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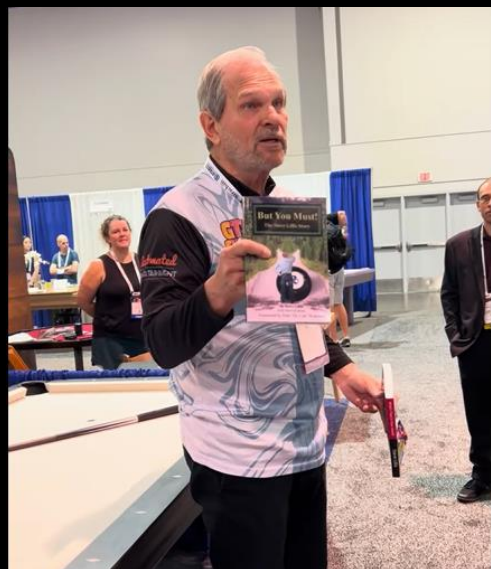
## DOMESTIC REVIEW

Here in the USA a featured event for over 20 years on the billiard calendar for GTS is the annual Hopkins Super Billiards Expo which this year was held at the Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, PA on April 10-14. Over 100 vendors and thousands of pool players gathered to compete and buy and sell billiard products. This year two GTS RACK Team members were on hand in the McDermott Booth as Steve Lillis taught and promoted the game of Blackball on the new United Blackball Pool Table by McDermott as Brian Pauley recorded on video three new Gospel Trick Shots that came out of the new Artistic Blackball program. A GTS RACK Team of five Blackball players are planning to go to England this October to compete in the Blackball International (BI) World Championships, introduce for the first time a WPA World Artistic Blackball Championship, and do Gospel Trick Shots Shows.



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ABOVE: Steve introducing the game of Blackball to the many people who attended the event and passed through the McDermott booth.



ABOVE: Brian Pauley demonstrating the Gospel Trick Shot of the month called "Redemption" done on the United Blackball table by McDermott.





## INTERNATIONAL REVIEW

Wayne and Chantal returned from an International Heyball (Chinese 8-Ball) Championship in China last month with a wealth of knowledge and experience about China and the Chinese people's favorite billiard game called Heyball. In his home country of South Africa, Wayne represented GTS and attended the South African National Heyball Championships and the Blackball Senior National Championships held in Durban, South Africa on April 16-28.



ABOVE: Wayne's Heyball team who competed in the SA Heyball Club Championships and took 3<sup>rd</sup> place promoting McDermott on their shirts.



ABOVE: Wayne was awarded gold medals for the most runouts of the tournament, and for finishing off as the number 2 seeded player making the first team in the senior's category, who will be representing South Africa at the World Blackball Championships in October later this year in Bridlington, England.

