Crosby (14-8 .636) and Slick Sean Shuler (18-16 .529). Way to go gang!

Div. # 6 Tuesday NUTS – that's what Just Bill's rooters said after the 11-8 loss to Classics the final week of the season. (Actually I cleaned it up a bit.) NUTS, NUTS, NUTS – was the rally cry **Not Uncle Thursday's** gang was yelling after taking over first place the final week after the 11-4 thumping over Cuetopia. As they say in books, 'leading 10 weeks is great as long as the final week is one of them'. But in this case the 11th week belonged to Nuts, and we aren't talking about the Brazilian kind. The entire session Nuts was playing catch-up to Bill's. What a great come-from-behind season.

Four Nutter's made the hot sheet beginning with Rick Cwiklowski, 16-6 .727, and followed by teammates Frank Smith (26-12 .684), John Grisham (18-13 .581) and Joe Meegan (12-14 .462). Neat!

Anyone ever hear of Bob Ackley? You know the former geometry teacher that has stacked up 120 or 130 Top Player trophies. Well, he did it again. Geometry Bob was toying around in the second or third spots until he made his move the 10th week. Bob thinks it is cute and clever in getting other's to believe they actually have a chance, those silly kids. Bob's 34-6 .850 beat Charlack Pub's Ed Fieser, 27-6 .818. Another great season, Bob! Congrats and great race.

First playoff week both 4th and 5th place teams were victorious. Lehmann's Landing #2 beat Cuetopia 11-8 while Charlack Pub ko'ed Just Bill's Place, 11-7. Second week Lehmann's got three games on the wire and held on for a breathtaking 12-11 win over Charlack Pub. Jim Lentz was 4-0 for the Pubsters but just wasn't enough! Two Lehmann's #2 members hit the hot sheet; Top Player Bob Ackley (34-6 .850) and newcomer to M0-8 Lee Miller turned in a fine 16-11 .593. Great season guys!

Div. # 7 Wednesday If you had Clubhouse #2 taking the team title after winning their first nine matches – YOU WIN. The last two weeks must have been for exercise because they took it easy and lost both matches. Still, they came in two games over runners-up Clubhouse #1 & T.R. Gater's.

Four members hit the hot sheet beginning with Top Player Marland Choy, 23-5 .821. Teammates are Donald Creswell (14-8 .636), St. Louie Howard Lentz (15-12 .556) and Joe 'Cozy' Lombardozzi adding his 16-16 .500. Runners-up to Marland were two Acapulco heavy hitters the likes of Alex Ramon (18-5 .783) and Danny Llamas (23-7 .767). The entire session two or all three of these players were one, two, three and trying to overtake each other. Really great race, guys!

First playoff matches went this way – Both Clubhouse #1 and T.R. Gater's received 3-games on the wire and both won. Clubhouse #1 knocked out Lehmann's 11-4 and Gater's edged by Acapulco 11-9 setting up the Clubhouse/Gater's match. Playing even Clubhouse #1 sent Gater's crawling back to the swamp to the tune of 11-5. Helping Club-1 there were Handy Randy Pohlmann (19-9 .679), Eddie Johnson (17-13 .567) and Sean Shuler (13-12 .520). Way to hang in guys!

Div. # 8 Thursday If you had Classics for the team title after running off their first eight matches – YOU LOSE. With a lineup that would rival Murderous Row it goes back to what has always been said, 'this is why we play the games'. While Classics was trying to distant themselves from the field it was Redbirds #1 applying the pressure. RB-1 lost their first match then began their own winning streak. After eight weeks Classics was 8-0 and the 'birds were hanging tough at 7-1.

Things began to change. Classics lost two of their final three matches while Redbirds won all three of theirs taking the lead and the title, 10-1 to 9-2. It was a great come-from-behind winning season for Redbirds #1. With five members landing on the hot sheet their lineup would also rival Murderous Row. Bob Mannecke led the parade as runner-up for top player, 21-5 .808. Teammates are Waddell Whitehead (19-6 .760), Marland Choy (19-8 .704), Byron Devroux (13-6 .684) and Victor Day (17-8 .680).

First playoff week saw Classics give 6-games to Nuts then ran over them 11-3 (11-9). Over in Overland Just Bill's Place played host to Redbirds #2. Jerry Ray helped make it a short night with four wins in the 11-6 rout and the 'birds flew back to Hazelwood. Second week's match was at Classics and Bill's gang rode in with all guns a-blazin'. Again, Jerry Ray led the attack with three more wins as Bill's took the match 11-3. MVP honors go to Mr. Ray for his 7-0 playoff shooting.

In addition, there were three members making the All-Star sheet; Jerry Ray (15-6 .714), Bill Millikan (16-8 .667) and Jacob Austin (15-10 .600). Nice season, guys!

Div. # 9 Wednesday One more time: If you had Teachers #2 in the winner's pool after opening the season 5-0 – YOU LOSE. Yep, it happened again. Great start, not so great finish! As far as Red Fish Blue Fish is concerned the season ended right on cue, with the planets aligned right, that, and they had a bye the final week. Teachers #2 had to win for the title but went down 11-10. The fish were swimming in shallow waters because had Teachers #2 won... but they did not.

On paper the fish look like sharks when you see the three that placed on the hot sheet. George Chaffin (16-10 .615), Danny Robinson (15-10 .600) and Mary Stillwell (12-9 .571) brought it all home for their first 'Fish' fry. Talk about dangling on the line. (There's a million of these.)

Pat Murphy took over the 9th week to win his second consecutive Top Player title. This time Pat did it from the Teachers #2 team with his 20-6 .769 edging out Side Pockets David West, 24-8 .750.

Say hey to Melissa Drew for winning the ladies part of the division. This Side Pockets girl was ninth on the All-Star list at 15-10 .600. Congrats Melissa.

First playoff week was like a replay of the season for Teachers #2. The two games head start they had to give to Side Pockets was the difference as SP took the match 11-9. Teachers #1 got two games from ABC Billiards then overran them 11-5 to set up a Teachers #1 – Side Pockets finale. And it went this way: Ed Carion and Arnie Jones was saving up the good stuff as they each went 3-0 the first playoff match, then repeated their 3-0 performances in leading Teachers #1 to an 11-5 win the second match. Ed and Arnie share in the team's MVP each going 6-0 for the playoffs.

Helping to get T-1 there was the only player to make the final All-Star sheet, Chris Caldwell. Chris came in 7th at 16-10 .615. Someone has to represent them. Nice shooting, Chris.

Div. # 10 Thursday It was the same movie, just a different day. If you had Teachers #2 the first ten weeks only to lose the top spot the final week – YOU WIN. Teachers #2 took it on the chin from Side Pockets #1, 11-6, while Teachers #1 took the helm with an 8-7 (11-7) victory over SP #2. It was a double win for Teachers #1 as Brian Kroeger brought home his 22-5 .815 Top Player numbers. He beat out SP #4's Walter Crane, Sr. 27-14 .659. Nice shooting Brian and Walter.

