

Results and General Information of the 77th Missouri 8 Ball Pool League
Summer Session 77 ran from June 6, 2011 to Sept. 1, 2011
5-Player and 4-Player Division Champs & Playoff Winners
Top Players, Runners-up & Ladies + Stats

We do our best to give positive exposure to as many of our members as possible. To recognize M0-8 players that would not otherwise receive credit for their Sportsmanship, playing Accomplishments, team Spirit and Leadership. Because Missouri 8 Ball is spread over a vast area both city and counties, perhaps you would like to familiarize yourselves with players from other Teams, Areas and Divisions.

Div. # 1 7 Teams 11 Weeks Tuesday

The gang from Wedge went wire to wire. Even though they took their first five matches that really never put them out of range as both Hotshots' teams and Ivory Coast Bistro rode their tails the entire way. Wedge edged out Hotshots Fenton #1 and Hotshots South County by a single game, 9-2 to 8-3.

Leading the way for the Wedgers were Jerry Casey (17-9 .654), Joey Diaz (also 17-9 .654), Chris Nash (13-10 .565), Joe Curlee (also 13-10 .565) and Chris Collins (12-11 .522). Nice shooting, guys.

It was the Bistro Kid, Tattoo John Snyder taking top honors with his 19-5 .792. John made his first appearance on the hot sheet the 5th week and held on to edge out Ken Mann (HS Fenton #1), 21-6 .778.

Five members of Hotshots SC carried them from the 2-week playoffs to the big show. They were led by Mike Nolan, 16-6 .727. Others are Ricky Lipe (21-8 .724), Tom Davidson (15-9 .625), Mike Renick (13-8 .619) and Bill Kittrell (10-9 .526).

Div. # 2 8 Teams 11 Weeks Wednesday – From the 5th week to the finish line JP's Corner #1 was always looking over their shoulders. They were either tied for first place or percentage points ahead their final six weeks. They crossed the finish line a scant one-game over Fandangos #1, 9-2 to 8-3.

JP's #1 saw five players make the hot sheet. New comer Art Politte paid dividends immediately. Art's 3rd place finish of 19-7 .731 led JP's #1. Teammates are Jim Hopen (13-8 .619), Phil Galli (21-13 .636), Todd Lamwersiek (17-11 .607) and Ron Young (12-8 .600). Nice going, guys.

Top Player was up for grabs the final three weeks, and they are teammates. Ronnie Hansen edged out partner Denis Dunbar, 25-5 .833 to 24-5 .828. One win was the difference. Great race, guys.

Fandangos came away winners from the 2-week playoffs. In addition to Ron Hanson and Denis Dunbar making the All-Star sheet there were Mike Devers (22-9 .710) and Pete Bigott (21-9 .700).

Div. # 3 4 Teams 11 Weeks Wednesday – This 4-team division was tight as the final standings indicate; only 3-games from top to bottom. Stan's Bar #2 edged out sister team #1, 7-4 to 6-5 while Libby's was 5-6 and Wedge was 4-7. Leading Stan's #2 to the finish line was perennial Top Player Rolla Hoffman. Rolla's 30-6 .833 beat out Ed Libby's 17-6 .739. Also making the honor roll with Rolla was dad Pete Hoffman (25-12 .676) and Chuck Hooper (19-15 .559). Nice shooting, guys.

After Libby's eliminated Wedge the first playoff week they went back the 2nd week and k.o.'ed Stan's Bar #1. Ed Libby led the attack with his 17-6 .739 followed by Dennis Bullock (17-11 .607) and Jerry Casey (18-12 .600).

Div. # 4 4 Teams 11 Weeks Wednesday

Filling Station poured on pure high octane from the starting line. Jumping out by winning their first five matches kinda set the stage for their first place finish. Coming in 9-2 was three full games ahead of both Ten Mile House and Pardella Club's, 6-5. Sammi's place ran into bad luck with their 1-10, but hey, don't let that discourage you guys. Remember the Mets went from last to first a few years back.

Filling Station put four members on the hot sheet led by Top Player Semir Ekic's 26-5 .839. He was followed by runner-up and teammate Ms Robin Rice, 21-8 .724. Then 8th place John Cain (22-16 .579) and (I'm still with Mel) Mel Winkler's 19-16 .543 in 10th place. Nice shooting, guys... and gal.

Semir Ekic, Bosnia's and Filling Station's numeral uno super star, jumped off to a great start for the Trophy with a hot 17-1 after five weeks. After nine weeks he was 23-2, but still wasn't out of the woods.

His closest competition was Jerry Pickett and teammate Robin Rice. Semir ended the campaign 26-5 .839 to Robin's 21-8 .724.

Now, I would never say that Semir would have an aversion to be beaten out by a woman, but I noticed he did everything he could to hold on to that first place position.

Example: From the 6th week to the end Semir went 6-3 .667, whereas Robin ran off at 13-4 .765 for the same time frame. Robin, the only thing I can say is Mr. Ekic is lucky time ran out. Great race, kids.

Two ladies landed high on the All-Star sheet. As mentioned, Filling Station's Robin Rice was 2nd place (21-8 .724) and the other lady is Pardella Club's Donna Pope. Donna hardly ever misses. This time she finished 4th with a hot 21-11 .656. Great shooting, girls!

With four members of Ten Mile House making the All-Star sheet its understandable them beating out Sammi's Place and Pardella Club for the 2nd spot. Jerry Pickett led the four with his 19-9 .679. Others are Jason Shoemaker (15-8 .652), Tom D. Jones (16-9 .640) and Rocky Williams (12-10 .545).

Div. # 5 7 Teams 11 Weeks Thursday

Wedge Bar had it sewn up after eight weeks at 7-1 plus a games W/L record percentage of .654. Someone with a sense of humor said, 'Why doesn't Rusty just send them the Trophy now?'

Love our members with a cool sense of humor. Fact is – we could have. Could be the reason Wedge blew out the field with their final 9-2, 113-72 .611 is half the players on the final All-Star sheet are theirs. After the 5th week the first five players listed were Wedge members. To the 10th week there were six listed.

Jimmy Fried (ever hear of him?) took out Top Player again. And his only competition was his teammates. Jimmy's 22-8 .733 outlasted Phil Jordan's 17-7 .708. Other teammates are Chuck Hooper (18-11 .621), Dave Bove (20-13 .606) and cousin at Harold Fuqua (18-13). Add Adam Bent's 17-15 .531 and you have six. What a runaway. Nice shooting, guys.

Hotshots Fenton outlasted Elmo's and Hotshots SC for the 2nd spot. 3rd place Tom Davidson led the way with his 21-10 .677, followed by teammates Ken Mann (23-14 .622) and Rich Parshall (12-10 .545).

Div. # 6 6 Teams 11 Weeks Thursday

It's been said many hundreds of times throughout the centuries that 'timing is everything'. Allen Barnhart must have figured that out around the 8th week. Allen was in 5th place on the All-Star sheet. He got out the abacus and doing some fast bead maneuvering noticed that Mark O'Brien was going to be a little shy of the .875 he had to hit for Top Player. Sneaky Allen pumped up his game and went 9-1 the final three weeks and moved ahead of John O'Farrell for the second spot. When the final totals came down Mark indeed was a little short with his 28-6 .824. Allen's 24-7 .774 beat out Mr. O'Farrell's 21-10 .677.

Moral to this story: It pays to know the score.

