

GOSPEL TRICK SHOT MINISTRIES INC. NEWSLETTER



JUNE 2023

GTS 25th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

SA ARTISTIC POOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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1 GTS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Gospel Trick Shot 25th Anniversary Banquet Sat, July 15, 2023

Please sign up for dinner, live music, videos, and speakers as we celebrate 25 years of Gospel Trick Shot Ministries, Inc.

The anniversary banquet will take place **Saturday July 15th at 6pm - 8pm in the Pavilion of Hawthorne Gospel Church.**

Seating is limited so please sign up early as there is **no charge to attend the banquet.**

Mark your calendar and please register to reserve your spot so we can plan our food count. If you are interested in becoming a table sponsor there are directions included in the registration link. Please pray as we prepare!

GTS Banquet Link
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Please come and celebrate with us! Space is limited so mark your calendar and please register to reserve your spot so we can plan our food count.

Click on the **“Register Now”** button below, and complete the easy-to-follow electronic form to register:

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We are also looking for corporate or individual sponsors to purchase tables at \$400 each to help with the cost of the banquet.

Go to the GTS website at www.gospeltrickshot.org and hit the donate button or mail your tax deductible check made payable to:

GTS, P.O. Box 313,
Hawthorne, NJ 07507.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Lillis at billiards12@hotmail.com

The entire GTS team is looking forward to celebrating all that God has done through the years with our GTS friends and partners around the world!

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2023 South African Open Artistic Pool Championships!

On May 14-16 in Johannesburg South Africa the very first formal Artistic Pool Championships were held in Africa. This event featured some of the best Pool players on the African continent such as Jason Theron and Kyle Akaloo. Gospel Trick Shot Ministries Inc. was the main service sponsor of this event. Alongside other sponsors such as McDermott, Dr Cue Promotions and Superman Trick Shots. GTS team members Wayne Parker from South Africa and Elijah Mpundu from Zambia also competed in the event which turned out to be a great success. It was Wayne who in the end held up the newly introduced “Mike Massey” Trophy which will be passed down to the overall winner in the years to come. Wayne and Elijah discussed the GTS vision for Zambia and the possibility of having some Gospel Trick Shot shows in Lusaka in the near future. Steve Lillis’ books were on display and many were encouraged by the testimony witness that was done off the table while the event was running.



Psalms 33:3
Play Skillfully with a shout of Joy!

LEFT: A group photo of the very first contestants who competed in the SA Open Artistic Pool Championships. The feedback from each player of the event expressed how much they enjoyed the event. What stood out the most with Artistic Pool compared to other Pool disciplines, was the comradery among the players who supported and encouraged each other. The joy was spread throughout all the competitors



LEFT: GTS RACK team member Wayne Parker standing with the Mike Massey trophy. This event was well received by all and already there have been several invites that have come for GTS shows to be done across South Africa in the cities of Durban and Cape Town.



With Artistic Pool being officially launched in South Africa, this opens many doors for sharing the Gospel with GTS Shows across the continent of Africa! Praise the Lord!

