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Gospel Trick Shot 25th Anniversary Banquet Summary

Gospel Trick Shot Ministries, Inc. celebrated their 25th anniversary on July 15th with 300 family, friends, and supporters of the ministry who have partnered with GTS over the past 25 years. The banquet took place in the Pavilion of the Hawthorne Gospel Church (HGC) where 25 years ago Steve Lillis did his first public GTS show at this his home church. Steve's daughter Amanda Lillis DuMont led a 6-piece band and as one of her 5 songs sang "Shout to the Lord" by Hillsong Worship which she sang at the aforementioned GTS show almost exactly 25 years ago. GTS leadership team member Wayne Parker of South Africa served alongside of Steve Lillis as the Master of Ceremonies (MC) with GTS co leadership team members Michael Hewitt and Phil Ball sharing some GTS highlight information along with an amazing 9-minute video presentation which captured the history and the future of the ministry. The delicious dinner hour was catered by Angelina's of Hawthorne, NJ with a team of 20 HGC men and women doing the setup and serving of the food. A big thank you to all our table sponsors and to all those who donated their time and money to help make this wonderful celebration a success! Additionally, special thanks to HGC staff members who all had a part in helping the banquet run smoothly and right on time. To God be all the glory!



25 Years of GTS ministry Video



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GTS RACK TEAM IN NJ JULY

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GTS RACK Team in New Jersey in July

– Fourteen members and helpers of our GTS RACK Team were here in New Jersey in July to attend the banquet and help participate in six Gospel Trick Shot outreaches. Our GTS Spain RACK team treated the youth at the Youth Temple in Ocean Grove, NJ on July 13 to a special reunion GTS show that they performed in Spain two years ago that resulted in a new church plant under the banner of Pastor Michael Hewitt's Rising Hope Church in Muncie, IN. Joining Pastor Mike was Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman and Marcell "The Visa" Kaiser who have years of experience with Artistic Pool and Gospel Trick Shots. Steve Lillis, Wayne and Chantal Parker, with Jesus Canela our GTS Spanish translator did a GTS show on July 18 at Monmouth Park Racetrack in Oceanport, NJ for the racetrack migrant workers in the jockey club resulting in three hearts responding to the Lord Jesus Christ. RTCA Chaplain Donny Christopher is handling the ongoing discipleship at Monmouth Park.

Mike Massey then joined the GTS RACK team as they headed south back to Ocean Grove on 7/23 and Manchester Township, NJ on 7/24-25. A GTS "4t5" fundraising contest was done at the Crestwood Villages senior center clubhouse with the winner receiving a brand-new McDermott cue stick and case.



Marcell Kaiser at Ocean Grove



Tom 'Dr. Cue' Rossman at Ocean Grove



Wayne Parker at Monmouth Race Track



Crestwood Villages Senior Center Clubhouse

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Fundraiser for Zambia Project



Wayne Parker at Emmanuel Community Church



Mike Massey on Guitar



Steve Lillis & Mike Martin



Steve Lillis with the portable table at Overpeck Park

Money raised went to our Zambia Project to help support our 62 children orphanage in Lusaka under the care of Pastor Davies Banda and our GTS African team leader Wayne Parker. GTS helper Walter Oppermann was the contest director and the participants were treated to some special Artistic Pool and Gospel Trick Shots on the side during the 4t5 contest.

Another Gospel Trick Shot show was done at the Emmanuel Church in Bayville, NJ on 7/24 where 15 people out of the crowd responded to the invitation to put their trust in Jesus Christ after the Gospel Trick Shot presentation. The Gospel Trick Shots were done by Steve Lillis and Wayne Parker with Chantal Parker on Camera and with Mike Massey singing two of his favorite Gospel billiard songs “In Heaven It’s Impossible to Lose” and “Hometown Hobo.” The team then concluded their GTS tour with visits to legendary New Jersey pool rooms Rockaway Billiards in Rockaway, NJ and Sandcastle Billiards Edison, NJ. Finally, Steve Lillis along with helpers from the New Jersey based 6:00 am Armor Bible Study group finished up the busy GTS July schedule with an outdoor outreach on July 29th on the GTS portable pool table in Overpeck Park in Ridgefield Park, NJ as part of a first responders fair called “Unity in the Community” for policeman, fireman, and emergency medical people in Bergen County New Jersey. Continuous small crowds passed by the GTS portable pool and literature table as we gave out about two hundred salvation bracelets and over one hundred Gospel tracts, books, and Bibles as we shared the love of Jesus. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



Steve Lillis Leaping in Ridgefield Park

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Eye on Youth at the BEF

– GTS RACK team member Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman was live on location at the Oakley-Lindsay Event Center in Quincy, IL for the BEF Junior National Championships which is presented by the Billiard Congress of America (BCA).