Not all was lost for Cotters, however. Mark O'Brien led them to another first place finish, 8-3, over Friendly's #1's 7-4. Mark's teammates also making the All-Star sheet are Randy Heisner (22-11 .667), Paul Bulus (20-12 .625), Terry Etling (18-15 .545) and Ed Valentine (13-11 .542).

The 2-week playoff was a big surprise as 5th place Skip's Place Too out shot all three teams with better records to take the number two spot (Friendly's #1 & #2, and Slo' Tom's).

Coming in 5th place does pay off at times. Whether by luck or design Skip's Place Too brought in a 4-7 5th place finish with a game's W/L % of .478 (107-117). For a team that placed no one on the All-Star sheet they did well. In fact after searching the entire 11 weeks standings for a name there was only one – ONE – member from Skip's Place Too that showed up and that was the 4th week when Josh Hastings was listed in the 14th spot. Then fell off and never heard from again.

The old bromide holds true. Stick around long enough and you will see something new.

Div. # 7 6 Teams 10 Weeks Monday

Classics #2 and Clubhouse tied 8-2 sending the tie-breaker to the games won-lost percentage board. It was very close but Classics #2 edged out Clubhouse 108-85 .560 to 106-87 .549. Four members of the winners hit the hot sheet led by Sean Deckard's 27-8 .771. Teammates are Matt White (23-9 .719), Handy Randy Pohlman (16-9 .640) and Wild Bill Thompson (20-14 .588).

Top Player once again goes to New Classics #2's Mike Remiger. Gator fought his way from 3rd place into the cat-bird seat the final week with a 3-0 record bringing his totals to 28-8 .778, edging out both Classics #2's Sean Deckard (27-8 .771) and Clubhouse's Greg Kinzel (20-6 .769) who both went 2-2 that final match. Great comeback, Gator!

First week's playoff winners were Clubhouse, 11-5, over New Classics #1, as New Classics #2 knocked out Classics #1, 12-6. The second playoff week will go down one for the books. Clubhouse and New Classics #2 are 10-10. The pills are rolled. For Clubhouse Marland Choy gets the call. Marland has already won four games. For New Classics #2 it's Top Player Mike Remiger, who is 2-2 tonight.

Gator wins the toss, breaks open the rack and runs off his seven balls. The '8' rattles in the corner pocket. Marland comes to the table and runs off his group and is down about to pull the trigger on the '8' when from out of left field someone yells, CALL... THE... 8... BALL! It took Marland so much by surprise he couldn't hold up as he had already committed his stroke. The easy lay-up turned out to rattle in the corner pocket which allowed Gator back at the table. It was easy pickin's on the '8'.

The unexpected 11-10 win sends New Classics #2 to the big show and Clubhouse, well, the new session begins September 12th. Good luck.

For this playoff match Gator went 3-2 but Calvin Niehaus slammed in four wins. Congrats, guys.

For the Record: Mike Remiger led New Classics #2, 28-8 .778. Teammates also making the honor roll, Terry Konkle (16-11 .593), Calvin Niehaus (20-14 .588) and Tom Dooley (17-14 .548). Mr. Konkle wanted it in print that he outshot Calvin Niehaus and Tom Dooley. Braggin' rights to Terry Konkle.

Div. # 8 8 Teams 10 Weeks Monday

Usually when the first four names on the All-Star sheet are from the same team you can bet they waltzed their way to the finish line. Not so 8-ball breath. Yes, Cactus Inn #2 did come across the wire in first place, but barely. And as I.Q. Jones would intone: "That's all that matters, nothing else counts."

It was all Cactus Inn #2 the first seven weeks as their 7-0 record indicates. But Final Destination was hanging tough at 6-1. None of the other six teams had more than three wins offering evidence this strictly was a 2-horse race. The 8th week Final Destination won as Cactus Inn-2 lost. This brought both teams to a 7-1 tie, but FD's W-L % took them into first place.

Week nine would tell the tail as these two first place teams would meet for the second time. Cactus Inn-2 took their first meeting and in order to have a chance would have to win tonight, which they did, 12-7.

Both won their final week bringing the season to a close with Cactus Inn-2, 9-1, and FD, 8-2. Great race!

Talk about Murderous Row: The top four Cactus Inn #2 members on the hot sheet were led by Top Player Kevin Torralba, 26-4 .867. Matt DeBarr followed with another great season, 19-3 .864. Another first-rate session by 3rd place Mark Demariano, 24-5 .828 and a noteworthy 4th place finish for Carl Morris, 21-7 .750. Their 5th player, Dan Young was close to .600.

The leading lady was Final Destination's Heather Robinson. Heather turned in another great performance coming in 10th place on the All-Star sheet with an outstanding 21-11 .656. Nice shooting, girl.

First playoff week saw Cactus Inn #1 get past Hotshots NC 11-8. Meanwhile Cocktails invaded Final Destination's hideout and left with an 11-6 victory. The final was close but Cactus Inn-1 edged out Cocktails for the right to go to the big show. Nice race guys.

Div. # 9 10 Teams 11 Weeks Tuesday – From the 4th week to the end it was all Nuts, pardon the attempt for a funny pun. N-U-T-S, for those who may have forgotten, is an acronym for 'Not Uncle Thursdays'. Before Patty took over a few years ago the establishment was called "Uncle Thursdays". So now you learned a little bit of history should this ever come up on 'Trivia Night.'

Nuts finished one-game over runner-up Final Destination #2, 9-2 to 8-3. Leading the Nutcrackers to the finish line were Sam DiMarco (22-10 .688), Biff Barieter (23-12 .657) and John Grisham (20-16 .556).

Here's that retired and noted geometry teacher showing off again. The good Professor Robert "Bob" Ackley (Fucifinos) won 31 of 35 matches for a whopping .886. Four losses! What happened Bob, hit a dead spot on a bank shot? He's like the Energizer Bunny, just keeps going.

So how badly did the Professor beat out the competition? Try .153 over. Bob's Top Player totals of 31-4 .886 overshadowed Charlack Pub's Brett Blackwell's 22-8 .733. Better luck next time, Brett. First playoff week's winners were Final Destination-2 taking a 12-7 decision from Lehmann's Landing, while Classics beat out Charlack Pub, 11-4. For the big match it was Classics over Final Destination-2. Classics was led by Shawn Kline (19-8 .704) and followed by teammates Billy Wimberly (22-10 .688), Brian Walker (18-9 .667) and John Holman (23-12 .657).

Div. # 10 6 Teams 11 Weeks Wednesday – It was a first place 8-3 tie for the two Valley Clubhouse teams. VCH-2 came out on top with the games W-L percentage, 115-80 .590 to 102-83 .551. Getting VCH-2 there were all six members of the team. Jay Carlton's 3rd place finish 26-10 .722 led the team. He was followed by teammates St. Louie Howard Lentz (24-10 .706), Matt Warfel (19-10 .655), Jess Napoli (15-9 .625), Terry 'Killer' Konkle (15-12 .556) and Joe 'Cozy' Lombardozi 16-14 .533.

Tough Tony Gregory (VCH #1) held on to take out another Top Player title. Tony's 27-8 .771 was a little over runner-up Danny Llamas (El Coco Loco), 24-9 .727. Nice race, guys.

First playoff winners went to 4th place New Classics 11-9 over 3rd place Classics. 5th place El Coco Loco put a job on 2nd place Clubhouse #1, 11-3. El Coco Loco pulled out the win over New Classics to go to the big show. They were led by Danny Llamas (24-9 .727) and Alex Ramon (14-12 .538).

