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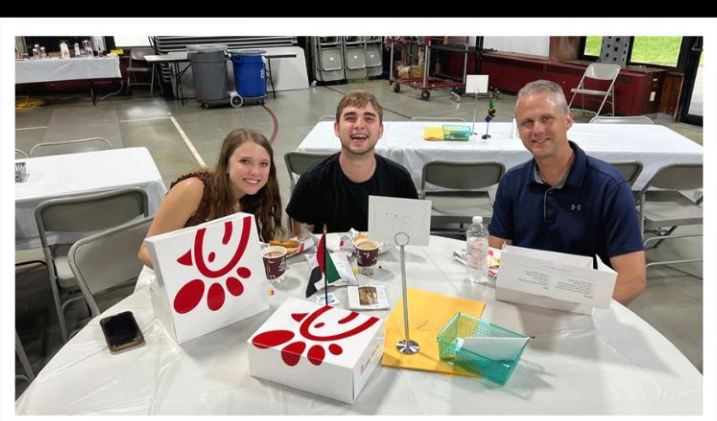


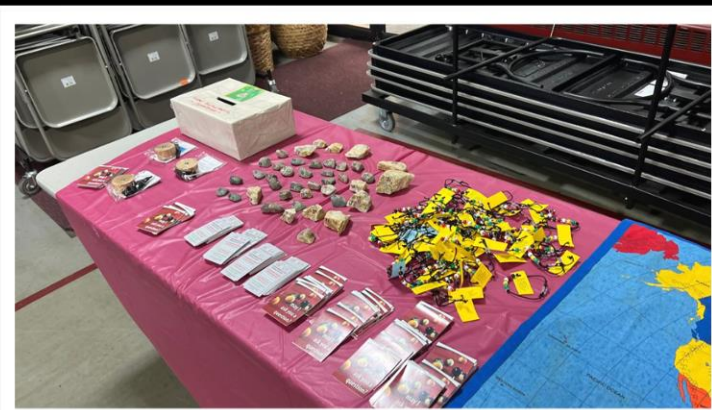
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GTS Zambia/England Benefit Summary

On July 20th a GTS Benefit was held at the Hawthorne Gospel Church with 150 people in attendance to help raise funds for our Zambia orphanage with 69 children ages 2-19 and help with a GTS mission trip to England in October 2024. Chick-fil-A our featured sponsor donated and provided a delicious meal for all in attendance. GTS (Business as Mission) BAM partners Mike and Barb Kemp owners of Allentown Tables in PA were on hand with Barb (author of Cindy's Letter) sharing her amazing testimony about her struggle with addiction and God's amazing deliverance. Three videos were shown with the singing of three worship songs led by Steve and Camille Lillis's daughter Amanda DuMont. A live presentation on the GTS portable pool table topped off the evening with Steve the newly appointed Chairman (CEO) of GTS and Phil Ball the new GTS treasurer doing a partner GTS show followed by the new GTS President, pastor, and world champion Wayne Parker from South Africa closing the evening with an amazing array of Gospel Trick Shots, testimony, and song. Thank you to all and may God bless you.







GTS RACK TEAM MISSION TRIP TO ENGLAND IN OCTOBER

In October of 2022 a GTS RACK team was sent to Morocco to not only represent USA at the World Blackball Championships, but to do a series of Gospel Trick Shot Shows for the many nations who traveled from all over the world to be there.

Many English-Arabic Bibles were handed out as the team was able to reach the local community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In 2023 a GTS RACK team was once again sent on a mission's trip to South Africa to a very similar event where many nations once again gathered in attendance to the prestigious event known as the Hawley Cup. The missions team also represented the USA in the team event and also did five Gospel Trick Shot shows. The shows were done in various venues ranging from a local church, to a billiard club and then finally at the international championship.

Gospel Trick Shot Ministries Inc. will once again be sending a team on a mission's trip to Bridlington, England this coming October. The team will not only be representing the USA in the team event once again, but also run the very first WPA World Artistic Blackball Championship and do several Gospel Trick Shot shows for the many nations who will be present at the event.

Please keep our mission's team in prayer as we prepare for the trip to England. To support the mission's team with their financial expenditure please feel free to scan the QR code to send your donation to Gospel Trick Shot Ministries Inc.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support! May the Lord supply all your needs according to His riches in glory!

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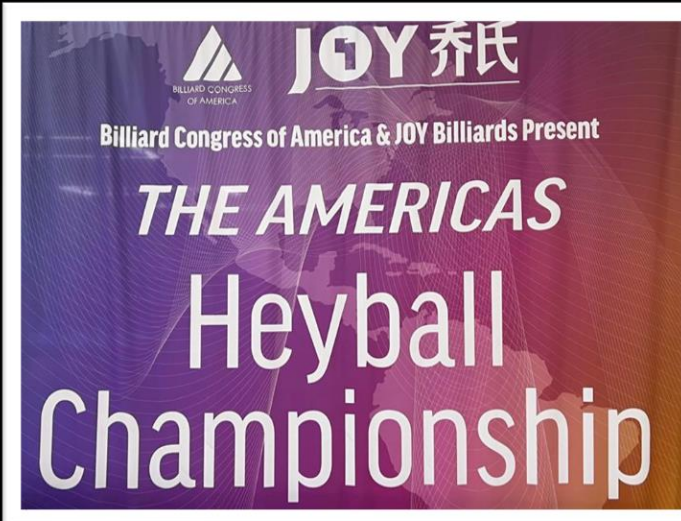
GTS RACK Team at the BEF Junior Nationals and BCA Americas Heyball

A GTS RACK team of 9 with 4 juniors and 5 adults attended the BEF Junior Nationals and the BCA Americas Heyball (Chinese 8-Ball) Championships in Quincy, IL on July 8-13 to compete, serve the billiard industry, and be a witness for Christ.