Four T-1 members hit the All-Star list beginning with Brian's 22-5 .815. Teammates are Matt White (17-10 .630), Al Hale (14-11 .560) and Kyle Kroeger (15-12 .556).

First playoff week's action saw Teachers #2 take an 11-6 win over Side Pockets #3 while SP-1 edged out SP-4 in a double hill 11-10 match. Second week John Snyder showed why he is the playoff MVP. John went 4-0 this match and had 6-1 totals in leading Teachers #2 to an 11-9 win over Side Pockets #1. Getting Teachers #2 there were John Snyder (21-12 .636), Jim Crosby (21-13 .618), Jeff Ayers (14-9 .609), John Bissell (19-14 .576) and Kurt Liliensiek (12-10 .545). Nice shooting, guys!

Div. # 11 Thursday Hotshots St. Peters ran to the wire 10-0 only to lose their undefeated season the final week. It did not change their division's title but it sure did for the team that beat them. Side Pockets was 6th in line and needed this win for a playoff spot and got it 11-7. Duchesne

B&G was third and needed a win to stay above water. KT's was already out of it so they came into this last match all loose and muscle up for an 11-6 win knocking B&G to 6th and elimination.

It was a double win for St. Peters Hotshots as Michael Seeker held on to first place for Top Player with his 19-6 .760. Michael beat out Side Pockets John McWilliams' 20-9 .690. In addition to Michael five other teammates made the final hot sheet; Brent Kelly (21-10 .677), Chris Rhone (15-8 .652), Tom Seeker (18-11 .621), Scott Fischer (16-10 .615) and Art Seeker (16-14 .533). Way to go guys!

First playoff week three players went 4-0 for their respective teams. Rich's Place won 11-6 over the St. Charles Redbirds behind the four wins of Jeff Maxville. Meanwhile Butler's invaded Side Pockets and took an 11-9 decision behind both Russell Hanson and Jeff Butler going 4-0. Second week's action saw another 4-0 match, this by Carl Herr as he led Rich's Place to an 11-5 victory over Butler's. Even though Butler's Russell Hanson went 7-0 for the playoffs we have to give the MVP to Rich's Carl Herr for his 7-1 showing. Nice shooting and great playoff guys.

Getting Rich's Place there were Chuck Humburg (15-8 .652), Jeff Maxville (22-12 .647) and Carl Herr (17-14 .548). Way to hang in guys!

Div. # 12 Thursday Salvatore's took the lead the 6th week riding it to a 9-2 finish, 2-games over Hotshots Highway 94's 7-4. Checking the final All-Star sheet we notice that only one member made it and that was Captain Kent Keiser coming in third, 23-11 .676. But there's no rule that says any member from the winning team has to be there. Congrats, Kent.

It was wire to wire to the Top Player title for Jason Roman. Jason came in 22-6 .786, only .026 over runner-up David West's 19-6 .760. David dogged Jason's heels the final four weeks but time ran out and, as they say in books, 'it was just the right time for Jason'.

Anne Carion led the ladies from Hotshots 94 with a neat 15-15 .500. Nice going Anne.

First playoff week was a couple close matches. St. Charles Redbirds took their match 11-9 over Side Pockets behind the 4-0 night of Darien Wills. It was even closer over on 94 where Hotshots 94 went to the hill with Duchesne B&G. Melissa Drew won three games for her hotshot's gang and the third win was the killer for B&G. Nice shooting Melissa.

Second week the 94 Hotshots gang took an 11-7 decision from the St. Charles Redbirds. Melissa Drew put 94 on the bubble setting the stage for David West to close it out. Hotshots 94 members making the final hot sheet were David West (19-6 .760), Ron Griffin (16-10 .615) and Dave First (10-8 .556).

Div. # 13 Thursday ABC Billiards #4 shot a wire to wire season coming in 9-2 edging out ABC #3, 8-3. Getting ABC #4 to the finish line first are four members landing on the All-Star sheet led by Alan Gragga, 18-6 .750. Teammates are T.J. Powers (25-9 .735), Rich Sterling (24-9 .727) and John MacKiewicz (21-14 .600). ABC #3 may have finished second as a team but one of their players did not. Steve Lewis takes the Top Player crown by a scant .007 over teammate Jeff Davenport, 26-8 .765 to 25-8 .758, or only one win different. Nice shooting guys.

First playoff week ABC #2 beat up on ABC #1, 11-6. Three #2 players won three games each. The second week saw ABC #3 (who got the first week's bye) give two games on the string to ABC #2 then rallied for an 11-7 win. This time it was two members having 3-0 nights for ABC #3, Jeff Davenport and Aaron Newman. New player ABC #2's Nick Noonan went 6-1 for the losers. But we are giving the MVP honors to ABC #3's captain Tracy Gray for leading her team to the big show. Getting ABC #3 there were Steve Lewis (26-8 .765), Jeff Davenport (25-8 .758) and Bob Colyott (18-11 .621). Nice going, guys!

Div. # 14 Jefferson County Winner: Hillsboro Billiards 8-2 Captain: Jack Neels
Runner-up: Kenny's Bar & Grill, 7-3 - Captain: Lisa O'Farrell
Top Player: Pat Blackwell, 17-2 .895 - Kenny's Bar & Grill

Div. # 15 Eureka Winner: Hot Spot 8-2 Captain: Earl Challans
Runner-up: JP's Bar & Grill Eureka #1, 5-5 - Captain: Mike O'Rourke
Top Player: Jeff Scott, 22-5 .815 - JP's Bar & Grill

Div. #	Winner	Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Runner-up	Team	W.	L.	Pct.
# 1	Elvir Fale	Hotshots SC #1	22	2	.917	* Jim Wanner	Hotshots SC #1	20	6	.769
#14	Pat Blackwell	Kenny's B&G	17	2	.895	Only info offered				
# 3	Jimmy Fried	Wedge	24	3	.889	* Joey Diaz	Wedge	19	6	.760
# 6	Bob Ackley	Lehmann's #2	34	6	.850	Ed Fieser	Charlack Pub	27	6	.818
# 4	Lonnie Hanneke	Cotters	22	4	.846	Jim Stevens	Wedge	25	6	.806
# 5	Mike Remiger	Redbirds Haz.	25	5	.833	Marland Choy	Clubhouse	28	8	.778
# 7	Marland Choy	Clubhouse #2	23	5	.821	Alex Ramon	Acapulco	18	5	.783
# 8	Joe Mele	Classics	18	4	.818	Bob Mannecke	Redbirds #1	21	5	.808
#10	Brian Kroeger	Teachers #1	22	5	.815	Walter Crane, Sr.	SP #4	27	14	.659
#15	Jeff Scott	JP's B&G	22	5	.815	Only info offered				
#12	Jason Roman	Redbirds St. Ch.	22	6	.786	David West	Hotshots 94	19	6	.760
# 9	Pat Murphy	Teachers #2	20	6	.769	David West	Side Pockets	24	8	.750
#13	Steve Lewis	ABC Bill. #3	26	8	.765	* Jeff Davenport	ABC Bill. #3	25	8	.758
# 2	Paul Edstrom	HS Fenton	26	8	.765	Ken Pratt	JP's #2	28	9	.757
#11	Michael Seeker	HS St. Peters	19	6	.760	John McWilliams	Side Pockets	20	9	.690