Div. # 11 8 Teams 11 Weeks Wednesday

It happens about as often as when a 'Blue Moon' comes around and this was the season for it; a 3-way tie for first place. Final Destination, Fucifinos' 1 & 2 all came in 7-4. That's close. It was just as close separating them from the games W-L percentage. Final Destination slipped by Fucifinos #1 by – ready for this - .001. That's right, 102-96 .515 to 109-103 .514. So Final Destination played their final match this session. Congrats to them. Getting the Fed's there was the only player to make the 18 on the honor roll, Shawn Tendiel with a 7th place 22-10 .688. That's another rarity.

Andy Quinn (Redbirds) takes out the Top Player title. Handy Andy ran up a dandy 23-2 .920. He lost two games the first two weeks then took his last 18 for the Trophy. As usual, great shooting to Andy!

Runner-up with a distant .731 was Fucifinos #1's Leon Young at 19-7. Third place was Cactus Inn's Kevin Torralba at 27-10 .730. A big .189 & .190 difference from 1st, to 2nd & 3rd.

For the first week's playoffs we see that 4th place Lehmann's Landing #1 took an 11-9 win from 3rd place Fucifinos #2, while 5th place Redbirds came out 11-6 over Fucifinos #1.

The final we see that Lehmann's #1 out shot Redbirds for the second spot. Lehmann's-1 put five of their six members on the final sheet. Tyler Jones led, 24-11 .686, followed by Mike Kiwala (15-8 .652), Chuck Chastain (17-11 .607), Jim Underwood (19-17 .528) and Vince Peters (13-12 .520).

Div. # 12 10 Teams 11 Weeks Thursday

Bottle Cap shot from 3rd place into first place the final week. Actually it was a tie with Fucifinos, but the Capper's games W-L percentage was slightly higher, 102-89 .534 to 121-108 .528. Bottle Cap got past the post with Butch Matlock (20-5 .800), Aleeta Fahrenholz (17-9 .654) and Jon Lancaster (21-15 .583).

Speaking of Aleeta Fahrenholz, it hasn't been confirmed as yet but we are thinking that she may have set the ladies' record for the most consecutive wins from the beginning of a season. Aleeta jumped off to a 10-0 start and didn't lose her first game until the 6th week.

Although Aleeta held first place on the All-Star sheet the first six weeks at 11-1, she had to settle for 9th place when the season ended. Don't scoff. That 9th place still beat out 16 others.

Aleeta's 17-9 .654 led the ladies and Andrea Kohlen was 2nd highest with her own nice 16-11 .593, which was good for the 18th spot. Very nice going, ladies!

Top Player honors go to Ballard's David Lehner. The sneaky Mr. Lehner waited until the 10th week to show up on the All-Star sheet taking all by surprise. Dave's 20-2 .909 was huge as he beat out Bottle Cap's Butch Matlock's 20-5 .800.

First playoff week saw Ballard's edge by Hotshots NC, 12-10. Lorenzo Casey popped in a 4-win night for the winners. Redbirds knocked off Fucifinos for the night-cap than the second week Redbirds polished off Ballard's to fill the second spot.

Div. # 13 6 Teams 11 Weeks Wednesday

Side Pockets #2 ran away from the field finishing 3-games in front of Side Pockets #1 and ABC Billiards, 9-2 to 6-5. And I'll spring for a 6-pack of Mad Dog 20-20 if you can tell me who took out the Top Player Trophy without peeking. He waited until the very last week. Talk about hustling the field.

Three teammates switched places several times throughout the session and they finished 1-2-3. The final three weeks told the story. Walter Crane Sr. went 5-4, Walter Jr. was 6-3, but it was Tom Vogt who put the finishing touches on the season with a big 8-0 taking the title. Yep, ol' aches and pains, bad back and all, Kirkwood Tom is back. He won't reveal the last time he took out the Top Player title but this one has to be sweet. The top three spots: Tom Vogt (20-4 .833), Walter Crane Sr. (23-6 .793) and Walter Jr. (25-8 .758). Two other SP-2 members hit the hot sheet; Scott Carter (18-11 .621) and Mark Voerg (17-12 .586). That makes one-third of the 15 All-Stars from Side Pockets #2. Welcome back, Tom; and great shooting. Side Pockets #3 outlasted SP-1, ABC Billiards and Teachers #1 for the second spot. Pat Guittar led their attack, 20-11 .645, with John Hefner 4th, 17-15 .531, as backup.

Div. # 14 6 Teams 11 Weeks Thursday

If there is one question every M0-8 player wants to ask it has to be 'which division is the hardest to win a game, a match and make it to the big show?' Maybe not! But I'm-a gonna tell'ya anyway. This is it; right here. If you happen to be looking for stiff competition Division-14 is where the action's at. It is by far the toughest M0-8 has to offer. Of the 15 All-Stars making the final cut (that's after the last week's matches have been played for those of you in L.A.) there are only two '5's listed, (and they were just busted to '6's for next session). The others are eight '6's, four '7's and one '8'. All players are tough here.

This division is so tough – how tough is it? It is so tough: If you had money on Dustin Dunham and Jon Williams – YOU LOSE. They didn't make it, that's how tough. Even John Bissell failed to place, that's how tough. Keith Valet is missing, that's how tough. Tony Napoli couldn't buy a spot here, that's how tough. Even Jay Hines couldn't raffle off enough tickets, that's how tough. There seems to be a pattern here. NO ONE from Teachers #2 is listed. Huuummmmm. I mean, far be it for me to think there are shenanigans going on, but the 9th week when this powerhouse lineup went down 11-1, whew, that's tough, brother. And the tough team that pulled off that 11-1 shellacking was Side Pockets #3. That happens to be Mean Gene Rader, Runout Rich Sager, Tattoo John Snyder, Big Bad Ben Bronson and company. There are no, absolutely no, pushovers here. It is so tough Teachers #2 failed to make the playoffs. Which means this: There are no guarantees, no shoo-ins. Every team has to fight hard for that playoff spot. I think you get the message.

Okay, now it may seem I am picking on these guys, I am not. Other well-known names missing from the hot sheet are Jeff Ayers, Gene Rader, Mario Webster, Jason Helmholtz, Ben Bronson, Roger Ellis, as well as other '6's and '7's. It just seems strange not seeing some of these big names here. But remember, there is room for only 15. Only 15! And to be fair, some couldn't play the required amount of games due to work and family commitments. Again, this is one bad José? **(See Odds and Ends below)**

With all these heavy hitters listed someone had to take the Top Player title. May I have a drum roll please; thank you! You win the lottery if you had Julia Gabriel penciled on your card. If you think this is a joke, ask all those guys Julia beat up on and shot down this past session.

The breakdown is this way: Against '3' and '4' level players Julia went 6-1. Against '5' and '6' level players she was 11-3. And against the harder '7' and '8' level players this gal was 6-3.

Julia's 23-7 .767 was a little ahead of John Snyder's 23-9 .719. And it happened the final week. John was in front until he went 1-3 that final week. Julia had a 2-1 final match and that little bit overcame John for the title. If you are holding your breath wondering how they did against each other, their teams met twice but they drew each other only once with John winning that only match-up. Great race you two.

I guess it's safe to say Julia Gabriel was the leading female with her Top Player performance, 23-78 .767. Who was the 2nd lady? It was teammate Lisa Crosby at 7-7. 500. Nice shooting, girls.

