

GOSPEL TRICK SHOT MINISTRIES INC. NEWSLETTER



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COVENTRY, ENGLAND

DUBLIN, IRELAND

LAS VEGAS, USA



1 ENGLAND OUTREACH

England 2023 Gospel Trick Shot Outreach

A GTS team of Mike Massey, Tom Rossman, Steve Lillis, and Pastor Wayne Parker from South Africa went to play in the 2023 IPA World Blackball Pool Championships. The event was played on UK 7-foot style tables and took place from Jan 31 to Feb 6, 2023 in Coventry, England. Professional pool players from all over the world arrived to compete for seven days in this prestigious event. The various categories that players could compete in included Opens, Seniors (over 40), Women, and Masters (over 50), Doubles and Mixed Doubles. What made this particular event different from those previously hosted is that this event would be showcased on the very popular YouTube video streaming platform 'Channel 4', which boasts a large viewing audience of over 2.4 million followers. A Gospel Trick Shot show was done in front of a live packed audience in the main arena with many thousands watching live on Channel 4 in England as well.

This event gave the USA players another opportunity to compete and do another Gospel Trick Shot show in an international Blackball Pool event shortly after competing in the WPA World Blackball Championships recently held in Morocco in October of 2022. Wayne Parker who served as the USA coach in Morocco was once again in charge of the USA players as coach and also replaced Steve Lillis in the Gospel Trick Shot show as Steve was present but unable to play and perform. Steve will be having a medical procedure on March 8th to fix his Afib heart problem. Wayne who is currently on the GTS leadership team filled is admirably and worked with Mike Massey and Tom Rossman to do an amazing Gospel Trick Shot show seen by many both live and online (link below)! Additionally, Pastor Wayne Parker who also is a professional Blackball player and coach gathered a lot of attention as he made it to the finals in the main arena in one of the events as he defeated two of the top ten Blackball players in the world in the process. Praise God!



The game of Blackball Pool is rapidly growing across the globe and has already reached the USA with UK 7-foot tables in New Jersey with more soon to arrive in Los Angeles. GTS President Steve Lillis also serves as President of the US Blackball Association (USBA) and is working on more opportunities to expand Blackball competitively and artistically and do GTS Artistic Blackball shows requiring new Blackball shots as well to help share the love of Jesus.

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RIGHT: Tom “Dr Cue” Rossman performing a Gospel Trick Shot demonstrating a principle in life where *‘pride comes before a fall’* and how we need to keep our focus on Jesus to remain humble. Spectators who were present were greatly entertained and impressed by Tom’s humor and props used. Everyone was encouraged by the life lessons he shared through all the various trick shots performed.



LEFT: Wayne Parker, GTS member from South Africa, performing a 4-ball Trick Shot one-handed, sharing on the 4 gospels of Jesus namely Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Wayne then finished off with a mesmerizing card trick on the pool table demonstrating how all things work together for good to those who love God, and are called according to His purpose. The crowds that gathered to watch the Gospel Trick Shot show were touched by the Good News of Jesus Christ!

RIGHT: BCA Hall of Famer and multiple times World Champion, Mike Massey demonstrating how to play a long distance shot without using the bridge. Mike Massey performed some highly skilled trick shots and shared the message of the Cross of Calvary and Jesus dying for all of our sins. This all done on the main streaming table on YouTube Channel 4 followed by over 2.4 million followers.



2 IRELAND OUTREACH

Ireland 2023 Gospel Trick Shot Outreach

Immediately following the 2023 IPA World Blackball Championships in Coventry, England, the GTS team of Mike Massey, Tom Rossman, and Steve Lillis headed to Dublin Ireland for three Gospel Trick Shot Artistic Blackball shows from February 6-9, 2023. Their Irish host was Martin Kirwan the current President of Blackball International (BI). Mike, Tom, and Steve right before crossing the pond to Great Britain put together a video of about 40 Artistic Blackball shots specially designed for the UK 7-foot pool tables. These shots and others will eventually be used around the world in WPA Artistic Blackball competitions, exhibitions and teaching

*... He said to them,
"Go into all the
world and preach
the gospel to all
creation..."*

Mark 16:16

The team sponsored by Gospel Trick Shot Ministries, Inc. (GTS) did two shows in well-known clubs in Dublin ([link below](#)) and a third show at a local high school. In one of the clubs, they worked with a group of physically challenged young people before the GTS Artistic Blackball show. As a result, the team now has an invitation to come back to Ireland to work with another 1600 young people. At a local Dublin high school, the administration was so impressed that they now plan to use our material as part of their physical education program as the school has two UK 7-foot tables available to the students. Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman has a training manual and teaching videos online and Steve Lillis is the President of the newly formed United States Blackball Association (USBA) and will work alongside of BI President Martin Kirwan. Mike Massey of course has plenty of online material available from his legendary pool career.