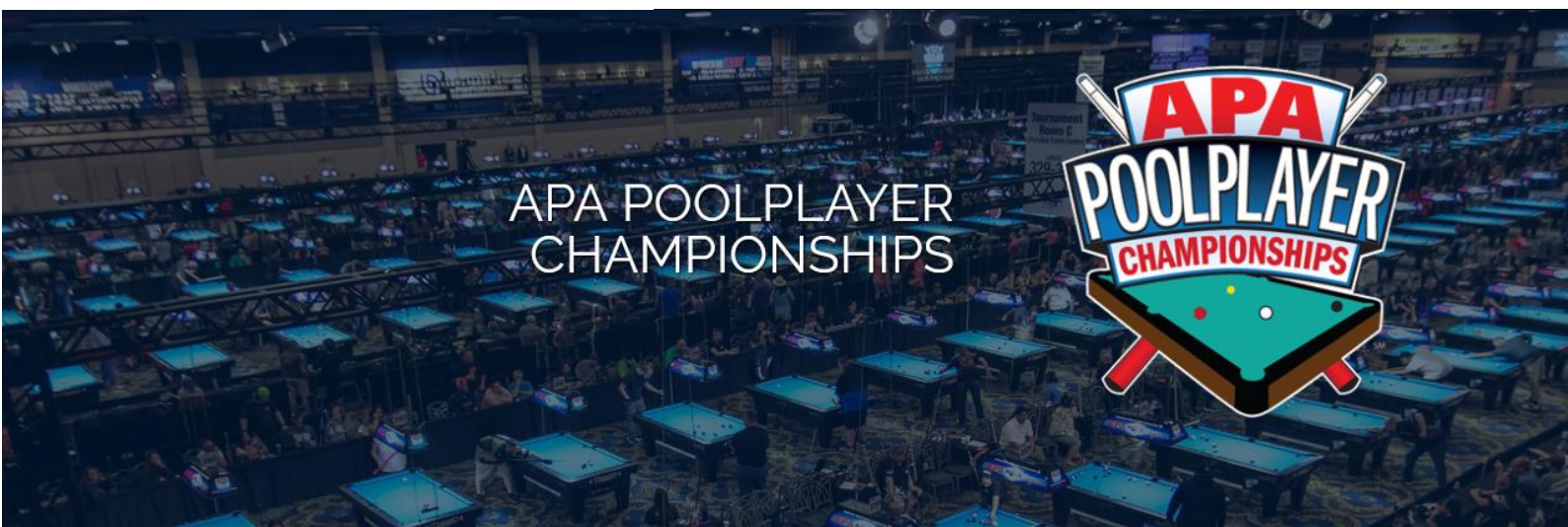


ABOVE: Wayne Parker doing a Gospel Trick Shot Show at a local Pool Room sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his personal testimony of how Jesus saved his life!





# APA POOLPLAYER CHAMPIONSHIPS



## DOMESTIC PREVIEW

This coming month of May, GTS affiliate and partner company Dr. Cue Promotions with Tom Dr. Cue Rossman and friends takes his tour on the road with outreach and witness to the Westgate Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas for competition, shows, clinics, and challenge forums. Please check our GTS Calendar for more details and please pray!



### 1 Corinthians 9:22-23

*To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.*



# 4 GTS SHOT OF THE MONTH

## Gospel Trick Shot #51 – Redemption



### History of the Trick Shot:

This Gospel Trick Shot performed by Brian “Superman” Pauley was done in the video on a United Blackball pool table by McDermott at the Hopkins Super Billiards Expo at the Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, PA in April 2024. It was developed from an Artistic Pool shot which is featured in the new Artistic Blackball shot program in Discipline 4 “Follow Shots” which debuted in the GTS Classic Artistic Blackball Cup in Johannesburg, South Africa in October 2023. This is shot number 2 in that discipline with a degree of difficulty of 7, meaning you get 7 points for making it on the first attempt, 6 on the second attempt and 5 on the third attempt and zero if not executed. This shot will take some practice as it is not too difficult to master!



**GTS Name and Why:** Brain Pauley came up with the story line as he envisioned the red ball as Jesus with the color red representing His shed blood for us and the yellow ball as the light of the Holy Spirit to redirect our path. You can see in the diagram that the path of the cue ball which represents us is partially obstructed in getting to the eight ball. However, when the cue ball comes in contact with Jesus the red ball and then the Holy Spirit the yellow ball our path is redirected and made straight. The result of pocketing the eight ball represents living for Jesus and being with Him for all of eternity.

**Scripture Reference:** I John 1:7 (NKJV) – “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

**Cue Ball Placement:** In hand along the third diamond line.

**Object Ball(s) placement:** Place the red ball on the diamond intersection line as diagrammed. Place the yellow and eight balls hanging near their respective pockets, no more than one ball’s width from the edge of the pocket.