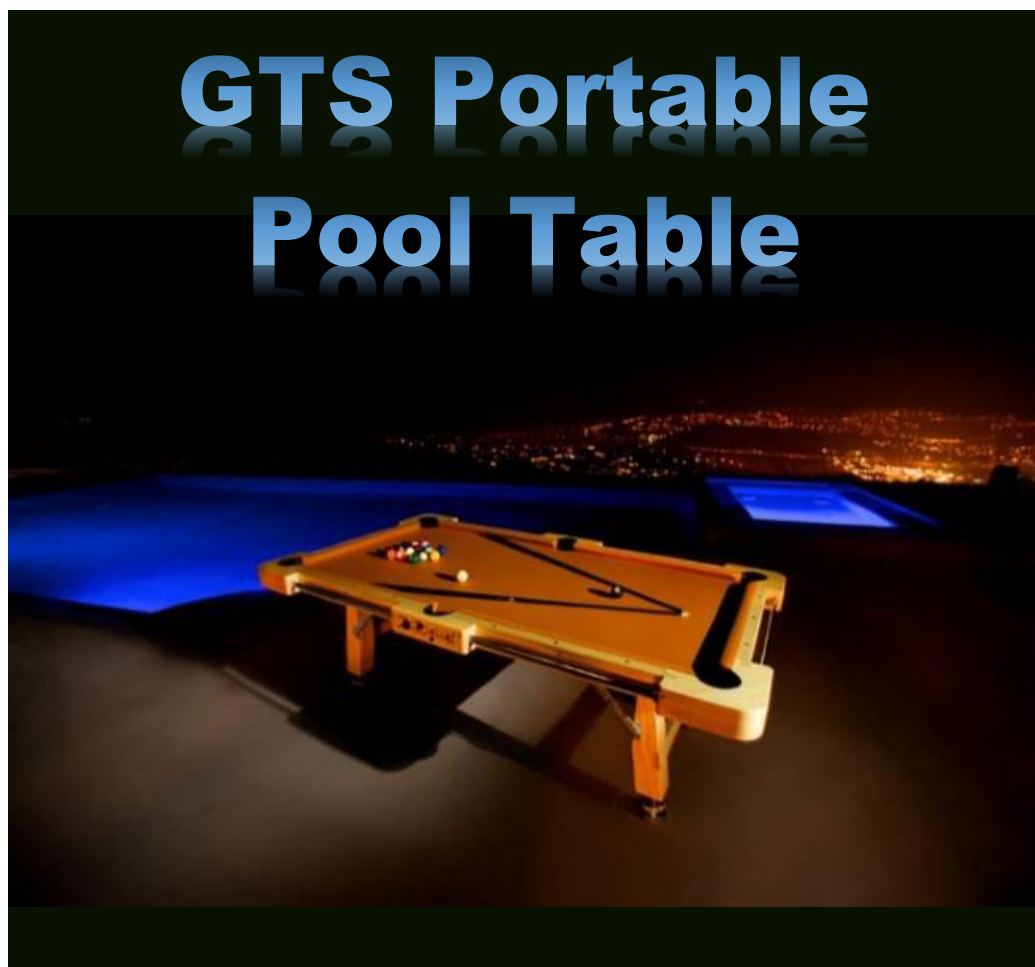
3 SUMMER TOUR IN NY/NJ

Summer Tour in NY/NJ Metro Area/Portable Pool Table

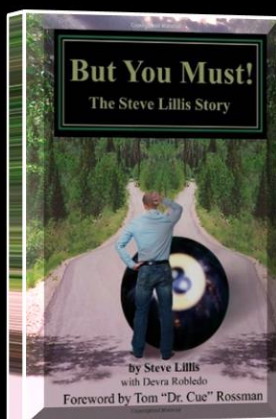
Our 2023 NY/NJ summer tour will begin this month at Monmouth Park Raceway on June 20 and then there again on July 18. GTS has been going to Monmouth Park for over a decade working with Chaplain Donny Christopher as he ministers to the many legal migrant workers who cannot leave the premises for the entire racing season. The GTS portable pool table will come out for the summer outdoor season with GTS shows at the Westampton Farm Thoroughbred Training Center in NJ on July 20 and the CIT Unity in Community event at Overpeck County Park in Ridgefield Park, NJ on July 29. We are also planning to work with the Bill Glass Behind the Walls prison ministry sometime this summer and another community event with the Jersey City Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with International Students Inc. Please pray as planning is underway!

Psalms 23:5

*You prepare a table
before me in the presence
of my enemies.*

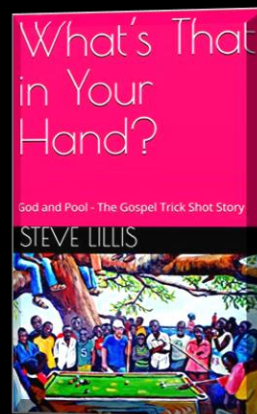


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Order in Creation Gospel Trick Shot

History of the Trick Shot:

This shot was invented recently by Mike Massey in April 2023 and first performed at Allentown Tables a family-owned billiard supply with our GTS friends and owners Mike and Bark Kemp in Allentown, PA. Mike Massey and yours truly Steve Lillis who wrote the script for this Gospel Trick Shot were doing shows in and around the Northern New Jersey and Northeastern Pennsylvania area in the Spring of 2023. Gospel Trick Shot Ministry team leader and partner Phil Ball explains and performs the shot in the video. Phil is a member of the USA Blackball Team that competed in the 2022 Blackball International World Championships in Tangier, Morocco in October of 2022.

GTS Name and Why: As Phil Ball explains in the video there are 6 balls in the shot representing the six days of Creation. The balls are pocketed in order one through six because God is a God of order. Furthermore, there is order all around us in our world and the universe with the sun, the moon, and the stars moving in perfect order which gives us days, months, seasons, and years. This would suggest that we need to order our lives to be in tune with all that God created and has for us to do.

