Gospel Trick Shot Newsletter September 2022

GTS News September 2022 by Steve Lillis

GTS Summer Outreach Finale Coast to Coast and GTS USA Blackball Team Morocco Update

GTS Summer Outreach Finale Coast to Coast – What an exciting finish to our summer outreach with GTS shows coast to coast. Steve Lillis with the help of the members of the Hawthorne Gospel Church and the GTS portable pool table set up in Amistad Park in Paterson, NJ on August 2nd to be part of the National Night Out sponsored by police departments in major cities across the country. Here in Paterson, the GTS crew engaged not only with the police but also with children and adults from the inner city of Paterson. It was a homecoming for Steve as Gospel Trick Shot Ministries, Inc. which started in the city of Paterson about 25 years ago!

After the final East Coast Paterson, NJ GTS show, Steve Lillis took off for the West Coast to rendezvous with long time GTS RACK Team members Tom Rossman and Mike Massey for GTS shows in Los Angeles and San Diego, CA. To watch a full length one hour and fourteen-minute GTS show on August 19th that Tom, Mike, and Steve did at the Good Times Family Billiards in the Los Angeles area please go to:

https://www.facebook.com/GoodTimesFamilyBilliards/videos/1509026139551554

In between West Coast GTS shows the team practiced Blackball pool on the first known Blackball pool table made in America made by Chino Billiards in California and delivered to the home of John English our GTS partner and friend who owns Good Times Family Billiards and the new CSI CA USA Pool League. Our Blackball Coach Wayne Parker from South Africa who is also a GTS RACK team member helped to mentor us through the changes and adjustments in converting from American pool to Blackball pool. Special thanks to our GTS cue sponsor McDermott Cues in providing the necessary cue stick shafts and to BobbleBall.com for providing the blackball pool set of balls.

After Los Angeles, Steve Lillis went on to Arizona to link back up with the Community Alliance Church of Wickenburg, AZ to close out our GTS summer outreach. Five GTS shows were done back in late March and early April 2022 with 15 members of the church who all took part in the Wickenburg, AZ outreach. Steve and his sister Janet and brother-in-law Michael attended late August meetings with Wickenburg church members, had follow-up with GTS AZ friends and partners in Phoenix, videoed three new Gospel Trick Shots for future publication, and began planning a future GTS trip to the Philippines next May or June 2023 with members of the Community Alliance Church of Wickenburg, AZ.

GTS USA Blackball Team Morocco Update – After our time in Los Angeles, the GTS RACK team split up as Mike Massey and John English went on to San Francisco and Sacramento to meet up with friends and partners and promote the new CSI CA USA Pool League and Gospel Trick Shot. Tom Rossman headed back to Indiana to meet up with Michael Hewitt for some more Blackball training sessions in Muncie, IN in late August. After Arizona, Steve went back home to meet up with Phil Ball of Ramsey, New Jersey who also attends the Hawthorne Gospel Church and is our final member of the GTS USA Blackball Team. Steve and Phil are doing Blackball training sessions in Phil's home on his home pool table using a brand-new set of blackballs and new McDermott blackball shafts. The entire team plans to rendezvous in Morocco on October 5th to begin team practice sessions and preparation before the event starts on October 8th. Mike Massey, Tom Rossman, Steve Lillis, Michael Hewitt, and Coach Wayne Parker along with French translator and fellow Blackball team player Phil Ball are also planning to do a special Artistic Pool demonstration and GTS show for the players and fans from all over the world who will be attending the World Blackball Championships in Tangier, Morocco October 8-15, 2022! Please pray for our team and God bless!

***Also please check out our exciting new website at www.gtsrackrooms.com with helpful and entertaining information on becoming a more devoted follower of Jesus Christ! God bless you!

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