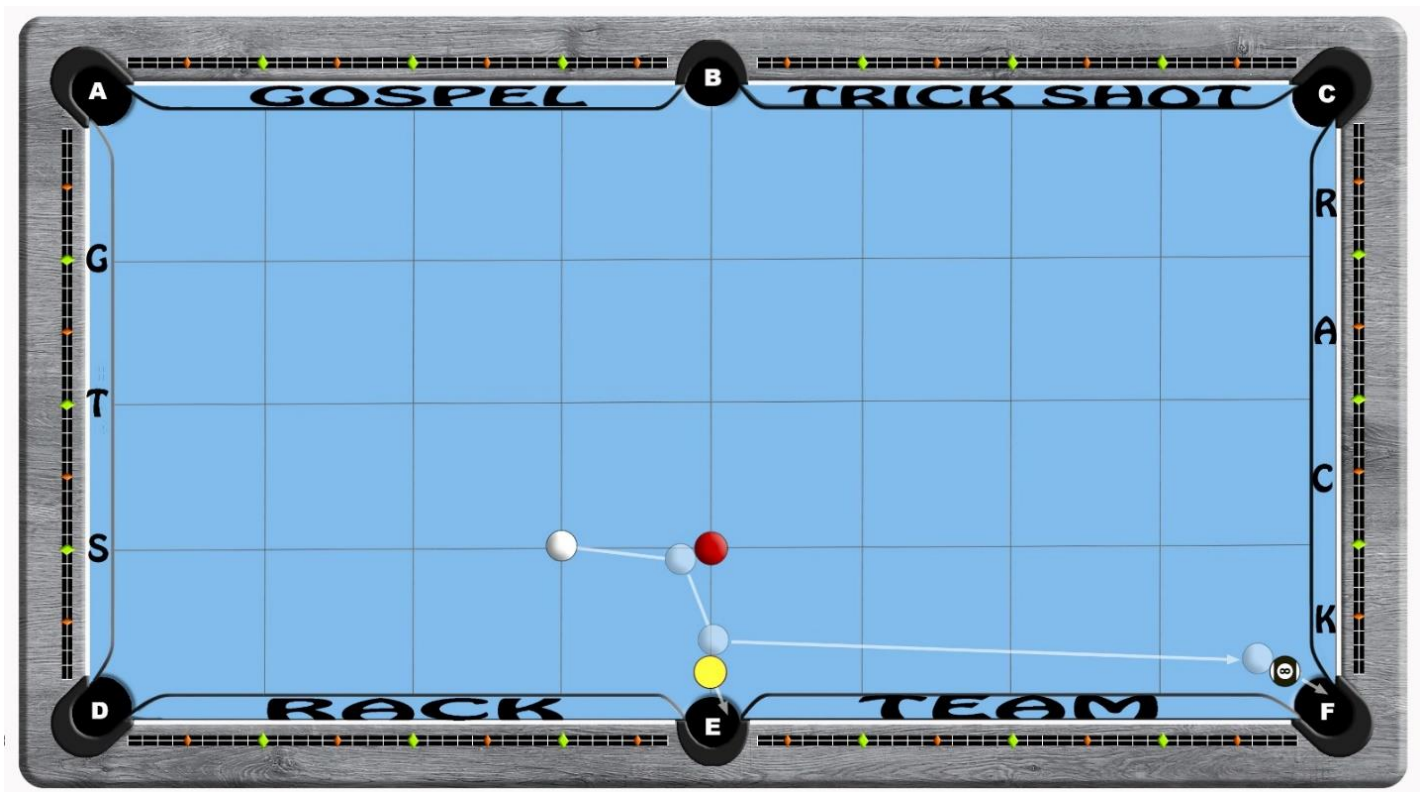


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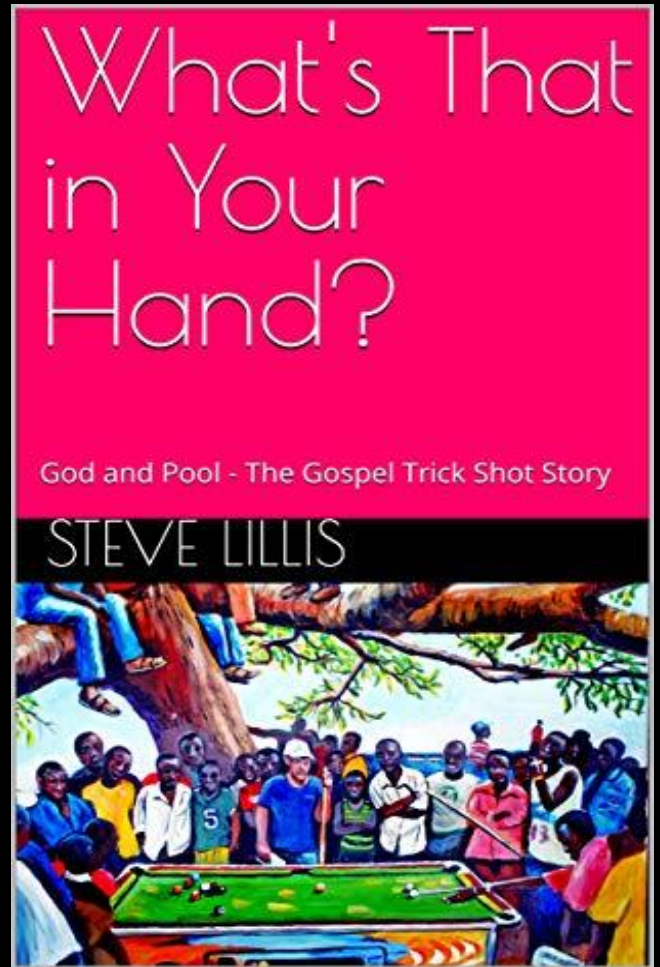
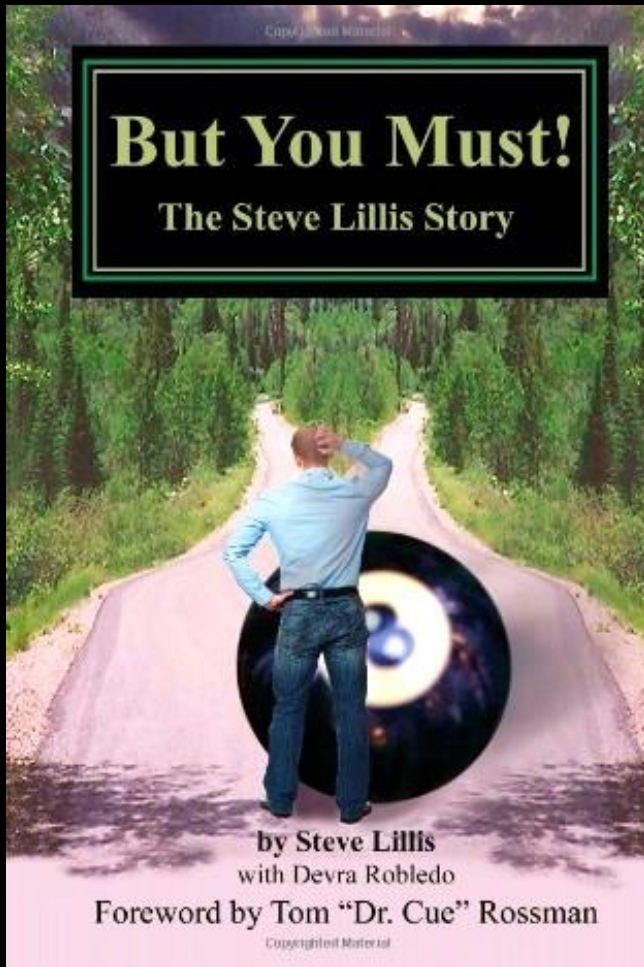
**Objective:** Shoot the cue ball into the red ball. The cue ball will carom over and make the yellow ball and then follow down to make the eight ball.