* Teammates

Slick Chicks with Straight Shootin' Sticks

Division	Player	Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Div. #104	Donna Pope	G.E.D. #1	20	12	.625
Div. # 9	Melissa Drew	Side Pockets	15	10	.600
Div. # 9	Mary Stillwell	Red & Blue Fish	12	9	.571
Div. #111	Anne Carion	Teachers	17	13	.567
Div. # 2	Sharon Luitjens	JP's #1	18	16	.529
Div. #110	Julia Gabriel	Side Pockets #1	16	16	.500
Div. #12	Anne Carion	Hotshots 94	15	15	.500

Donna Pope must have a little pull at Vatican City. You may recall she was the leading M0-8 female last session. One in 20 years, now two in a row, hmmm! It doesn't matter, Donna. You deserve all the success that comes your way. All the best and keep up the great shooting.

Div. # 101 Monday JP's Corner from Gravois was either tied for first or there alone the entire 11 weeks. They had it wrapped up by the 10th week so losing their last match making it an 8-3, 7-4 one match difference wasn't as close as it looks. Dennis Bullock led their attack. Dennis came in 22-13 .629 and teammate Denis Dunbar helped out with his 21-14 .600. Nice shooting, guys!

From Hotshots Arnold we see that teammates Jim Wanner and Kenny Vaughn battled for the Top Player title. Jim took the lead the 6th week and edged out Kenny, 23-8 .742 to 16-6 .727. Nice going!

First playoff week Bill Ray muscled up for a 4-0 match and Jerry Terbrock added three wins in the 9-4 beatdown of Pints & Rails. Larry Lammert won half of P&R's four games. Hotshots Arnold was on their game the second week as they ambushed JP's-2 to the tune of 9-2. Five of Arnold's hotshots added to the score. In addition to Jim Wanner (23-8 .742) and Kenny Vaughn (16-6 .727), teammates making the hot sheet are Pat Blackwell (16-10 .615), Chris Collins (14-11 .560) and Coty Harlan (15-12 .556).

Div. # 102 Monday Webster Groves Hotshots went undefeated this session yet the final standings show them 10-1. HUH! Because of this weird situation they were tied or front runner from the 4th week to the finish line. It wasn't easy as Hotshots SC #2 kept pushing the issue until time expired. Webster edged out SC #2, 10-1 to 9-2. And the weirdness didn't stop there. Four Grovers made the final hot sheet with teammates Brian Akridge and Jeremy Alton duking it out for Top Player. Brian topped Jeremy 14-4 .778 to 11-5 .688. And if you hadn't recognized it, even though this was only an 11-week session, these are, according to Adjective Adams: absolutely, positively, unequivocally, no doubt, without question, and verifiably the lowest numbers to ever win both top player and runner-up.

Aha, the mystery is solved by looking at the schedule. First: Webster Groves Hotshots entered the division the second week and accepted a forfeit loss because of it. No make-up match.

Second: Because there were an odd number of teams (7) along the way Webster received two bye wins. So, eight matches played and won, plus two bye wins and a forfeit loss = 10-1.

That means what Brian Akridge and Jeremy Alton accomplished was done so by playing only eight matches. And that accounts for the reason Brian's 18 games played and Jeremy's 16 are allowed because when byes are present two credits are allowed for each member of that team. Credits are comparable to walks in baseball. You get a plate appearance but not charged with a time at bat.

Clear as mud? Good. To continue; the other two Webster teammates are Phil Galli and Jim Hoppen both coming in 13-7 .650. Way to hang in guys!

First playoff week Hotshots Fenton #2 slipped past Hotshots SC #2, 9-7. While that was going on the gang from HS Arnold invaded Elmo's and barely escaped with a narrow 9-8 win. Second week Rick Williams banged out four wins while leading Arnold's to a 9-4 victory over Fenton. No one can say that Rick Williams doesn't rise to the occasion. After checking the weekly All-Star sheets, not once did Rick's name appear, on any of them. The man of mystery! Just saving it up for the playoff, huh, Rick! Rick is Arnold's team MVP going 7-1 for the playoffs. Two of Arnold's members hit the final hot sheet, Tony Blackwood (16-9 .640) and John Legens (13-8 .619). Way to hang in gang.

Div. # 103 Monday Two things happened good for American Legion on the 4th week of the season. That's when the team took over first place and walked off to an 8-3 season. Also, that's when Vic Weidhaas made his run for the Top Player title. Vic went 18-4 after jumping in front and also walked away from the field bringing in a neat 26-6 .813, which was .119 over runners-up, two of Friendly's teammates, Allen Barnhart and Kevin Hampton, both coming in 25-11 .694. It took the whole team to get to the wire but Vic is the only Legionnaire to hit the final hot sheet. Nice shooting, Vic!

First playoff week Friendly's Club, behind the 4-0 shooting of Allen Barnhart, pulled off a 9-6 win over AMVETS #1. The second week AMVETS #2 tried riding to the rescue but Friendly's Gang wasn't too friendly toward them either. With Stan Brown and Kevin Hampton each kicking in three wins, the non-friendly bunch rode away with a 9-5 victory. Allen Barnhart and Kevin Hampton also share MVP honors as each shot a 7-1 playoff record. Nice comeback guys!

Div. # 104 Monday After 11 weeks of play Pardella Club #2 and Wedge tied 9-2 sending the tie-breaker to the games W-L Pct. Pardella Club #2 came out on top 90-62 .592 to Wedge's 102-85 .545. Getting PC-2 there were Mike Dugan (20-8 .714) and Garey Jeffers (13-12 .520).

But it was not all bad for Wedge. Mac McDonald pulled off the Top Player title, 27-7 .794, edging out GED's Andrew Feeler, 25-7 .781; only two wins different. Nice race guys!

Here's that girl again. Of the 16 making the All-Star sheet GED #1's Donna Pope came in 10th to lead the ladies department with a hot 20-12 .625. Donna is also the Top female player. Nice going!

First playoff week it was Mac McDonald going 4-0 in leading Wedge to a 10-9 squeaker over GED #1, while Pardella Club #1, with Todd Lamwersiek's 4-0, worked a 9-7 victory away from GED #2. Second week this time it was Ray Ridenour dropping the '8' ball four times in leading Wedge to a 9-7 win over Pardella Club #1. Four Wedger's made the final All-Star sheet led by Top Player Mac McDonald (27-7 .794) and followed by teammates Vito Castelli (24-8 .750), Ray Ridenour (22-11 .667) and Dan Finchem (16-10 .615). Nice season guys!