Tom filed this fantastic report below as Bible studies among the youth have broken out from 7/25 – 7/29/.

Revival is happening in the billiard industry led by the youth of America!

Tom's Report

On July 24, 2023, Randy Tate, father of internationally recognized junior/professional skill level player Joey Tate, plus Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman discussed having an outreach Bible study/fellowship for interested junior players and adults. Within 12 hours a dozen junior players, along with several adults gathered in a God-provided room at the event center the next morning at 8:00 am and continued each morning thereafter. Special group sharing and discussion of "life lessons", Biblical principles and reading, plus select testimonies were presented. Each day the number in attendance and enthusiasm grew, as God's word touched the hearts of everyone in attendance. A special thanks to Randy for leading the study each morning, plus sincere appreciation to each person (young and young-at-heart) for coming to this special fellowship. God is equipping a "next generation" of witnessing hearts for His "sport gift" plus outreach in the billiard industry and beyond!!



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AUGUST GOSPEL TRICK SHOT

The 316 Gospel Trick Shot

History of the Trick Shot: Wayne Parker from South Africa and member of the GTS Team created this shot in June of 2023. In preparation for his travels to the United States for the GTS Ministries 25-year celebration banquet, he thought of a shot that would fit in line with the theme of the weekend of events which was reaching the ends of the earth with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

GTS Name and Why: In the video, Wayne shares on John 3:16 and how the three, one and six balls represent the gospel message and the disciples who were commissioned in Jerusalem. The cue ball represents the persecution that breaks out against the disciples. The three balls are then made into three different pockets. The closer pocket representing Judea, another pocket representing Samaria and then the furthest pocket representing the ends of the earth. It is really in times of difficulty and persecution that one's message has the ability to become a megaphone! Your test will become your testimony!

Scripture References:

John 3:16 (NIV) - "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Acts 1:8 (NIV) – "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 8:1 (NIV) – On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.

Cue Ball Placement: In hand as shown in the diagram

Object Ball(s) Placement - The 3-ball, 1-ball and 6-ball are all frozen to each other, with the 1-ball and 6-ball also frozen to the cushion as shown in the diagram. The 6 ball is in line with the 2nd diamond from the corner pocket.