Scripture References:

Genesis 1:31 (NIV) “God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.”

Psalms 37:23 (NKJV) “*The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his way.*”

I Corinthians 14:33 (ESV) “For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord’s people.”

Cue Ball Placement: About two ball width off the rail and slightly past the diamond that is closest to the side pocket as shown in the diagram. You can adjust but take note of where you place the cue ball after you try the shot.

Object Ball(s) Placement: Put the one-ball slightly over the edge of the side pocket and away from the point of the pocket as illustrated in the diagram. Place the two-ball slightly up from the edge with a quarter inch gap between the one and two balls. Place the five-ball directly in front and frozen to the two-ball. Place the three-ball frozen to the one ball but angled slightly back about one-half inch from the five-ball. Place the four-ball frozen to the five-ball and headed to the outside of the opposite corner pocket to allow for one ball width of directional throw. Place the six-ball frozen to the three-ball with a carom lined up to the second diamond on the opposite side rail two diamonds up from the corner pocket where the four-ball is headed.

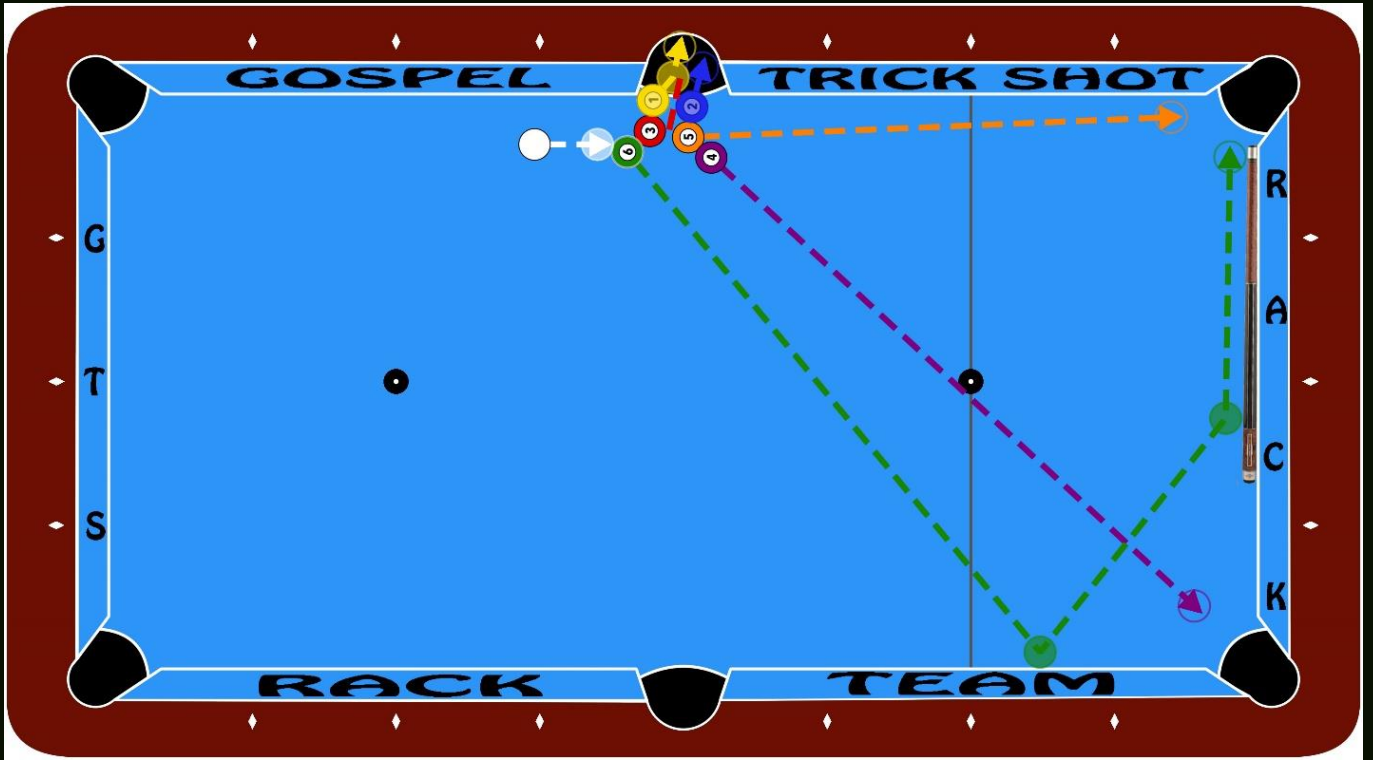


Objective: Pocket all six balls in order by striking the cue ball with a center ball firm straight stroke with follow through directly full into face of the six-ball. The one, two, and three balls will fall into the side pocket in order with the four-ball going next directly into the opposite corner pocket followed slightly by the five-ball sliding down the rail on the same side of the table where you are standing. The six-ball will bank cross corner and go in last after the five-ball drops in the pocket.