Div. # 105 Thursday For the first time in a couple years we have a 3-way tie for first place. Elmo's brought big fire when they muscled into a tie the 10th week and with The Haunt and Hotshots South County, finished 8-3 after the final week's scores were in. Speaking of final scores the games W-L Pct. goes to Elmo's 73-59 .553 over The Haunt's 68-66 .507 and HSSC's 64-64 .500.

Helping Elmo's bring that fire were three members burning up the hot sheet. Greg Newman led the attack 19-9 .679, with teammates Tim Powers (19-11 .633) and Roger Monroe (15-9 .625). Nice!

Ever since the establishment known as Libby's was changed to The Haunt one of the big names haunting the place is Dennis Bullock. Dennis spooked opponents and opposing teams alike from the opening bell. Dennis led from the start and no one, NO ONE, was close to challenge. Everyone that came in contact with him felt a weirdness surrounding the pool table and the proof shows when you see his haunting Top Player numbers, 26-3 .897.

Only three managed to escape Mr. Bullock's grip. Here is an example of how far down the runners-up numbers were. He would have to win 60 straight games to take the lead. 59 games in a row are no good! That would only tie Mr. Bullock .897. It has to be 60. Greg Newman did what he could do just to come in second, 19-9 .679, as Dennis Bullock's totals was a whopping .218 higher. Beware! Don't say you people haven't been warned; the rattling chains you hear from behind the walls and hollow moans and echoes from the basement could be the tipoff the place might be spookier than first thought.

First playoff week Hotshots SC doubled up over Pardella Club, 9-4, while over on Alaska & Delor, Keith Radcliff had a 4-0 night for Stan's Bar. But it just wasn't enough as The Haunt continued to cast a wide spell and pulled out the match 9-8. Can't anybody stop this whammy? Is it just a jinx or hoodoo? Someone needs an incantation, magic spell or wooden stake fast, or who knows how far this thing may go? Enter Greg Martin. Greg and the Hotshots South County gang had the answer for the second match. It wasn't easy but the garlic and Epsom Salts Greg brought with them helped to break The Haunt's spell, 9-6. Even though Mr. Bullock won three of their 6 games it just wasn't enough to move on. Greg Martin's 6-1 playoff record earned him the team's MVP. Greg's 12-7 .632 and teammate Phil Henderson's 16-13 .552 made the final hot sheet. Nice session guys!

Div. # 106 Tuesday I tell you, dawg, these team races just keep getting closer and better. After ten weeks of play five of the nine teams were only one-game different. After eleven weeks there are still two teams tied for first place and four teams tied from 3rd through 6th.

Because of the first place tie the games W-L Pct. showed just how close it was. It was Classics #2 (80-59 .576) edging out Classics #3 (74-56 .569), only a James Bond apart. (That means .007 for those of you out in L.A.) There was one other factor; while Classics #3 received a bye win, Classics #2 had to play their 11th match. Put under the gun, C-2 turned in a 9-5 win for the team title.

Helping C-2 there were Steve Lawson, who just happened to be the Top Player at 21-9 .700. Joe Rogers (16-9 .640), Daniel Hill (17-11 .607) and Bryan Davis (18-12 .600) helped out. Nice shooting!

Speaking of Steve Lawson, he began the season 6-0, led the way the first three weeks, than fell off the radar the next seven weeks. So when his team had to play the final week Steve went 2-0 knocking Brad Haley (17-8 .680) to second place. Nice race guys, but as they say in books, 'that's why it can be bad luck to have a bye the final week of play'. Gripes!

First playoff week Classics #3's woes continued as they went down 9-6 to 5th place Lehmann's #1, while Lehmann's #2 bumped out Hazelwood Redbirds 9-5 setting up a Lehmann's playoff. It was a battle but Lehmann's #2 edged out L.L. #1, 9-7. Getting Lehmann's #2 there were five members hitting the hot sheet; Bill Sago (16-10 .615), Bob Pendergrass (20-13 .606), Jim Harrison (18-12 .600), Moe Teimoortagh (14-10 .583) and Mick Sago (15-11 .577). Nice shooting, guys!

Div. # 107 Tuesday Hazelwood Redbirds #3 led wire to wire two ways, team and Top Player. Lisa Crosby once again led the guys to a tight 7-4 first place finish with Mike Werner edging out Marland Choy for Top Player, 32-5 .865 to 25-7 .781. Three other RB-3 members hit the hot sheet, Keith Grob (20-7 .741), Jim Crosby (17-12 .586) and Jesse Napoli (19-15 .559). Nice going!

First playoff week Sheila's Redbirds outlasted RB-2, 9-7, with Joe Hodge having a 4-0 match. The second week Kenny Martin's RB-1 gang gave RB-4 four games on the wire and fought hard to overcome it for a 9-8 victory. Bob Mannecke went 17-9 .654 and Bob Pendergrass was 24-13 .649 for RB-1.

Div. # 108 Thursday The last week of the session between two Classics' teams was such a joke every respectable Missouri 8 Ball member should know about it. For now I will print only the results and save commentary about Missouri 8 Ball rules and sportsmanship, or more accurately UNsportsmanship, for a later date.

Going into the final week of play Classic #3 needed a win to be team champs. Yet they were given a 0-9 loss to Classics #2.

Classics #4 got a 0-0 win over VFW #2. Obviously VFW #2 thought they were out of it even though had they played and won they would have moved into 5th place because the team in front of them did lose and would have been out of the playoffs.

Meanwhile Classics #1 played VFW #1 and took a 10-6 decision that put them in a first place tie with the team that was given a 0-9 loss. As we see from the games W-L Pct. C-1's .567 was a little over C-3's .525 (which was .557 before the 0-9 totals were added). Classics #1 is awarded first place.

Classics #2 was given the 9-0 win that moved them from 4th place into the 3rd spot for final standings. That move set up the two-week playoff this way.

First playoff week VFW #1 received two games on the wire and won 9-6 over Classics #3 with Ron Gottschalk kicking in four wins for VFW #1. Across the room Classics #2 turned it up a notch for a 9-5 win over Classics #4 with Tom Wolkey and Joe Hodge each dropping in three '8' balls.

Second playoff week VFW #1 got three games on the wire from Classics #2! Because VFW #1 had to play one player short Classics #2 received four forfeit wins in return and took the match 10-8. Tom Wolkey did add one of his best playoff matches with four more wins that brought his PO totals to 7-0 to be his team's and the PO's MVP. The only two members from Classics #2 to make the final All-Star sheet are Joe Hodge (26-10 .722) and Tom Wolkey (23-15 .605). Great shooting, Joe & Tom!

The race for Top Player ended in a dead heat between Joe Hodge from Classics #2 and Rick Nadal from Classics #1, 26-10 .722. The tie-breaker went to Joe. Nice shooting guys!