**Special Notes:** This shot can be done on any type of pool table with any size object balls but keep in mind that on a Blackball pool table the cue ball is smaller (1 7/8 inches) than the object balls (2 inches). Suggestion would be to move the Blackball cue ball up on that third diamond line so that the red ball obstructs the path of the cue ball to the eight ball and then hit less of the red ball to get the correct carom off the yellow to make the eight.

**Crowd Reactions Through the Years:** This new shot will be part of future GTS shows on Blackball pool tables worldwide. The USA Blackball Team partially sponsored by GTS will be competing in the WPA Blackball International (BI) 2024 World Team Championships in England in October. In the Artistic Blackball competition in South Africa in October 2023, this was a favorite among the full field of 48 players who participated in that event as many of the competitors executed the shot successfully and were delighted to score points.



## Books by Steve Lillis



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# GTS CALENDAR

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

>5/1/24 – 5/4/24 – Dr. Cue Promotions Tour with outreach and witness with Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman and friends at the APA Poolplayer Championships at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, NV.

>5/4/24 – Gospel Trick Shot Ministries, Inc. Annual Zoom Board meeting at 9:00 am (EST).

>5/11/24 – 5/18/24 - Dr. Cue Promotions Tour with outreach and witness with Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman and friends at the 2024 ACS Nationals at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, NV.

>5/24/24 – 5/31/24 - Dr. Cue Promotions Tour with outreach and witness with Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman and friends at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, NV including Shows, Clinics, Challenge Forums, and Direction of the VNEA International Artistic Pool Championship Shootouts.

>5/31/24 - Steve Lillis will do a live Gospel Trick Shot presentation at 7:00 am at the Brick House Restaurant for the weekly NCS meeting in Wyckoff, NJ with light breakfast included.

>6/9/24 – Steve Lillis will do a live Gospel Trick Shot presentation outdoors for a Hawthorne Gospel Church Sunday School class picnic in Wyckoff, NJ by invitation only!

>7/8/24 – 7/13/24 (TBD) – Billiard Education Foundation 36th Annual Junior National Championships sponsored by the BCA in the Oakley-Lindsay Center in Quincy, IL with a Blackball arena featuring competition and a GTS booth featuring Blackball.

>7/20/24 – Steve Lillis will do a live Gospel Trick Shot presentation in the Pavilion of the Hawthorne Gospel Church from 6:00 – 8:00 pm with refreshments and live music included. Free admission.

>8/9/24 – 8/11/24 – SA Classic Artistic Pool Championship with the “Steve Lillis Trophy” directed by GTS RACK team member Wayne Parker at the Sessions Pool Room in Cape Town, South Africa with a GTS show and booth.

>8/19/24 - 8/24/24 (TBD) – WNT 2024 U.S. Open 9-Ball Championships at Harrah’s Hotel in Atlantic City, NJ with a Gospel Trick Shot booth and the GTS portable pool table.

>10/11/24 – 10/22/24 (TBD) - WPA Blackball International (BI) World Championships and the Hawley Cup in Bridlington, England with a team of five A players (pros) and a team of five B players (juniors or amateurs) in international competition with the 2024 WPA World Artistic Blackball Championships and GTS shows.

>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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