I guess it's also safe to say that Julia led her Side Pockets #1 team wire to wire. Their 8-3 was 2-games over Elmers and Teachers #1, both 6-5. Helping to get there are teammates Jim Crosby (17-8 .680), Waddell Whitehead (17-10 .630) and Dennis Gallagher (20-12 .625).

Teachers #1 came out of the 2-week playoffs landing into the 2nd spot for the big show. Brian Kroeger led Teachers-1's attack, 25-10 .714, and was followed by the other four members, Paul Verhulst (19-9 .679), Kyle Kroeger (13-9 .591), Mike Werner (19-15 .559) and Brett Sneller (15-12 .556).

Div. # 15 7 Teams 11 Weeks Thursday

From the starting gate Hotshots O'Fallon was either tied for or in first place. They ended 9-2, two-games over Side Pockets #2's 7-4. Leading HS O'Fallon to the finish line was Walter Crane, Jr. (24-7 .774). Teammates making the honor roll are dad, Walter Sr. (17-7 .708), and Ben Wilson (15-13 .536).

Walter Crane, Jr. also tied for first place with Teachers #1's Tony Gregory for Top Player honors; both at 24-7 .774. Walt, Jr. got the tie-breaker and awarded the title. After the 7th week Walt Jr. was in 9th place, 13-7 .650, and Tony was in 7th place, 11-5 .688. From the 8th week to the end Tony went 13-2 and Walt 11-0. Great race and comeback for both players!

Top female player was Melissa Drew. Melissa was 14-14 .500. It was also Melissa's team (Teachers #2) that pulled out the as winner from the 2-week playoffs. In addition to Melissa, her teammates making the hot sheet are Dave Brengle (19-9 .679) her dad Rick King (23-12 .657) and Kyle Wagner (11-10 .524).

Div. # 16 6 Teams 11 Weeks Thursday – Everyone raise a hand (right or left) that had 'no clue' of which team would come out on top of the heap from this 6-team in-house division from ABC Billiards. You are now being informed it was #3. ABC-3 ran over the field to the tune of 11-0. Their games W-L % was 118-73 .618 and way ahead of runner-up ABC-6's 7-4 and 99-93 .516.

Of the four members from ABC-3 making the All-Star sheet three occupied the top three spots. It is safe to say that Andy Lewton led wire to wire for the Top Player title. Andy's 22-2 .917 beat out teammates Keith Birch (24-5 .828) and Adam Fulkerson (30-8 .789). John Mackiewicz was 8th, 23-13 .639. What a walkover from both the team race and for Top Player. Nice shooting, guys!

For the 2nd spot it was ABC-1 holding off the other ABC teams. Kevin Brickey led with his 5th place totals of 25-9 .735. Kevin's teammates are Mike Buster (18-11 .621), Robert Schalk (22-16 .579) and Brad Bocke (16-13 .552).

Div. # 17 Division Champs: Kenny's Sports Bar #4; Mike Wills Captain. Kenny's second team came through the playoff with Captain Kenny Vaughn. Top Player: Mike Wills from Kenny's #4, 24-8 .750.

Div. # 18 Division Champs: JP's Eureka #3; Ed Graham Captain. JP's second team won the two-week playoff, John Pedrolie Captain. Top Player: Todd Davis, JP's Eureka #2; 17-5 .773.

	Top Player	Team	Record	Runner Up	Team	Record
Div. #11	Andy Quinn	Redbirds	23 2 .920	Leon Young	Fucifinos #1	19 7 .731
Div. #16	Andy Lewton	ABC Bill-3	22 2 .917 *	Keith Birch	ABC Bill-3	24 5 .828
Div. #12	David Lehner	Ballard's	20 2 .909	Butch Matlock	Bottle Cap	20 5 .800
Div. # 9	Bob Ackley	Fucifinos	31 4 .886	Brett Blackwell	Charlack Pub	22 8 .733
Div. # 8	Kevin Torralba	Cactus Inn #2	26 4 .867 *	Matt DeBarr	Cactus Inn #2	19 3 .864
Div. # 4	Semir Ekic	Filling Station	26 5 .839 *	Robin Rice	Filling Station	21 8 .724
Div. # 2	Ronnie Hansen	Fandangos #1	25 5 .833 *	Denis Dunbar	Fandangos #1	24 5 .828
Div. #13	Tom Vogt	Side Pockets-2	20 4 .833 *	Walter Crane	Side Pockets-2	23 6 .793
Div. # 3	Rolla Hoffman	Stan's Bar #2	30 6 .833	Ed Libby	Libby's	17 6 .739
Div. # 1	John Snyder	Ivory Coast	19 5 .792	Ken Mann	HS Fenton #1	21 6 .778
Div. # 7	Mike Remiger	New Classics-2	28 8 .778	Sean Deckard	Classics #2	27 8 .771
Div. # 6	Allen Barnhart	Friendly's #1	24 7 .774 X	Mark O'Brien	Cotters	28 6 .824
Div. #15	Walter Crane, Jr.	HS O'Fallon	24 7 .774 T	Tony Gregory	Teachers #1	24 7 .774

Contin.	Top Player	Team	Record	Runner Up	Team	Record
Div. #18	Todd Davis	JP's Eureka	17 5 .773	No info		
Div. #10	Tony Gregory	Clubhouse #1	27 8 .771	Danny Llamas	El Coco Loco	24 9 .727
Div. #14	Julia Gabriel	Side Pockets-1	23 7 .767	John Snyder	Side Pockets-3	23 9 .719
Div. #17	Mike Wills	Kenny's #4	24 8 .750	No info.		
Div. # 5	Jimmy Fried	Wedge	22 8 .733 *	Phil Jordan	Wedge	17 7 .708

* Teammates **X** = Not High Enough **T** = Tied for Top Player

Slick Chicks with Straight Shooting Sticks

Player	Team	Record	
Div 14 Julia Gabriel 2	Side Pockets #1	23 7 .767	There were many ladies playing this session. We want to say thanks for your participation and maybe next session we will see your names here. Hang in there. As we see, many of you ladies have improved so much its easy to see why more and more have taken up our game and joined the Missouri 8 Ball Pool League. Good luck and good shooting for the upcoming 2011 Fall Season.
Div. 4 Robin Rice	Filling Station	21 8 .724	
Div. 4 Donna Pope	Pardella Club	21 11 .656	
Div. 8 Heather Robinson	Final Destination	21 11 .656	
Div. 12 Aleeta Fahrenholz	Bottle Cap	17 9 .654	
Div.109 Julia Gabriel 2	Allstars	19 12 .613	
Div. 12 Andrea Kohlen	Redbirds	16 11 .593	
Div.102 Lori Love	Skip's Place Too	13 11 .542	
Div.103 Phyllis Otto	G.E.D. #2	15 15 .500	
Div. 15 Melissa Drew	Teachers #2	14 14 .500	
Div.104 Kim Fried	Wedge	12 12 .500	
Div.102 Carrie Page	Friendly's #2	10 10 .500	
Div. 14 Lisa Crosby	Side Pockets #1	7 7 .500	

Div. # 101 10 Teams 10 Weeks Monday

It happened again. Mr. Jerry Terbrock (Gravois JP's Corner #2) led the division with 27 wins, only 4 losses for a big .871 Pct. You know what's coming, right! Yep, Jerry lost out again for the title. As an '8' level player he had to finish with a W-L % of .950 or higher. Jerry was .079 short. Once again, tough luck, buddy. So who gets the photo-shoot? Congrats to teammate Bill Ray. Bill was in the right place at the right time. His 25-5 .833 was high enough for his '6' level.