Div. #109 Thursday Nuts was out of first place only the first two weeks. They didn't exactly run off with the title but when the line was crossed Nuts' 8-3 was two games ahead of Fucifinos. Getting Nuts there was Ron King 21-9 .700 with teammates Biff Barieter (21-13 .618), Frank Smith (16-12 .571) and John Grisham (12-11 .522). Way to hang in guys!

Top Player totals ran as close as newlyweds on their first night. From Suwallers #2 Brett Fallon edged out Ron King 22-9 .710 to 21-9 .700, only one win different, and add Lehmann's Darren Griggs, 19-9 .679. Nice race guys!

First playoff week Fucifinos snuck past Lehmann's 9-7 with Lee Davis and Mark McConnell kicking in three wins each. Meanwhile Marley's flat ran over Suwallers #2, 9-2. Of course Marley's got a 4-game head start but still outshot them, 5-2. Second week Fucifinos was still in punch. Even though they gave Marley's three games on the string Perry Coats won three games and Lee Davis pumped in four wins in leading 'finos to the big show with a 10-9 win. Those four wins added to the three from the first playoff match gave Lee Davis a 7-1 playoff record making him the MVP.

Helping to get Fucifinos there were Perry Coats (21-14 .600), Lorenzo Casey (16-12 .571) and Lee Davis (17-16 .515). Nice shooting guys!

Div. # 110 Tuesday If you had Side Pockets #2 for the team title after beginning 4-0 – YOU WIN. After the 4-0 start SP-2 went 5-2 the rest of the way coming in 2-games over Teachers and SP #1. Getting SP-2 there were three members hitting the final hot sheet, Rick King 19-9 .679 with teammates Kyle Wagner (20-10 .667) and John Snyder (21-12 .636). Nice shooting guys!

Top Player goes to some hacker named Jim Crosby. Jim didn't take over the lead until the 7th week. Jim was 15-5 when he made his move. Going 15-3 the final four weeks secured another trophy for his Awards case in leading Teachers with a 30-8 .789 over runner-up Side Pockets #1's Andy Lewton's 24-9 .727. Go Jim Dandy, go Jim Dandy!

First playoff week Side Pockets #1 knocked off Hotshots #2 from Hwy 94, 9-7, behind the 4-0 night of Eric Rackley. Hotshots #1 from Hwy 94 had better luck. Walt Crane Sr. put up four wins as they eliminated Teachers, also 9-7. Second week the 94 gang rode to a 9-5 win over Side Pockets #1 as Walter Crane Senior showed that he still has it. This 3-1 match brought his playoff totals to 7-1 making him the playoff MVP. Helping to get Hotshots 94 #1 there was Tom Lowery, 16-7 .696. Nice season guys!

Div. # 111 Tuesday If you had Elmer's in the 'win' pool for the team title after kicking off a 7-0 lead – YOU LOSE. For after that 7-0 start Elmer's began another streak, it wasn't because they wanted to but because their opponents made them. By losing their final four matches Elmer's finished third one game behind Teachers 8-3 to 7-4. Shirley's also ended 7-4. As they say in books, 'two streaks are better than one as long as both are winning streaks'.

Teachers takes the team title behind the Top Player numbers of Dennis Gallagher, 31-6 .838. Helping out was the leading female from this division, Anne Carion, 17-13 .567. Nice going Anne.

It was only one win and one loss different as Dennis outlasted runner-up Wayne Coder from Shirley's, 31-6 .838 to 30-7 .811 for Top Player. Nice race guys!

First playoff week Shirley's received four games on the string from Allstars and needed every one as the 9-7 score shows. Elmer's regained their winning ways and sent Side Pockets circling the drain to the tune of 9-3. Second week Elmer's again showed why they should be there. With Chuck, Bob and Rick kicking in three wins each and Jim the other two, they overcame the 5-games head start Shirley's got for a tough 11-10 Elmer's win. As Chuck Finch, Bob Alferman and Rick Spies all shot at 5-1 they share MVP honors. In addition to Bob Alferman (19-7 .731), Chuck Finch (22-9 .710) and Rick Spies (20-12 .625) getting Elmer's there, add Ben Moorhead to the list with his 19-15 .559 performance. Nice going!

Div. # 112 Winner: Hillsboro Billiards, 9-1 Captain: Troy Stamer
 Runner-up: Hillsboro Billiards, 7-3 Captain: Tyler Blanton
 Top Player: Brent Dantone 24-9 .727 Hillsboro Billiards

Div. # 113 Winner: JP's #4 Eureka, 9-1 Captain: Ed Graham
 Runner-up: JP's #2 Eureka, 3-7 Captain: Mike O'Rourke
 Top Player: John Pedrolie 17-3 .850 JP's B&G

	Top Player	Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Runner-up	Team	W.	L.	Pct.
#105	Dennis Bullock	The Haunt	26	3	.897	Greg Newman	Elmo's	19	9	.679
#107	Mike Werner	Redbirds #3	32	5	.865	Marland Choy	Redbirds #2	25	7	.781
#113	John Pedrolie	JP's B&G #2	17	3	.850	Only info offered				
#111	Dennis Gallagher	Teachers	31	6	.838	Wayne Coder	Shirley's	30	7	.811
#103	Vic Weidhaas	Am. Legion	26	6	.813	Allen Barnhart	Friendly's	25	11	.694
						Kevin Hampton	Friendly's	25	11	.694
#104	Mac McDonald	Wedge	27	7	.794	Andrew Feeler	GED #2	25	7	.781
#110	Jim Crosby	Teachers	30	8	.789	Andy Lewton	Side Pockets #1	24	9	.727
#102	Brian Akridge	HS Webster	14	4	.778	* Jeremy Alton	HS Webster	11	5	.688
#101	Jim Wanner	HS Arnold	23	8	.742	* Kenny Vaughn	HS Arnold	16	6	.727
#112	Brent Dantone	Hills. Bills.	24	9	.727	Only info offered				
#108	Joe Hodge	Classics #2	26	10	.722	T Rick Nadal	Classics #1	26	10	.722
#109	Brett Fallon	Suwallers #2	22	9	.710	Ron King	Nuts	21	9	.700
#106	Steve Lawson	Classics #2	21	9	.700	Brad Haley	Classics #3	17	8	.680

* Teammates **T** Tied for Top Player

Results of the 86th All-Star Singles Tournament – Pay out, \$3,450.00

First: '7' Marland Choy	\$1000 + Trophy	9/12: '7' Lonnie Hennecke	65
2nd: '5' Pat Murphy	700 + Trophy	9/12: '6' Jason Roman	65
3rd: '6' Jeff Scott	500 + Trophy	9/12: '5' Jim Stevens	65
4th: '4' Rich Sterling	350	9/12: '4' Melissa Drew	65
5/6: '6' Pat Blackwell	200		
5/6: '5' Kyle Wagner	200		
7/8: '6' Mike Remiger	120		
7/8: '4' Cortney Perkins	120		

Top Player Side Pot payout - \$320.00

1. Marland Choy \$170.00 for total of \$1,170.00
2. Pat Murphy \$100.00 for total of \$800.00
3. Jeff Scott \$50.00 for total of \$550.00

All the action took place at Side Pockets Sports Café in St. Charles, Mo. Saturday and Sunday September 27-28, 2014. Because it was the summer session, and all summer sessions are low turnouts, only 93 players signed up. Qualifying matches began at high noon Saturday and concluded when the final '8' ball was pocketed around 6pm.

