

GOSPEL TRICK SHOT MINISTRIES, INC. NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 2024

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SAFE HAVEN REHABILITATION CENTER - JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

On September 27, a new GTS South Africa team of volunteers led by Wayne Parker and new GTS RACK team member Fred Landman did a GTS show at the Safe Haven Rehab Center in Johannesburg, SA. Fred was able to connect with those in the rehab center in sharing his personal testimony of his road to recovery from a life bound to drug addiction. Out of about 50 in attendance, 10 trusted Christ after 12 Gospel Trick Shots were done. GTS RACK team member Basil Munsamy from Basil Billiards sponsored the table setup for the day and has partnered with GTS Ministries in supporting future GTS shows in South Africa. The team is hoping to do one GTS show per month in South Africa.



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Matthew 9:12-13

When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

ISTANBUL TURKEY

Wayne and Chantal Parker were given a vacation package to Istanbul, Turkey in September by GTS partner Jandre from South Africa who is successfully recovering from Guillain barre syndrome that he contracted and was treated for while here on a GTS trip in the States in July. From being completely bedridden, Jandre is now able to walk and drive on his own leaving the doctors astounded at his fast recovery. Thank you all for the prayers. The Lord is faithful!



JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

Next month on October 5&6 GTS and McDermott will sponsor the 2024 GTS Classic Artistic Blackball Championships directed by GTS President Wayne Parker at the Billiard Cafe Pool Room in Johannesburg, South Africa, with a GTS show and booth.



BRIDLINGTON, ENGLAND

A GTS RACK team of 6 members will rendezvous in England October 10th for the 2024 WPA Blackball International (BI) World Team Championships in Bridlington, England with the 2024 WPA World Artistic Blackball Championships and two GTS shows with three other GTS shows being planned in and around Manchester, England partnering with Acts Christian Church of Bradford, England.



2024 WPA World Artistic Blackball Championships

11-18 October 2024

The WPA World Artistic Blackball Championships is coming to the Bridlington Spa Theatre in England this October! Witness the best players in the world compete for the title in an all-new selection of 32 Artistic Blackball shots!

2024 Blackball International World Championships

The WPA World Artistic Blackball Championships will take place alongside the Blackball International World Championships, Featuring the top players from across the globe.

GTS Shows and Teaching Clinics

Special teaching clinics and GTS Shows featuring BCA Hall of Famer Tom "Dr Cue" Rossman and Gospel Trick Shot Founder Steve Lillis with the GTS RACK Team.

Prize Fund

The WPA has guaranteed \$5000 added to the entry fees for the Artistic Blackball Championships!

\$100 is also up for grabs for each of the discipline winners including a special sportsmanship award.

Entry Fee: \$25 - No admin fees will be charged.

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WYCKOFF, NEW JERSEY

Phil Ball did a GTS show in Wyckoff, NJ on Sept. 14 for a small gathering at a private home on the GTS portable pool table which included a delicious barbecue, good conversation, and a message.



MADISON, WISCONSIN

Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman traveled to the Madison 3-Cushion Billiards Club in Madison WI to meet friends for fellowship at the Bob Keller Open and continue with his RACK Vision Outreaches. Rick Hawkinson also shared a magnetic gift of getting into the hearts of those in attendance. Tom and Rick have been going to carom events for almost 5 years now planting many seeds of hope and God’s love, exhibited by what Jesus did on the cross and being led by the Holy Spirit. The group photo below shows (from left): Tom Rossman, John Edison Rodriguez, Brian Haff, Nico Cagnazzo, Jose Dela Torre, John Munn, Erick Valerio. (Kneeling) – Olegario Gonzales. Noel Mendoza of Schuler Cues by Noel Mendoza.

Isaiah 6:8

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”



GTS USA CONTINUED...

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Steve and Camille Lillis traveled to Los Angeles to visit six GTS partners at Good Times Billiards in Lakewood, CA. Two videos were produced at Good Times Billiards which are being looped and made available through GTS Sponsor Automated Entertainment. One video is a teaching clinic on the new English pool game called Blackball and the other included 12 of Steve's favorite Gospel Trick Shots on a United Blackball pool table by McDermott. Top left photo shows (from left) Camille, Steve, Devra and Fred. Top right photo shows (from left) John and Jeannie English, Camille and Steve.



GTS USA CONTINUED...