For the team race it was Show Me's from the 4th week on. They tied with Fandangos #2 at 7-3 but Show Me's games W-L % was higher, 84-64 .561 to 93-85 .522.

Getting Show Me's to the finish line were only two members making the All-Star sheet. In 9th place was James Brown (16-7 .696) and 12th was John Legens (19-11 .633). Way to hit'em, guys.

Mr Terbrock's team came out of the 2-week playoff out shooting JP's-1, Hotshots SC-2 and Fandangos-2. In addition to Jerry and Bill Ray three other teammates landed on the hot sheet; Jim Wanner (16-8 .667), Gene Dix (15-8 .652) and Tony Chagolla (17-13 .567).

Div. # 102 9 Teams 10 Weeks Monday

Dan Manchanda (Shot Heaven) floated in and out of first place the entire season. The 9th week he got there and stayed taking out the Top Player title by edging out Friendly's #1 Kevin Hampton, 23-5 .821 to 29-8 .784. Neither of their team's past the post first although Friendly's #1 tied with AMVET #2, 8-2. AMVETS #2 came out on top by games W-L percentage, 81-64 .559 to 81-73 .526.

Getting there and keeping the Veteran's on top were Larry Weber (22-8 .733), Pat Price (21-11 .656) and Rob Conner (17-13 .567). Great going, guys.

Lori Love led the lovely ladies. This gal from Skip's Place Too hit 13-11 .542. Carrie Page had a good session. This Friendly's #2 girl was 10-10 .500. Nice shooting, ladies.

Skip's Place Too took out the 2-week playoff beating out Stan's Bar, Libby's and Friendly's #1. It was a two-family affair with Jim Love (17-10 .630) and Lori Love (13-11 .542) from one side and the clan of Blastenbrei's from the other; Eric (18-8 .692), Bill (14-11 .560) and Kyle (15-15 .500). Nice going, guys.

Div. # 103 10 Teams 10 Weeks Monday

For those who have never played a match at Mary's Blue Ribbon they have one table. ONE! I mention this because they have two very good teams and always bumping heads. It's a good thing one finished first this season. Because the other finished second and both cannot have 'home table' advantage the first playoff week, as has happened in the past. One would have to play away the first week. And if both happen to win their respective matches, well, repeat week one.

But we don't have that problem this time. MBR #1 won their first eight matches then split their last two for a 9-1 final. MBR #2 played catch-up the entire season but had to settle for 2nd place, 8-2, when time ran out. As usual it was another great battle from these MBR teams. **(Is the 'stop' sign still there?)** Each team placed three members on the hot sheet. MBR #1 was led by Jeff Treacy, 22-7 .759. Teammates also making it are Mike Roy (16-7 .696) and Wild Bill Lach (14-8 .636). Nice shooting, guys.

The Top Player Award goes to, I believe, a first-timer. If not, I apologize. Say congrats to Dan 'the Man' Finchem. Dan, from Wedge #2, turned in a great 21-4 .840. That barely edged out teammate Mac McDonald (20-5 .800) and Elmo's Don Scott (24-6 .800). Nice close race, guys.

I also think this is Phyllis Otto's first time leading the ladies group. This G.E.D. #2 Git'er Done girl got'er done to the tune of 14-14 .500. Nice going Phyllis.

GED #1 fought their way to the big event by out-shooting Elmo's, Wedge #2 and Mary's Blue Ribbon #2. Joe Oberkirsch led their attack with a 4th place 23-7 .767. Joe's teammates helping out were Matt Feeler (17-13 .567) and Tom Downing (18-14 .563). Nice shooting, guys.

Div. # 104 6 Teams 11 Weeks Thursday I don't really want to be the one to say some strange happenings took place in this division this session, but... well, you be the judge.

One: The Wedge Bar took off at Mach-1 speed going 5-0. Then it was like someone put the hoodoo on them. Wedge went on a 6-game losing streak ending the season in 4th place at 5-6. That's one.

Two: Libby's #2, with heavy hitters Easy Ed Libby, Dennis Bullock and Jeff Brietenfeld, jumped off to a whopping 0-5 start. You see it in print, no wins, 5 losses. Then, like Houdini, the magic reappeared in their cue sticks and Libby's #2 went on a 6-game winning streak ending 6-5, for 2nd place. That's two.

Three: Fandangos open up 3-0 then went 2-6 the rest of the way for a 3rd place 5-6 finish. That's three.

Four: While Wedge was losing ground one brutal and crushing week at a time, and Libby's #2 gaining ground one week at a time, Git'er-Done was layin' low hanging in there putting 'W's on the board getting the job done one week at a time. G.E.D. kinda waltzed to a 9-2 first place finish. That's four.

Five: Top Player Ed Libby jumped to first place the *10th* week and takes the title 19-4 .826 over teammates Dennis Bullock (20-5 .800) and Jeff Brietenfeld (25-11 .694). Go figure. Weird session!

Helping G.E.D. get past the post first were Jeff Bach (13-8 .619), Joe Oberkirsch (16-10 .615) and Andrew Feeler (18-13 .581). Great shooting, guys!

Kim Fried led the ladies with an even 12-12 .500. Kim also led her team for top player. You go girl.

Coming outta the 2-weeks playoff was Libby's #1. Dave Gibbs led the team with his 17-11 .607. Two others making the hot sheet were Steve "Kickstand" Bodine (21-15 .583) and Kenny Morris (13-11 .542).

Div. # 105 4 Teams 11 Weeks Tuesday

For the first time in many moons this in-house division had a runaway team. Fucifinos #3 won their first five matches and finished off at 9-2. Fu #3 was led by Leon Young. Leon brought in a 26-8 .765 that was good for the Top Player title. He beat out runner-up Jay Carlton's 25-11 .694. Helping Leon bring it home were teammates Donald Creswell (18-12 .600) and Donald Rash (13-10 .565).

Fu #1 took the second winner's spot. Victor's gang knocked out Fu-2 the first playoff week, 9-6 and then defeated 'finos-4, 9-4 the second week. Fucifinos #1 leaders making the All-Star sheet were Victor Day (21-10 .677) and Bullet Bob Pendergrass (24-15 .615). Great shooting, guys!

Div. # 106 6 Teams 11 Weeks Tuesday

The Red Birds were chirping at the conclusion of this season. Their 8-3 total was 2-games over the next three teams that all ended 6-5. The top three Redbirds making the All-Star honor roll just happened to come in 1-2-3. Redbirds was led by Top Player Dave Downing, 20-6 .769. His teammates are Byron Devrouax (22-8 .733) and new-comer Keith Thomas (16-6 .727).

First playoff week saw both Lehmann's Landing teams victorious. LL #1 knocked out T.R. Gators, 9-7, while LL #2 took a 9-3 win over Pirates Cove.

LL #2 held off LL #1 for the second spot. They were led by Bob Pendergrass (26-15 .634) and followed by teammates Bill Sago (18-11 .621) and Jim Harrison (17-14 .548).

Div. # 107 12 Teams 11 Weeks Thursday

After 10 weeks there were three teams tied at 7-3. Two moved up to 8-3 to where the games W-L % had to be utilized to break the tie. It was another close one as Classic #1 moved up from 3rd place to first with their 88-78 .530 to Classics #5's 84-75 .528. That's the way it should be, two close races.