The team and others have set their sights on the USA as interest is growing on the East and West Coasts. Amateur pool leagues, billiard rooms, and pool players around the country have expressed interest. Steve Lillis working with USA sponsors McDermott Cues, CSI USA Pool Leagues of California, and others plan to hopefully expand Blackball into the USA.

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USA OUTREACH

Pennsylvania and Las Vegas USA Outreaches in February 2023

Gospel Trick Shot not only had the privilege in February to minister internationally but also in the USA! Praise God! GTS partner Mike Massey traveled to Allentown, PA to work with GTS friends and Christian owners Mike and Barb Kemp of Allentown Tables a well-known billiard retail supply store in Eastern PA. While working for Mike and Barb an interview was set up with a local Christian radio station who not only interviewed Mike but covered the billiard exhibition at the store and played Mike Massey Gospel Billiard Songs on their radio station as well. Mike has many well-known Country Gospel Billiard songs that can be found on ReverbNation under Mike Massey!

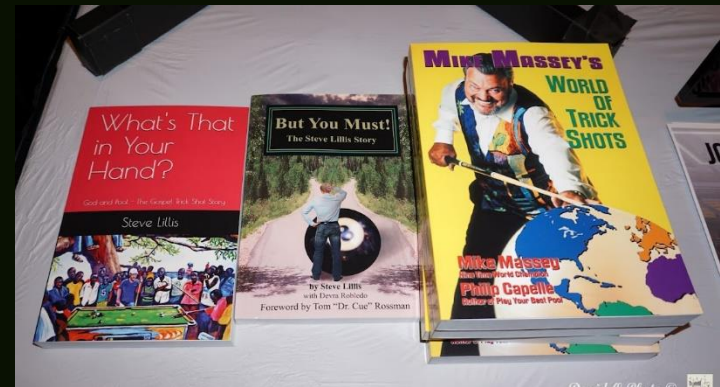
After PA Mike Massey flew to Las Vegas to meet more GTS partners and friends to do outreach. GTS partners John and Jeannie English owners of the new California USA Pool Leagues had a booth set up at the BCAPL and USAPL World Championships and the Alfa Las Vegas 10-Ball pro event at the Rio Hotel in Las Vegas, NV. Steve Lillis's two books "But You Must!" and "What's That in Your Hand?" are available for distribution along with special John 3:16 witnessing coins! These coins represent the story that Jesus told of the "Lost Coin." At the time of this writing ministry is still going on until March 4th so please pray for the GTS team. Mike Massey also had an opportunity to be on a billiard podcast and gave glory to God as he not only told pool stories but shared repeatedly the Gospel of Jesus Christ clearly so that all who hear have an opportunity to receive the love of Christ and that he did on the cross for humanity. You can listen to the podcast at the link below. We praise God for all these wonderful opportunities that God is providing for GTS to share around the world! Please continue to pray for us in the coming months!



***But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you;
And you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and
Samaria, and to the ends of the earth...***

Acts 1:8

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GTS CALENDAR

GTS Calendar 2023: changes and additions are forthcoming:

>2/20/23 – 3/5/23 – GTS Team at BCAPL and USAPL World Championships and Alfa Las Vegas 10-Ball pro event with a Gospel Trick Shot outreach working with Automated Entertainment and California USA Pool League at the Rio Hotel in Las Vegas, NV.

>3/21/23 – 3/23/23 (TBD) – GTS prison outreach team working with Prison Fellowship at the Trumbull Correctional Institution in Warren, Ohio for two GTS shows.

>3/29/23 – 3/31/23 (TBD) – Annual BCA Expo at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

>April 2023 (TBD) – GTS Arizona tour working with various venues and GTS partners.

>Spring and Summer 2023 (TBD) – GTS portable pool table tour begins with summer camps, racetracks, parks, and prisons.

>May/June 2023 (TBD) – GTS trip to the Philippines doing GTS shows working with the Community Alliance Church of Wickenburg, AZ and their medical missions' team.

>7/15/23 – 7/16/23 – 25th Anniversary Gospel Trick Shot Banquet during the Hawthorne Gospel Church Summer Bible Conference mission focus weekend with a Saturday night banquet and Sunday morning and evening services with GTS team.

>10/16/23 - 10/23/23 (TBD) – The Blackball Hawley Cup in Johannesburg, South Africa working with GTS team leader Wayne Parker as coach and manager

Photos and Links:

England GTS Show 2/1/23 in Main Arena at IPA World Championships in Coventry

<https://www.facebook.com/100063498371757/videos/1345103386339844>

Ireland GTS Show 2/7/23 at the Shamrock Lodge in Dublin

<https://www.facebook.com/100063498371757/videos/3512108969074846>

Mike Massey Pool Player Podcast at the Rio in Las Vegas 2/25/23

https://fb.watch/iWyAAKH_Sj/?mibextid=gkx3sN

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