Sixty nine were to start play Saturday with four pulling out for commitments leaving 65 starters. Of those 65 there were 18 qualifiers. Add the 25 top players and we have a total of 43. Of those 43 only two could not make it Sunday. Going over the last 29 years this is the only time we had more top players entered than those that qualified, 25 to 18. Speaking of Top Players, see Odds & Ends at end of report.

Play resumed noon Sunday. Skipping to the final four we see Marland Choy and Pat Blackwell from the top half of the board and Pat Murphy and Rich Sterling from the lower half. Blackwell got there by knocking over Walter Crane, Waddell Whitehead and last season's champion Jason Roman before being dispatched by Marland Choy. Pat finished fifth as Jeff Scott knocked him out. Jeff won his first two matches over Jim Crosby and Jim Wanner before losing to Marland Choy. Jeff then ran off six straight matches on the loss side moving into a tie for fourth. Rich Sterling was waiting and the 2-1 match went to Jeff giving Rich fourth place money.

Meanwhile Marland Choy and Pat Murphy met for last man standing on the winner's side. Marland made the final two with a 2-1 start over Billy Wimberly then followed that with wins over Jeff Scott, Lonnie Hennecke and Pat Blackwell before being kicked over by Pat Murphy.

Pat earned his way to the final two by beating Michael Seeker, Jeff Davenport, Allen Gragga, Jim Stevens and Rich Sterling. Knocking over Marland Choy set up the Choy/Scott shootout. Marland came out on top and Jeff finished third and as a Top Player received an extra \$50.

For the Championship Trophy Marland would have to take two matches from Pat. He almost didn't get past the first set. When Marland missed the '8' in the first game Pat had only two balls on the table. He ran them then the '8' for the first game win. The second game was just the opposite. Just about the time Marland found one foot in the grave and another shovel full of dirt coming, Pat missed a ball before the '8' and Marland got out. Marland won the third game setting up the final match.

It went back and forth for a few minutes until Marland found the runout pattern he was looking for and took the match 2-0. Pat's Top Player money of \$100 added to his second place finish came to \$800. Marland Choy, also a Top Player takes the \$170 top prize and the \$1000 Championship money for a grand total of \$1,170. Also congratulations to Melissa Drew for the highest placing female. Her 9-12th place was good for a dinner and a movie at \$65.

Final Results from the 5-Player Tournament Board – Payout \$8,384.00

Winner: Teachers, St. Peters \$3,484.00 Captain: Brian Kroeger Members: Kyle Kroeger
Div. #10 Champions Keith Grob, Paul Verhulst, Al Hale, Dan Klemme & Matt White

Second: Just Bill's Place, Overland \$1,700.00 Captain: Eric Peterson Members: Jerry Jordan
Div. #8 P.O. Winner Members: Bill Milligan, Jacob Austin, Jerry Ray, Tim Carpenter & Aleeta Smith

3/4. Teachers, St. Peters \$800.00 Captain: Jackie Rehklau Members: Jason Helmholtz
Div. #9 Playoff Winner Ed Carion, Anne Carion, Steve Graham & Chris Caldwell

3/4. Hotshots Highway 94, St. Charles \$800.00 Captain: David West Members: Melissa Drew
Div. #12 Playoff Winner Ron & Joanne Griffin, Dave First, Nikki Pagoria, Kelly Nesslage

5/8. Hotshots Fenton, Fenton \$400.00 Captain: Bob Urberger Members: Roger Pheasant
Div. #4 Champions Ken Man, Rich Parshall, Tom Davidson & Ben Pona

5/8. Redbirds Sports Café, Hazelwood \$400.00 Captain: Waddell Whitehead Members: Vic Day
Div. #8 Champions Bob Mannecke, Byron Devroux, Marland Choy & Mike McGray

5/8. Salvatore's, St. Peters \$400.00 Captain: Kent Keiser Members: Ernie Braidlow
Div. #12 Champions Ed Chier, Sean Kelly, Dan Frawley, Nick Volansky & Ted Perotte

5/8. Lehmann's, Maryland Heights \$400.00 Captain: Joe Brugmann Members: Sylvia Carter
Div. #6 Playoff Winner Mike Jones, Bob Ackley, Kitty Brugmann & Lee Miller

(1) Teachers – Brian Kroeger	(2) Just Bill's – Eric Peterson	(3/4) HS 94 – David West
Games played 56 – 25 .691	Games played 46 – 43 .517	Games Played 35 – 33 .515
<u>On Wire 0 – 8 .000</u>	<u>On Wire 3 – 9 .250</u>	<u>On Wire 6 – 5 .545</u>
Totals 56 – 33 .629	Totals 49 – 52 .485	Totals 41 – 38 .519

(3/4) Teachers – Jackie Rehklau
Games Played 35 – 32 .522
On Wire 9 – 0 1.000
Totals 44 – 32 .579

A few words about two teams, all positive. First, Teachers led by Brian Kroeger. This team has been together several sessions and has won the Five-Player Championship three of the last four sessions.

The points here is - irrespective of what was yelled at them when a disgruntled loser walked out the door of Side Pockets when his team was eliminated Saturday, (in the words of Hillary Clinton when asked about the four Americans killed at Benghazi) 'get over it'. When this loser won three games against Clubhouse, the previous match that knocked Clubhouse out of the tournament, the first round, not one Clubhouse player yelled that he or any of his teammates were underrated and should go up to '7's. Some players and teams accept things as they are without complaining. Obviously some cannot. Everyone wants to win but as we all know, not everything will go the way we would like. Get over it. Move on or change leagues. Here's a dime, call someone that will give you a shoulder to cry on. In other words, take your grievance to someone who gives a care.

This Championship Teachers team did not make the tournament until they won their final match of the session the very last week. Then they opened up playing 30 points against Wedge's 27 and gave them a two-game head start. With Kyle Kroeger having a 4-win match Teachers won 11-8. Their second match was against Hotshots SC with both teams playing 30 points. The 11-7 score was closer than it looks and Teachers advanced to the third round against the Hazelwood Redbirds. The Birds also played 30 points. It was an 11-6 win for Teachers behind three educators each having a 3-win match.

Sunday's meeting with Hotshots Hwy 94 was 30-25 and three games on the wire for the 94er's. Teachers overcame the spot for an 11-7 win moving into the championship final with Just Bill's.