The race for Top Player was semi-close. Classics #3's Steve Monko outlasted teammate Sean Deckard, 24-2 .923 to 22-6 .786. It is another pair of teammates leading the All-Star honor roll.

Another story from this division is the guy that finished 3rd. Of the 24 making the hot sheet, 80-year young Uncle Pete Mocca shot a hefty 28-10 .737. No octogenarian has shot this high since Walt Penrod was Top Player back in the 2008 summer session. Nice shooting Uncle Pete. Top Player is next, right.

Only two Classics #1 players made the final sheet; 12th place Matt White (17-9 .654) and 13th place Rich Taylor (20-12 .625). Nice shooting, guys.

First week of playoffs had a couple great come-from-behind matches. Classics #5 gave Marley's three games on the wire. With Marley's up 7-4, Classic #5 rallied and won the last six games for a 10-7 victory. Meanwhile Classics #4 gave up one game to Kenny's Korner and jumped off to an early 6-3 lead. Kenny's Korner muscled up and turned defeat into victory by taking the final six games for the 9-6 win.

For the finale Classic-5 beat Kenny's Korner for the second spot. Jamie Mitcherson led the team with his 17-7 .708. He was followed by teammates Joe Mele (22-11 .667), Ron Deloney (21-11 .656) and Harold Seider (14-11 .560). Nice shooting, guys.

Div. # 108 No Division 108 this Session

Div. # 109 6 Teams 11 Weeks Tuesday

Elmer's jump-started the season by taking their first five matches. They dropping their only match the 6th week then regrouped. Elmer's ended the campaign by winning their last five matches for a 10-1 season that was 4-full games in front of both Teachers and Allstars at 6-5. Getting Elmer's past the post were Richie Bryan (19-7 .731), Steve Dennis (17-9 .654) and Bob Alferman (15-13 .536).

For the final four weeks the Top Player title was up for grabs by only two players. Richie Bryan (Elmers) was on top the 10th week with Dennis Gallagher (Teachers) pushing hard. The final week Richie played one game and lost it. Gallagher played two games and won both. That took Dennis to the top 27-8 .771 to Richie's 19-7 .731. Great race, guys.

Here's that gal again. Playing out of Allstar, Julia Gabriel led the ladies with another outstanding performance, 19-12 .613. Of the 12 that made the final cut, Julia was 6th. Nice shooting girl, as usual.

Teachers came away from the 2-week playoffs for the 2nd spot. Leading the way was Top Player Dennis Gallagher (27-8 .771) with teammates Pat Bredenkoeter (15-10 .600) and Jim Crosby (20-14 .588).

Div. # 110 6 Reams 11 Weeks Tuesday

Three teams finished 7-4 and were also very close in games W-L %, only .007 difference. ABC Billiards #2 came away with the title as their 89-78 .533 barely beat out Gragnani's 79-70 .530 and Duchesne B&G's 81-73 .526. Getting ABC #2 there was Corey Best with his best 26-14 .650. Corey was aided and abetted by teammates Andy Weiss (21-12 .636) and Mark Teply (20-14 .588). Nice going, guys.

For Top Player bragging rights a pair of Teachers' teammates shot it out. Derek Sexton outlasted Greg Vogel, 25-10 .714 to 23-12 .657. They were the only Teachers players to make the hot sheet and were 1-2 at the finish line. Teachers finished 4th place at 6-5 but came out winners of the 2-week playoff.

Div. # 111 4 Teams 11 Weeks Wednesday

This season came down to the final two weeks. Elmer's 'jumped the shark' and took over with an 8-3 finish. They beat out Teachers by a single game. Obviously Top Player Jason Morgan is the leading Elmers' player. His 22-7 .759 was another squeaker as (Teachers) Brian Kroeger's 21-8 .724 was just one game off. It wasn't that easy. The 10th week two Elmers' occupied the top two spots. Keith Humphrey went 0-2 the final week and Jason Morgan's 3-0 night moved him ahead of the pack. Brian Kroeger also pumped out a 3-0 match to move into 2nd place. Great race, guys.

Other Elmers' making the All-Star sheet are Keith Humphrey (21-9 .700) and Lee Gallagher (16-10 .615). So how did the 2-week playoff pan out? To quote William Shakespeare (the writer not the singer), 'Me thinks there are shenanigans going on'.

When a team, in this case Hotshots O'Fallon, is 1-10 with not one player so much as appearing on any of the eleven All-Star sheets, there's no question the game is not being played within the spirit of the rules. The first playoff week Hotshots O'Fallon knocked out Side Pockets (a 6-5 team), and the 2nd week beat Teachers Billiards (a 7-4 team) gaining several games on the wire both weeks.

But as far as we know there's no rule that says any team member has to appear on any All-Star sheet. So we say great playoff and congratulations to Hotshots O'Fallon for setting another record. Their 1-10 record is the worse showing for any team making the big tournament.

Now you guys have something to shoot for. To go an entire season without winning a match and making the big show. If any team can do it I'm betting on you.

Div. # 112 O'Ace's came away Champs with Captain Chris Collins at the helm. Captain Roy Traughber brought his O'Ace's team through the 2-week playoff and was also this division's Top Player, 19-6 .760.

Div. # 113 This JP's Eureka team was first past the post with Captain Dave Collins leading the way. Of course Top Player John Lorts (22-4 .846) had a lot to do with it. Johnny Pedrolie's JP's Eureka's second team took out the two-week playoff spot.

5-Player Board Results – Total Payout \$ 10,140.00

First – Teachers (St. Peters – Playoff # 14)	\$4,540	Captain: Mario Webster Werner, Paul Verhulst, Brett Sneller, Mike Gibbs & Tracie Gray	Members: Brian & Kyle Kroeger, Mike
2nd. – Hotshots (South County – Playoff # 1)	\$2,000	Captain: Mike Renick	Members: Johnny Moore, Mike Nolan, Ricky Lipe, Tom Davidson & Bill Kittrell
3/4 – Clubhouse (Florissant – Champs # 10)	\$1,000	Captain: Joe 'Cozy' Lombardozzi	Members: Terry Konkle, Matt Warfel, Jesse Napoli, St. Louis Howard Lentz & Jay Carlton
3/4 – JP's Corner (Eureka – Champs # 18)	\$1,000	Captain: Ed Graham	Members: Justin Flynn, Jeff Scott, Robbie & Jim Wideman, Jeff Woosley & Tony Rourke
5/8 – Kenny's (Barnhart – Champs # 17)	\$400	Captain: Mike Wills	Members: Bill Harwell, Jim Kelly, Shawn Campbell, Joe Orr & Nicole Moore
5/8 – Hotshots (O'Fallon – Champs # 15)	\$400	Captain: Tommy Lowery	Members: Walter Crane Sr & Jr, Derek Bell, Ben Wilson, Maurice Agaid & Nick Lowery
5/8 – Stan's Bar (St. Louis – Champs # 3)	\$400	Captain: Chuck Hooper	Members: Jenny Roberts, Pete & Rolla Hoffman, Jeff Wilson & Jim Schultz
5/8 – Classics (Florissant – Playoff # 9)	\$400	Captain: Billy Wimberly	Members: Damon Parks, John Lee, Melissa Fielding, Shawn Kline, John Holman, Brian Walker

Highlights and a few words about this Championship Teachers team:

There have been several teams that have dominated the Missouri 8 Ball tournaments in the past from both the 5-Player and the 4-Player boards, but none as successful as this team put together by Mario Webster. They are not just a one trick dog and pony show. This group of hot-hitting shot-making cast of characters makes balls disappear as fast as Obama makes jobs disappear. Scoring 'W's with blue-chip runouts comprised of a star-studded offense has been going for two plus years to say the least. Teachers' opponents, that have been paying attention, have been getting an education.