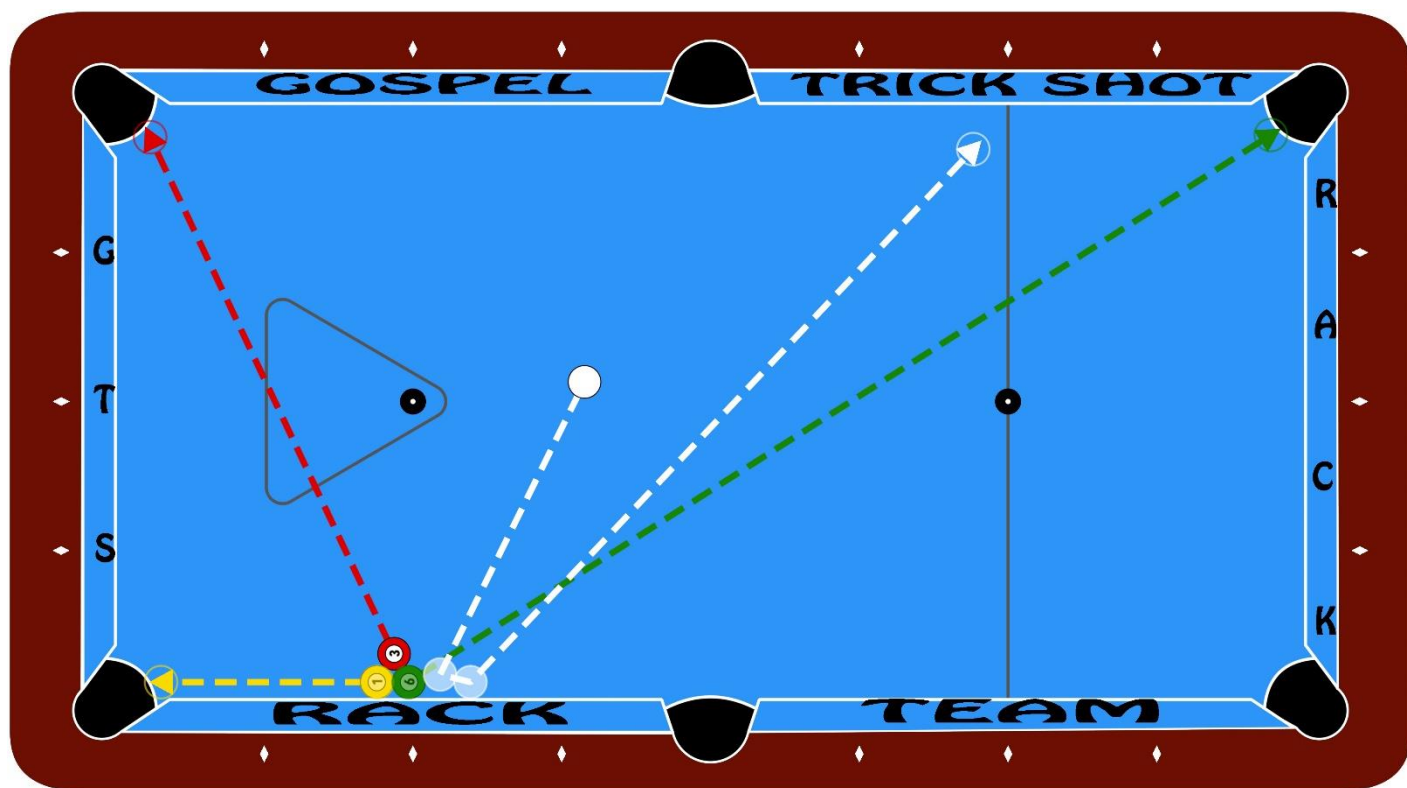


Objective - Shoot the cue ball into the 6-ball, with about a half a tip bottom spin, and make all three balls in one shot in the various pockets as indicated in the diagram

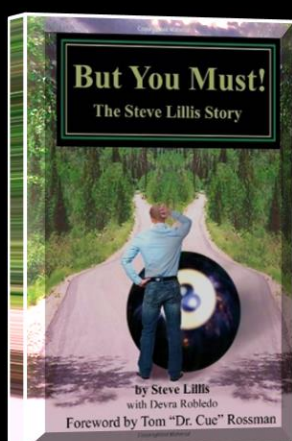
Special Notes: The 6-ball is the hardest ball to make. If the 6-ball does not make it into the pocket, then one can adjust the cue ball closer toward the foot spot. By hitting the 6-ball thinner and harder will also adjust the angle of the 6-ball toward the pocket.

Crowd Reactions Through the Years: Initially the crowd will not know into which pockets all the balls are made into. Once the shot is played the 1 ball and 3 balls are made rather quickly, however the 6-ball will slowly roll across the table and build anticipation as it takes its time toward the pocket. Once the 6-ball drops, one can expect a great eruption of applause and amazement!

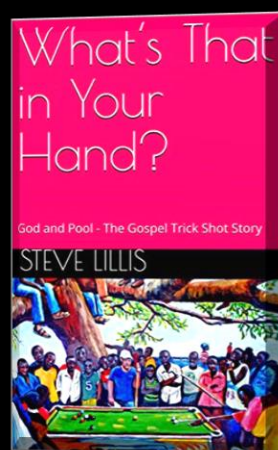
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GTS CALENDAR

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

>**8/3/23 – 8/12/23** – GTS RACK Team members Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman and Mike Massey will be at the APA World Pool Championships in the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino in Las Vegas, NV.

>**9/13/23 – 9/17/23** – Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman and friends will be at the M3CBC Bob Keller Open 3-Cushion Billiard Tournament at the Madison 3-Cushion Billiards Club, LLC in Madison, WI.

>**9/15/23 – 9/18/23** – Mike Massey, Steve Lillis, and Phil Ball at the Hope Festival outdoors in Allentown, PA with the GTS portable pool table.

>**September 2023 (TBD)** – GTS show with Steve Lillis at Stevens Tech in Hoboken, NJ working with ISI students on campus with the portable pool table.

>**9/16/23 – 9/17/23** - SA Master’s Artistic Pool Championship directed by GTS RACK Team member Wayne Parker in Durban, South Africa with a GTS show and booth.

>**10/14/23 – 10/15/23** – SA Classic Artistic Pool Championship directed by GTS RACK team member Wayne Parker in Cape Town, South Africa with a GTS show and booth.

>**October 2023 (TBD)** – GTS shows, outreach, and fellowship with GTS portable pool table and literature table in the Fisk Riverview Park in Jersey City, NJ working with International Students Inc. (ISI) and Word of Life (WOL).

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

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

>**2/7/24 – 2/10/24** - 2023 WPA World Artistic Pool Championship in Bay City, MI with GTS Booth

>**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.

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