MUNCIE, INDIANA

Pastor Michael Hewitt and Jason Lynch did a GTS show for the Christian athletes at Northside Middle School in Muncie, IN to announce the opening of the Rising Hope Church after school program. The program is called "Breaktime". There were over 50 students and teachers in attendance. A second outreach was also done for young adult/college group. God is touching the youth of today. Please pray for the children to come so we can reach the next generation with the Gospel of Jesus!



Psalm 145:4

**One generation shall commend
your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts...**

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Gospel Trick Shot #56 – The 2-4-2 Shot

History of the Shot: This new Gospel Trick Shot, performed by GTS President Wayne Parker, took place on a standard English-style Blackball pool table. On September 27th, Wayne and several GTS RACK team members from South Africa visited the Safe Haven Rehabilitation Center in Johannesburg to present a Gospel Trick Shot Show. During the event, they demonstrated 12 Gospel Trick Shots aligned with the global AA twelve-step program. At the conclusion of the show, Wayne recorded this month's GTS Shot featuring all the rehab residents gathered around the table. This particular shot was introduced at the rehabilitation center, carrying a meaningful message that resonated with the attendees.



GTS Name and Why: The shot known as the “2-4-2 Shot” involves a sequence where two balls are pocketed in each side pocket, followed by a cluster of four balls, and finally, the cue ball moves around the table to pocket the last two balls from a triangle placed on the table. This impressive technique results in all eight balls being pocketed in a single shot. The name “2-4-2” also references the Bible scripture 2 Timothy 4:2, which encourages believers to preach the Word of God both in favorable and unfavorable circumstances. Many individuals feel unqualified to share the Gospel, believing that they must first improve their character before they can be effective witnesses. However, it is important to remember that the Lord desires to work through us as He continues to work on us. This principle resonated deeply with residents of the rehab center, aligning with step 12 of their recovery program, which emphasizes the importance of sharing their message and principles with others. We all experience seasons of being “in season” and “out of season.” The 2-4-2 Shot serves as a reminder to be prepared to share our faith and testimonies at any time, demonstrating that we can spread the Word of God regardless of our circumstances.

Scripture Reference (ESV): 2 Timothy 4:2, “preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.”

Cue Ball Placement: About a half diamond away from the center of the table in line with the 2nd yellow ball in the cluster of balls around the foot spot.

Object Ball Placement: Two yellow balls frozen to the cue ball each pointing to the closest pocket point of the side pockets to allow for throw. Four yellow balls are placed around the foot spot as diagrammed. The 2nd yellow ball from the foot cushion is on the foot spot. The cluster of 4 yellows are all frozen to each other. The two back yellow balls of the 4-ball cluster are lined up toward to the side pocket as show in the diagram. Then the black ball and last yellow ball also frozen to each other near the corner pocket ‘F’ with a triangle frozen to the black ball.