It is rare that the entire team think the same way about bullying opponents. It's also rare when each player in the starting lineup is ranked a '10' on offense and defense. It's also a comfort when the captain has a flock of coaches on the same page. Every player in his own right has the experience and ability to do all three.

In the last five tournaments Mario Webster and his posse rode roughshod over opponents like Ali hammered everyone in the heavyweight division. His crew has placed 'First' twice, 'Second' twice and tied for 'Third' once while amassing a total \$20,013.50. And each match played from 28 to 32 points.

During this span Teachers have given opponents close to 100 games on the wire (21 this time) and never complained. And that's saying something. After all, what's to complain about? They know going in they have to play to their ability in order to again be successful.

They actually began their rein the 2009 summer session when they tied for 3rd for \$1000. Then after failing to place in the winter season they picked up again the 2010 spring session and continued winning for five straight tournaments. Add on that \$1000 and the total grows to \$21,013.50.

There are those who shout (as they did of the 1927 Yankees) break up these guys. We don't have a chance! They are too good. In their defense I would like to remind those doing the shouting, not one member of this championship club is 'under' their true skill level. Read that again. By measures set down by the Missouri 8 Ball League Office, each player is right where their numbers should be. Not one player is out of line. And that is to their credit.

Congratulations to Mario Webster and his entire gang for another successful run. When it comes to honesty, fair play and sportsmanship, this team is right up there with the best.

On a related note: It is too bad it can't be said about a couple other teams that insist the only way to advance in these championship matches is to 'sandbag'. To intentionally keep their numbers and true ability down as to gain more 'game on the wire' (an edge) at higher level events. It's people like this that give the sport a bad rap. When in fact what they are doing is showing their true colors when it comes to fair (or in their case unfair) play, and just how far 'cheaters' will go for a few dollars. They have no respect for the League, their opponents and, sad to say, no respect for themselves. They know who they are and so does the Missouri 8 Ball office.

	Top Player	Team	Record	Runner Up	Team	Record
Div. # 107	Steve Monko	Classics #3	24 2 .923 *	Sean Deckard	Classics #3	22 6 .786
Div. # 113	John Lorts	JP's Eureka	22 4 .846	No info		
Div. # 103	Dan Finchem	Wedge #2	21 4 .840 *	Mac McDonald	Wedge #2	20 5 .800
				Don Scott	Elmo's	24 6 .800
Div. # 101	Bill Ray	JP's #2	25 5 .833 *	Jerry Terbrock	JP's #2	27 4 .871
Div. # 104	Ed Libby	Libby's #2	19 4 .826 *	Dennis Bullock	Libby's #2	20 5 .800
Div. # 102	Dan Manchanda	Shot Heaven	29 8 .821	Kevin Hampton	Friendly's #1	29 8 .784
Div. # 109	Dennis Gallagher	Teachers	27 8 .771	Richie Bryan	Elmers	19 7 .731
Div. # 106	Dave Downing	Redbirds	20 6 .769 *	Byron Devroux	Redbirds	22 8 .733
Div. # 105	Leon Young	Fucifinos #3	26 8 .765	Jay Carlton	Fucifinos #4	25 11 .694
Div. # 112	Roy Traughber	O'Aces	19 6 .760	No info		
Div. # 111	Jason Morgan	Elmers	22 7 .759	Brian Kroeger	Teachers	21 8 .724
Div. # 110	Derek Sexton	Teachers	25 10 .714 *	Greg Vogel	Teachers	23 12 .657

* = Teammates

*** = No Div. 108

77th All-Star Singles Shootout

122 players signed up for this summer's event. Side Pockets Sports Bar, St. Charles, Mo. was the venue. Play began shortly after noon Saturday September 24, 2011. At approximately 6:30 p.m. 32 players had made the final cut for a return trip Sunday for a chance to be crowned Champion and final Top Player. Here are the final results:

First: Dustin Dunham (8)	\$1,005 & Trophy	9/12	Dave Downing	(6)	110
2 nd. Paul Verhulst	(6) 720 & Trophy	9/12	Eden Chan	(6)	110
3 rd. Tim Samples	(4) 500 & Trophy	9/12	Derek Sexton	(5)	110
4 th. Jason Morgan	(5) 350	9/12	Andrea Kohnen (3)	110	
5/6 Keith Kreder	(6) 250	13/16	Steve Monko	(7)	55
5/6 Justin McClintock	(4) 250	13/16	Coty Harlan	(6)	55
7/8 Dan Klemme	(6) 175	13/16	John Lorts	(5)	55
7/8 Andy Lewton	(5) 175	13/16	John Holman	(4)	55

Congratulations once again go out to Dustin Dunham. This is the third time Dustin has pulled off the Missouri 8 Ball Championship. Dustin knocked off some tough customers on his way to the podium. First he had to go through Saturday's qualifying rounds with several top '7' and '8' level players.

Then again Sunday, for the Championship match, Dustin faced Paul Verhulst for the second time. They met in round three and Dustin sent Paul to the one-loss side. Paul came back strong by knocking out Keith Kreder, Jason Morgan and Tim Samples. But Dustin was in dead punch and closed out the Championship Match, 2-0.

The final three Top Player Sidepot winners are:

(1) Jason Morgan (\$220.00), (2) Andy Lewton (\$140.00), and a tie for 3rd, Dave Downing and Derek Sexton with \$40.00 each.

Jason Morgan ran his totals for the weekend to: \$350 & \$220 = \$570.00.

Andy Lewton jumped his totals to: \$175 & \$140 = \$310.00.

Dave Downing & Derek Sexton's totals were: \$110 & \$40 = \$150 each.

As you can see in Red, Andrea Kohnen was the top lady that placed. Andrea also had to go through Saturday's qualifying rounds. This was the first time Andrea cashed.

Again, congratulations to Dustin, Andrea and all our fine members for making the Missouri 8 Ball Pool League the best and most popular from the St. Louis and surrounding areas.

4-Player Board Results – Total Payout \$ 5,349.60

First – Elmer's \$2,849.60 Captain: Mark Trokey Members: Jason Morgan, Matt Mouser,
(St. Peters – Champs #111) Lee Gallagher, Keith Humphrey & Paige Enlow

2nd – Lehmann's Landing \$1,500 Captain: Moe Teimoortagh Members: Bob Pendergrass,
(Bridgeton – Playoff #106) Jim Harrison, Bill Sago & Pete Kelly

3/4 – Classics \$500 Captain: Lou Sauerwein Members: Rich Taylor, Jenny Taylor,
(Florissant – Champs #107) Brett Ross, Matt White & Bill Thompson

3/4 – Elmer's \$500 Captain: Jason Helmholtz Members: Steve Dennis, Rick Spies,
(St. Peters – Champs #109) Richie Bryan, Bob Alferman & Jackie Rehlau

You (and I'm sure they have) heard just about all the jokes about how this Elmer's team 'sticks' together like glue. Or it was Keith Humphrey that 'held' them together with his great shooting, or since Paige Enlow came over to 'join' them as one, etc. Well I'm not going to make any Elmer's Glue jokes, except those. I am going to say congratulations to a fine team that took out the 4-Player Championship with a few highlights that 'pasted' the competition by 'bonding' at the right time.