The second team I want to cover is Just Bill's Place. Two things: First, they lost their team captain, Eric Peterson, a couple months back. In his honor they continued to put his name on score sheets and whatever monetary rewards would come from this tournament would include a share to his family. Second: A person not familiar with the players from this team would first look at the skill levels of each player and with obvious reason list an order where they thought each player would be. In this case we have Jerry Ray listed as a '7'. That would be my guess as the best player NOT to draw.

As I have known Mr. Ray for many years I can attest to the fact that he at one time was in the top 10 players in any of the pool leagues in the area. I am saying that to say this, everyone is entitled to a bad day. In Jerry's case it just happened to be TWO bad days. Jerry will be the first to tell you how badly he feels about going a weak 4-13 in this tournament. But here, and due respect to Mr. Paul Harvey, is the 'Rest of the Story'.

Because this is a 'team' game/sport, there are many times the better player has his/her problems and other members have to band together for a pick-me-up. It is a 'team' effort. Cases in point, against Hillsboro, Jerry was 1-3. Just Bill's Place won the match 11-10 behind another Jerry (Jordan), and Jacob Austin added three wins in the 'team' victory.

Just Bill's second match was also an 11-10 squeaker. They gave JP's Gravois three games on the wire. Mr. Ray was 0-3 here and was picked up again by Jerry Jordan's three wins and the other four players won two games each including Aleeta Smith.

Round three wasn't much better as Jerry Ray went 1-2. Just Bill's again eked out another 11-10 victory with Jerry Jordan's three wins and Aleeta Smith running her winning streak to five in a row with her fifth win being the double hill decider. That was big as it put Just Bill's in the money rounds and a return trip to Sunday's shootout.

Opening rounds Sunday Just Bill's Place was to bump heads with Jackie Rehkla's Teachers gang. They also made a great impression in their playing to get this far. Having to give Teachers a three-game head start Just Bill's again found them-selves fighting an uphill battle. At the end of three rounds the score was 9-9. Jerry Ray opened the fourth with his second win of this match. After Jacob Austin went down Bill Milligan stepped up and won his fourth game that became their fourth double-hill winner.

Just Bill's gang took it hard the final match as the very tough Teachers bunch led by Brian Kroeger won the event. But the point here is one player does not always make a team. It takes everyone to pull together when it counts and that's what makes winning teams. Just Bill's has just proved again what others should know. No other team has ever won four 11-10 matches in a row in M0-8 tournaments. And who knows, next time Jerry Ray could be 13-4 leading the way. It's a team effort.

One more thing: An addendum to the Teachers story is this; for the three Saturday matches Al Hale went 1-5 and the rest of the team picked him up. The two matches played Sunday Al Hale went 6-0. So it can happen to anyone at any time. Teammates pick each other up. That's what winners do.

Final Results from the 4-Player Tournament Board – Payout \$5,363.00

Winner: Teachers, St. Peters \$2,563.00 Captain: Jackie Rehkla Members: Anne Carion
Div. #111 Champions Dennis Gallagher, Jan Clark, Ann Roulston & Rich 'Teacher' Schenk

Second: Nuts, Bridgeton \$1,400 Captain: John Grisham Members: Frank Smith
Div. #109 Champions Ron King, Zhoukan Li, Biff Barieter & Joe Meegan

3/4. Hotshots WG, Webster Groves \$700.00 Captain: Phil Galli Members: Julie Hemann
Div. #102 Champions Jim Hopen, Brian Akridge, Rich Smith & Jeremy Alton

3/4. Hillsboro Billiards, Hillsboro \$700.00 Captain: Tyler Blanton
Div. #112 Playoff Winner Members: Al Toland, Brent Dantone & Don Wade

(1) Teachers – Jackie Rehkla	(2) Nuts – John Grisham
Games played 34 – 26 .567	Games played 41 – 31 .569
On Wire 3 – 3 .500	On Wire 3 – 3 .500
<u>Totals</u> 37 – 29 .561	<u>Totals</u> 44 – 34 .564

Twenty six teams qualified for this event of which 24 opened the 3p.m. first round of play Saturday. In keeping with the percentages only four teams would take away cash. After Saturday's matches were completed the final four for the two Sunday matches had Nuts against Hotshots Webster Groves and Teachers vs Hillsboro Billiards.

Hotshots Webster Groves got to the final four by first taking advantage of Classics 3-man team. Two of Classics five players couldn't make it and Classics went down 9-6 when they had to give up three forfeit wins. Webster got a game on the wire from JP's Gravois and used it for the double hill 9-8 win. To get to Sunday Webster's Brian Akridge muscled up with four wins extending his winning streak to seven in the 9-5 victory over Hillsboro Billiards.

Nuts almost went down the first two rounds as they were involved in two 9-8 matches. The first match was with a tough Gene Rader Side Pockets team. Nuts then carried their momentum past the American Legion group. To end the night Nuts edged out Hotshots Hwy 94 in another close call, 9-7. The gang from post Uncle Thursday's must have thought it was all over when the bell rang Sunday. It wasn't a very auspicious beginning as they lost their first three games in round one. But then something happened. These nut-crackers made a statement of their own by running off the next nine games for a storied 9-3 victory that put them into the final for the trophy.

Getting to the final two was a struggle for Jackie Rehkla and her dream team out of Teachers. Getting a three-game head start against a tough JP's Eureka lineup was badly needed and they took their opening match 10-5 behind three wins of Dennis Gallagher. Dennis also dropped three '8' balls against Fucifinos the following match but it was Rich 'Teacher' Schenk with the heroics as he put five '8' balls down in the double hill non-stop action.

It didn't get any easier Sunday as Teachers had to give up three games to Hillsboro. It was another case of a Hillsboro team coming in playing only 15 points and finding their way toward the gold. After three rounds the score was 8-7 with a final fourth round draw. The report has it that Jackie could not see the pills leave the bottle and demanded a redraw. Whatever plan was about to be put forth failed. It was like in Blazing Saddles when they shot Mongo. All that did was make him madder. The redraw changed from Jackie, Anne, Dennis and Teacher to Dennis, Teacher, Jackie and Anne; a very big difference in the outcome. Dennis went down to Al Toland making it another double hill situation. Rich the Teacher pulled it out for the win moving the gang on to the Championship final.

Playing even were Nuts and Teachers and this is the way most spectators like to see it end, all the way to the final game. And it did. Another 9-8 match. The momentum first went to Nuts by taking three games the first round. It switched to Teachers when they won all four games in round two. Nuts came back with three wins in round three for a 6-6 tie. When Rich and Dennis won the first two games for Teachers in round four most thought it over. But Biff and Zhoukan were a couple hard nuts to crack and evened the score 8-8, yet another double hill match.

For the biggest game of the weekend Biff Barieter got the call for Nuts and Dennis Gallagher for Teachers. Gallagher won the toss and broke open the rack. At first it did not look as if there was enough power to get the '8' to the side pocket, but there was and the '8' disappeared for the Championship win. That was Gallagher's fourth win of the match and ran his totals even with Rich's, 12-4. What a great way to end it for Jackie's Dream Team.