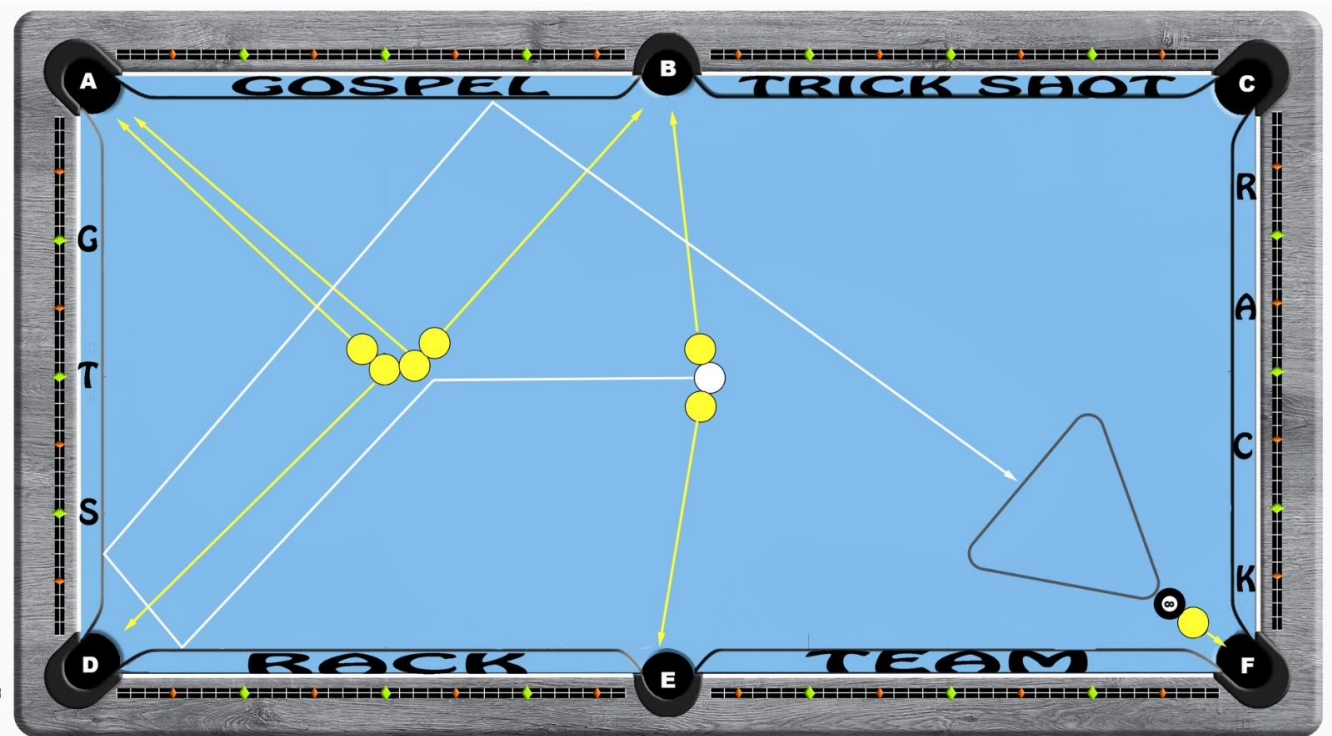


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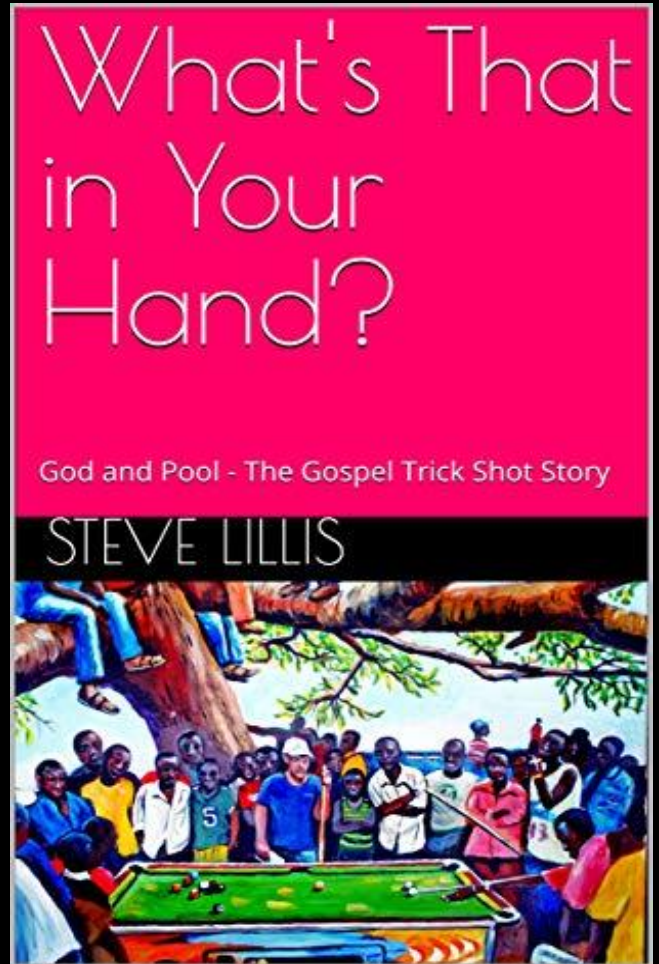
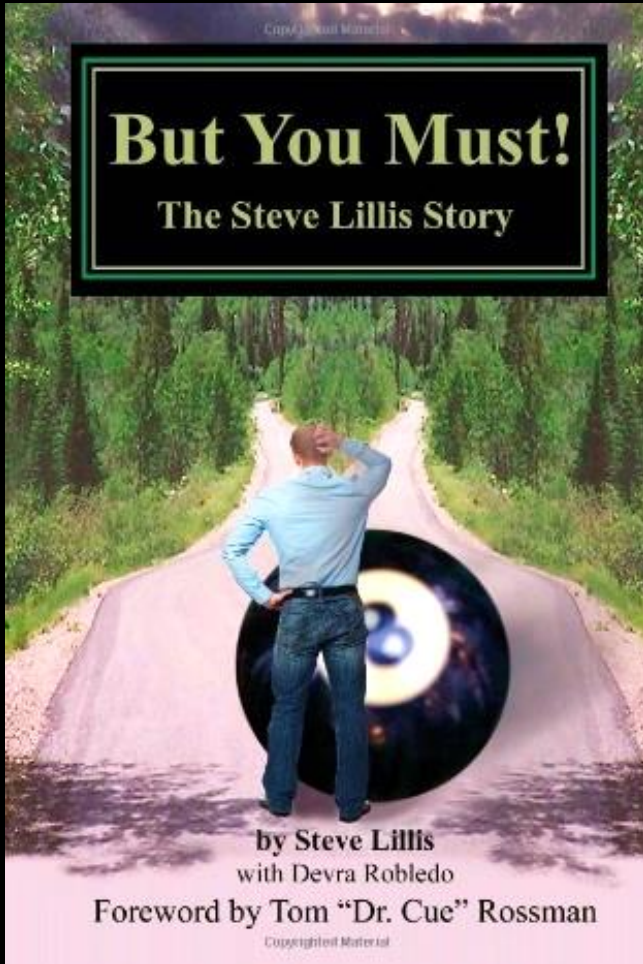
Objective: Shoot the cue ball toward the 3rd yellow of the 4-ball cluster as diagramed aiming toward the left edge of the yellow ball. Play cue ball using high right-hand spin at about 1 o' clock. The cue ball will pocket the first two yellows in the side pockets and then follow through make contact with the yellow ball in the 4-ball cluster at about half ball and then be deflected toward the side rail and make its way around the table toward the triangle. The 4 balls will be made in their respective pockets and the cue ball will run into the triangle which will pocket the last 2 remaining balls.