Now there you go again. There were a few 'sticky' situations on their way to the Championship. They opened up with a 9-5 win over JP's Eureka; went on to a 9-6 victory over Hotshots O'Fallon; downed O'Ace's to the tune of 9-zip, took a 10-7 decision from Classics; and for the finale 'cemented' the Championship match with a 'tight' 9-8 squeaker over Lehmann's Landing.

Talk about ‘gelling’ at the right time. One could say they ‘plastered’ the competition; or not. But one thing for sure Elmer’s put themselves on the M0-8 map as winners and I am sure we will see Elmer’s back at the next shootout. Congrats again, guys.

4 Wins in a single Match

Twice – Paul Verhulst (Teachers #14) & Keith Humphrey (Elmer’s #111)

Once each – (Teachers) Brian Kroeger, Kyle Kroeger & Dennis Gallagher

(Hotshots South County) Tom Davidson & Mike Renick

(Clubhouse) Joe Lombardozi (Elmer’s) Richie Bryan (Libby’s) Ed Libby

(Cactus Inn) Justin LaPresta (Kenny’s) Chad Vawter (El Coco Loco) Erwin Ramon

(Side Pockets) Scott Carter (Stan’s Bar) Jeff Wilson (Hotshots O’Fallon) Tommy Lowery Jr.

Consecutive Wins

14 Keith Humphrey	Elmer’s	15	6	.714
10 Paul Verhulst	Teachers	17	3	.850
9 Brian Kroeger	Teachers	15	4	.789
8 Dennis Gallagher	Teachers	9	2	.818
7 Ed Libby	Libby’s	7	0	1.000
7 Johnny Moore	Hotshots SC	10	4	.714
7 Tom Davidson	Hotshots SC	12	5	.706
7 Bill Sago	Lehmann’s	9	4	.692
6 Kyle Kroeger	Teachers	14	5	.737
6 Mike Renick	Hotshots SC	11	4	.733
6 Jeff Wilson	Stan’s Bar	8	3	.727
6 Tom Lowery Jr.	HS O’Fallon	7	3	.700
6 Tony Rourke	JP’s Eureka	7	6	.538
6 Moe Teimoortagh	Lehmann’s	6	2	.750

10 Wins with .700 W/L Pct

17	3	.850	Paul Verhulst	Teachers
15	4	.789	Brian Kroeger	Teachers
15	6	.714	Keith Humphrey	Elmer’s
14	5	.737	Kyle Kroeger	Teachers
12	5	.706	Tom Davidson	Hotshots SC
11	4	.733	Mike Renick	Hotshots SC
10	4	.714	Johnny Moore	Hotshots SC

Total Payout	\$21,014.60	Winners
5 - Player Board	\$10,140.00	Teachers #14
4 - Player Board	5,349.60	Elmer’s
Ultimate Challenge	1,000.00	Teachers #14
All-Star Singles	4,085.00	Dustin Dunham
Top Player Side Pot	440.00	Jason Morgan

5 – Player Team Totals

Teachers #14 Mario Webster
 67 – 30 .691 Actual games played
0 – 21 .000 Games on the wire
 67 – 51 .568 Overall Record

Hotshots SC Mike Renick
 51 – 26 .662 Actual games played
4 – 16 .200 Games on the wire
 55 – 42 .567 Overall Record

El Coco Loco Marco Garcia
 29 – 18 .617 Actual games played
1 – 5 .200 Games on the wire
 30 – 23 .566 Overall Record

4 – Player Team Totals

Elmer’s Mark Trokey
 51 – 27 .654 Actual games played
2 – 8 .200 Games on the wire
 53 – 35 .602 Overall Record

Lehmann’s Moe Teimoortagh
 36 – 20 .643 Actual games played
0 – 5 .000 Games on the wire
 36 – 25 .590 Overall Record

Teachers #109 Lisa Crosby
 27 – 14 .659 Actual games played
0 – 9 .000 Games on the wire
 27 – 23 .540 Overall Record

Say What? During the last presidential debate you may recall that Tim Pawlenty endorsed Mitt Romney calling him a ‘bedrock conservative.’ When he heard this, Joe Lombardozi said, “Wait a minute, I grew up in Bedrock, I don’t remember seeing him.”

He did it again: A member of the old Player’s Pub gang (whom shall remain nameless) was arrested for drunk driving in a golf cart while he was on his way to buy a scarecrow. When the Berkeley cop asked if he’d been drinking, if you leave out the hiccups he was like, “Duh, I’m in a golf cart on my way to buy a scarecrow, in the middle of Highway 170. What do you think?”

Odds and Ends - You may have heard about an incident that occurred in a Wednesday night league match last session known as the “Cell Phone Caper”. It seems our buddy Tony Gregory cell-phoned opponent Terry Konkle while Terry was down stroking about to shoot the ‘8’ for the win. As Terry has to always be available in order not to miss out on a work call, Terry hurried his shot, and rattled the ‘8’. To this day Tony still insists that he did not know Terry was on the ‘8’ even though he was sitting a mere ten feet away.

Well, it has come to our attention that Terry Konkle may have gotten his revenge. Seems someone hacked into Tony Gregory’s hard drive and changed a couple things; those being the two and three rail banking and kicking systems Tony uses. At last report Tony has been trying to figure out why he keeps coming up four to six inches short on every banking attempt and a half diamond short on his kick shot attempts.

We at the M0-8 office would like to remind our members that the very first thing on page one of the rule book states “Sportsmanship”.

Although there is no hard evidence it was Terry Konkle that committed the ‘hacking’, – we would also like to say to Terry, or whoever it was, “That – was – so – damn - cool!”

On a related note: Tony Gregory’s undefeated season went south the second game he played this new Fall Season. Yep, September 14, 2011 Tony lost the second game he played. At least his team, Clubhouse, picked up his slack and took home their first win, 11-6.

Addendum: Division #14

There has been wide speculation that the other five teams from Division-14 conspired to gang up on Teachers #2 this past session preventing them from qualifying for the playoffs. As there is no clear and positive evidence that a secret meeting took place in the back ‘hideout’ room at Side Pockets between those five Captains one wonders why they saved their best playing for the matches against Teachers #2. It’s kinda like in baseball when the some teams save their best pitchers to throw against the harder teams. Should some evidence come to light the Commissioner will look into it and see what kind of criminal act, if any, has taken place. If such evidence proves to be more than circumstantial, there are only two penalties or decisions that can be handed down.

One: The five team Captains involved will be considered for Gold Medallions that includes the Pig Latin phrase: “Oughtay Ucklay Uckersay”. And...

Two: A free and clear pardon that carries with it a place at the Commissioners table at the next Banquet.

Let this be a strong warning to those who are under the impression they can bend the rules for their own benefit. In the future we think that conforming to the rules of M0-8 should be totally adhered to and not to conspire or ‘gang up’ against certain teams for your own well-being.

One more thing: ELVIS... has... left... the... building.

A Final Note – The 2011 Summer Season was great considering the amount of teams that signed up. Happy to say it was up from last summer. And the main Tournaments held at Side Pockets were another success as usual. We would like to thank all our Missouri 8 Ball members and hope to see you back next season. To all that qualified, congratulations, and to those who missed out, better luck next time.

Hang in there, if there’s one thing we all know for sure – anything can happen in pool. Many times the best or strongest teams do not always win. We like to think we have a good system for making the competition equal or as close to equal as possible when it comes to matching up teams. See you next time.

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