Players that reached 10 Wins or More

Kyle Kroeger	14 - 2	Teachers
Rich Schenk	12 - 4	Teachers
Dennis Gallagher	12 - 4	Teachers
Jerry Jordan	12 - 7	Just Bill's Place
Anne Carion	12 - 9	Teachers (2 teams)
John Snyder	10 - 1	Teachers (2 teams)
Ed Carion	10 - 3	Teachers
Paul Verhulst	10 - 4	Teachers
David West	10 - 4	Hotshots Hwy 94
Jacob Austin	10 - 7	Just Bill's Place
Jackie Rehkla	10-18	Teachers (2 teams)

Consecutive Wins

10	John Snyder	Teachers	(10-1)
9	Rich 'Teacher' Schenk	Teachers	(12-4)
8	Kyle Kroeger	Teachers	(14-2)
8	Brian Akridge	Webster Groves	(8-4)
7	Jeff Ayers	Teachers	(7-0)
7	George Janssen	Am. Legion	(7-1)
6	Troy Stamer	Hillsboro Bill.	(7-2)
6	Al Hale	Teachers	(7-5)
6	Melissa Drew	Hotshots Hwy 94	(8-5)
6	Ed Chier	Salvatore's	(9-2)

5 Wins in a Single Match: Only one player – Rich 'Teacher' Schenk from Jackie's Team

4 Wins Single Match: (Teachers) Dennis Gallagher (4-1), John Snyder, Kyle Kroeger & Jeff Ayers (Just Bill's Place) Bill Milligan & Jerry Jordan (4-1) (Salvatore's) Ed Chier (Hotshots Hwy 94) David West & Melissa Drew (ABC Billiards) T.J. Powers (American Legion 111) George Janssen (Elmer's) Rick Spies (Classic's) Joe Hodge (Hotshots Webster Groves) Brian Akridge

Odds & Ends: It has been decided that all Top Players from future sessions will now have to go through Saturday's qualifying rounds. The old policy of getting a free ride to Sunday was an experiment that did not do what it was first intended. Now all top players will still have to sign up, pay their \$20, will receive their Top Player trophies and continue to retain your hidden table in the back room at the Hooters of their choice. Oh wait, this just in, sorry, that benefit has also been cancelled.

Talk about Bizarre- Movie reporter and News investigator **Front Page Finnegan** relates this story that slipped past everyone. "If you have ever read the Stephen King novel or watched the classic movie 'Cujo' you probably recall the plot which concerns a St. Bernard that starts foaming at the mouth and killing people. In the climactic scene, the crazed father defends his child from the dog. But he leaves the dog for dead instead of administering the coup de grace, setting up a really bizarre ending. Tail between his legs, the dog ends up in St. Peters, Missouri and is transformed into a pool player. Keeping undercover, he stays off the radar until playoff time where he shows his true talent by leading his Teachers team to the Championship, beating Nuts, 9-8, by snapping the '8' for the double hill win."

Speaking of 'snapping the '8'! Can anyone remember the last time the '8' was snapped on the break to win the 4-player Championship? Was that Ron Deloney that just raised his hand! Well, he has good reason to remember. It was a classic ending to Classics' hopes for the Championship when Dave Collins did the deed against them about four years ago. The double-hill match called for a draw for the final game and Ron Deloney got the call for Classics against Dave Collins for his O' Aces team. After lagging for the break Dave took a few practice strokes and slammed the cue ball into the rack sending the '8' back into the corner pocket. As they say in books, 'don't lose the lag when the for any double-hill situations'.

THE JOKE DE JURE- Here is a story about two guys who were the best of friends. For 82 years Harry and Bob were as close as any two friends could be. They went through grade school and high school together; attended the same church; were teammates on the same sport's teams and even served in the Military together. After their honorable discharges they went to college on the G.I. Bill. After graduating college they went to work at the same company where they met twin sisters. They dated and married the girls, bought houses and raised their families in the same neighborhood.

These two guys really were the best of friends. They took vacations together and bar-b-q'ed and just everything. And when time came they retired. And after retirement these two friends needed something to do so they bought pool tables for their rec-rooms. They joined a team where they were teammates for another 20 years. Then one day one says to the other, Harry... Bob says... I wonder if there are pool tables in Heaven. You know how we enjoy playing 8-ball and 9-ball and I was just thinking, what if there are no pool tables in Heaven.

So they made a promise to each other. They said that the first one to die and get to Heaven will try to find a way to get a message back to the other letting him know if there are pool tables and pool leagues and pool tournaments there so they can spend eternity playing their favorite games of 8-ball and 9-ball.

Sure enough at the age of 82 Harry died. It was a nice sendoff and before the lid on the casket was closed Bob leaned in, place a cue ball in his dear departed friend's hands, alone with his favorite cue stick and whispered to his long-time pal to remember to get back to him about pool in Heaven.

A few months later Bob was deep in sleep and had the feeling something strange was happening. Was it a dream or nightmare? Then suddenly Bob realized it was Harry. His good friend of 82 years was talking to him in his dream. Bob spoke, "Harry, is that you?" A voice answered, "Yes, Bob. It is me bringing you the message I promised."

Bob got excited and asked if it was a positive or negative message. Harry said, "Well, I have good news and I have some bad news, Bob." Bob couldn't wait. "What's the good news?"

Harry said, "I am happy to announce that there are thousands and thousands of pool halls, pool leagues and pool tournaments here in Heaven. Bob, you won't believe whom I have met; Minnesota Fats, Fast Eddie, Willie Mosconi, and every big name in the history of the game."

Bob was happy at the message his friend Harry reported. "But Harry," said Bob, "you said there was some bad news. What's the bad news?"

Harry said, "There is going to be a great 9-ball tournament next Friday night."

Bob asked, "What's so bad about that?"

Harry laughed, "You're playing Saint Louie Louie; see ya!"

Sealed Security Booth

Maybe you have heard about this. This Brilliant Idea is a solution to all the controversy over full-body scanners at the airports: All we need to do is develop a booth that you can step into that will not X-ray you, but will detonate any explosive device you may have hidden on or in your body. The explosion will be contained within the sealed booth. This would be a win-win for everyone. There would be none of this crap about racial profiling and the device would eliminate long and expensive trials. This is so simple that it's brilliant. I can see it now: you're in the airport terminal and you hear a muffled explosion. Shortly thereafter an announcement comes over the PA system, "Attention standby passengers, we now have a seat available on flight number..."

That's about it for the 86th session. Try to stick around for the 87th and let's keep Missouri 8 Ball the front-runner in local Pool League play. As always, your participation is much appreciated.

Rusty Brandmeyer – [Missouri 8 Ball Pool & Dart Leagues](#)

Dave Collins – Jefferson County Operations

Roger Pheasant – [Internet Operations](#)

Dustin Brandmeyer – M0-8 Magic Man & Route Assistant

Jay L. Carlton – [Assistant to the Wheels](#)

.