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Special Notes: Again, if you move the cue ball around note where and always hit full in the face of the six-ball with a consistent firm center ball stroke. The six-ball is the most difficult ball to pocket and if needed you can place the butt of a cue stick under the bottom rail to help guide the six-ball into the pocket as illustrated in the video.

Crowd Reactions Through the Years: This shot has not yet been demonstrated with a full live audience. Even though both Phil Ball and Mike Massey used the butt of a cue stick to make the six-ball in their videos they both made the shot clean a number of times but not consistently. However, in trying to make it clean much was learned about the physics and set up of the shot. In life much is learned from our mistakes both intentional and unintentional. Creation was in perfect order until human sin entered the world. Jesus is the perfect answer to solve our sin problem and put order and purpose into our lives. Try the shot and if you have not already, try Jesus!



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5 MORE GTS RACK NEWS

Other GTS RACK Team Happenings Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman has been spending most of the month of May and early June in Las Vegas attending events. He is meeting and greeting some of our friends and partners that have been made with our many Gospel Trick Shot booths and shows in Las Vegas since Year 2000. Here is a picture of some of them from our May 2010 GTS outreach in the Riviera Hotel.



GTS Vice President Michael Hewitt and his wife Kim are spending the last week of May and the first week of June on a special gifted “once in a lifetime” family vacation in Alaska as their second daughter Kaelyn is getting married this summer with the family shrinking as 3 of 6 children will be out of the house by this fall.



Mike Massey recorded three of his country Gospel billiard songs in Nashville this past month and sang live on stage at the Commodore Lounge in the Holiday Inn in Nashville. One of his featured songs is entitled “No One Believed” what God could do!



Brian Pauley and Jason Lynch were back on the road again playing in the 2023 Premier Billiards Masters Artistic Pool Championship at the Clubhouse Sports Bar and Grill in Lynchburg, Virginia. They both played and help run the tournament and did another excellent job displaying Christ like character at the event!



And finally, our newest GTS RACK team member Phil Ball from Ramsey, NJ made his debut appearance on the video for the #40 Gospel Trick Shot of the month in the AZBilliards Buzz Magazine. The magazine has a worldwide audience and is considered one of the top online billiard publications in the world. Special thanks to all our GTS friends and supporters around the world who help make all of this possible so that the Lord Jesus Christ can be glorified through the sport of billiards! Looking forward to seeing many of you at the 25th anniversary celebration banquet on July 15th.

God bless!

GTS CALENDAR

GTS Calendar 2023-24: changes and additions are forthcoming!

>**6/4/23** – GTS friend, supporter, and mentor Pastor Jim Richmond memorial service at 1:30 pm at the Hawthorne Gospel Church in Hawthorne, NJ.

>**6/20/23** – Monmouth Park Racetrack GTS show at 4:30 pm in Oceanport, NJ.

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

>**7/18/23** - Monmouth Park Racetrack GTS show at 4:30 pm in Oceanport, NJ.

>**7/20/23 (TBD)** – Westampton Farm Thoroughbred Training Center GTS show at 4:30 pm in Westampton, NJ with GTS portable pool table.

>**7/29/23** – CIT Unity in the Community event at Overpeck County Park -199 Challenger Road, Ridgefield Park, NJ with GTS portable pool table and literature table.

>**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.

>**10/30/23 – 11/4/23** – International 9-Ball Open at the Sheraton Waterside Hotel Norfolk, VA with GTS booth featuring Blackball and Bible studies alongside other billiard events.

>**2/20/24 – 2/25/24 (TBD)** – The 2024 WPA World Artistic Blackball Championship held in conjunction with the IPA World Blackball Championships at the Gosforth Grand Hotel in Newcastle, England.

>**GTS World Tour 2023 and (TBD)** – invites from ministries & billiard federations: Turkey, Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Japan, Indonesia, Portugal, Serbia, Hungary, Honduras, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and Malawi.

For **donations**, please send your tax-deductible **check** made payable to:

GTS, P.O. Box 313, Hawthorne, NJ 07507.

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Thank you for your support,

Steve Lillis

President and Founder

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