Special Notes: You will need to experiment with the amount of spin you use. If the cue ball runs too long around the table and misses the triangle going into the short rail then you need to hit the yellow in the cluster a bit thicker. If the cue ball misses the rack going in the long rail, then you need to hit the yellow in the cluster a bit thinner. Adding a bit more right-hand spin could also help with a slight adjustment on the cue ball's angle of entry into the triangle.

Crowd Reaction Through the Years: As seen in the video, the shot is nothing less than impressive once successfully made. Seeing all the balls being made in their respective pockets is very amazing to witness, so expect a loud roar of applause and shouting as all 8 balls are made in one shot!



Books by Steve Lillis



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GTS Calendar 2024: changes and additions are forthcoming (BILLIARD INDUSTRY events are confirmed as GTS participation is (TBD) To Be Determined!)

>**10/5/24 – 10/6/24** – 2024 GTS Classic Artistic Blackball Cup with the “Steve Lillis Trophy” directed by GTS RACK team member Wayne Parker at the Billiard Cafe Pool Room in Johannesburg, South Africa, with a GTS show and booth.

>**10/7/24 – 10/21/24** - WPA Blackball International (BI) World Team Championships in Bridlington, England with the 2024 WPA World Artistic Blackball Championships and GTS shows. GTS shows at various locations in and around Manchester, England after the event.

>**10/30/24 – 11/2/24** – Morocco International Heyball 8-Ball Championship in Marrakesh, Morocco with Wayne Parker and JJ Faul.

>**11/23/24** – GTS Show with Steve Lillis at Players Billiards 613 Hope Road, Eatontown NJ, 07724.

>**11/18/24 – 11/26/24 (TBD)** – GTS Booth with a Blackball table at the International Open at the Renaissance Resort, St. Augustine, FL with Blackball and Gospel Trick Shots.

>**11/30/24 – 12/4/24 (TBD)** – Mike Massey and friends at the Mosconi Cup at the Caribe Royal Resort, Orlando, FL with the World Nine-Ball Tour and with GTS shows and music locally.

>**GTS World Tour 2024-25 (TBD)** – ministry & billiard federation invites: India, Turkey, Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Japan, Indonesia, Portugal, Serbia, Hungary, Honduras, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Swaziland, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and Malawi.

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