GTS RACK team member Tom “Dr Cue” Rossman also did several of his well-known exhibitions and teaching the importance of the game in the mind, in the heart and the game on and off the table. Many were left encouraged and touched by the Joy of the Lord he so effectively shares!

One of our team members named Jandr  from South Africa got sick and was hospitalized with the “deadly” Guillain-Barre syndrome. Please pray as he will have many months of rehabilitation ahead of him.

God brought him to the USA to get proper medical treatment and perhaps save his life as he is only 42 years old with a wife and 5-year-old child back home.





3 OTHER GOSPEL TRICK SHOT NEWS

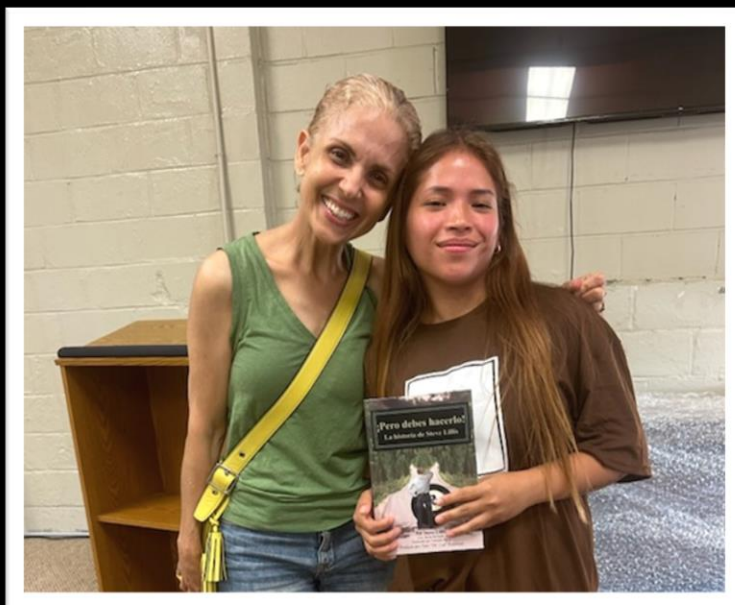
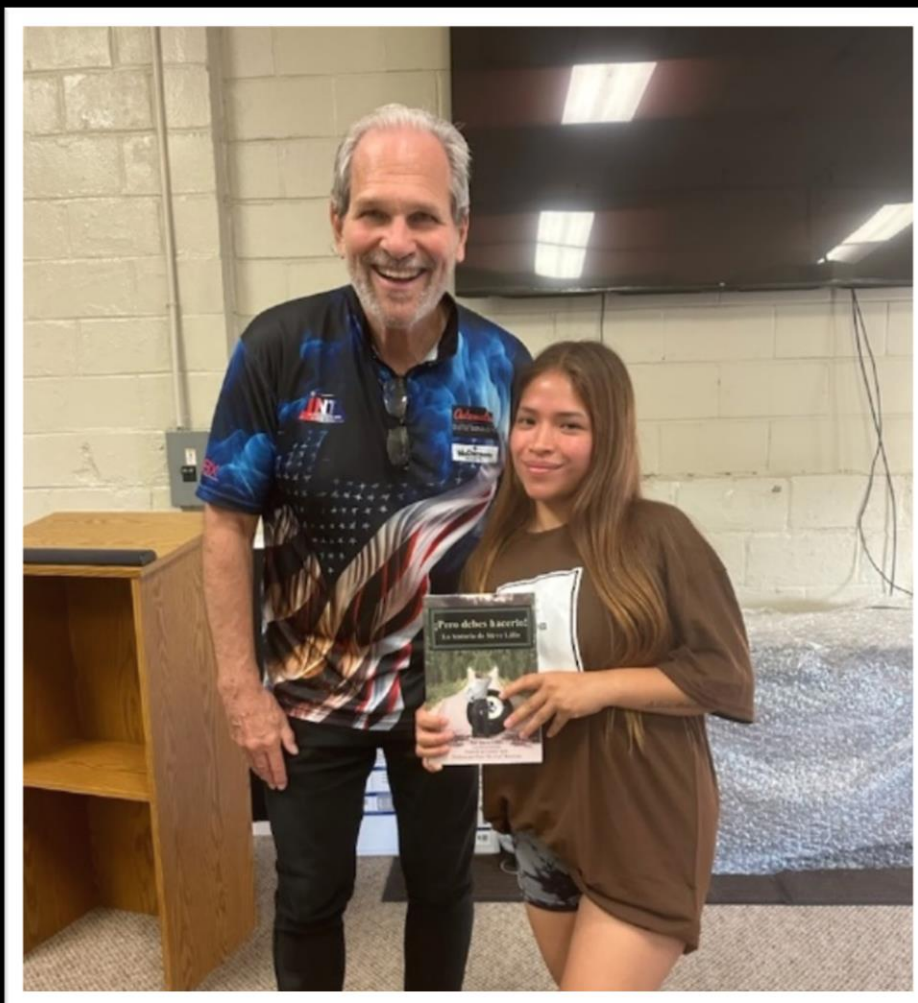
Other Gospel Trick Shot News for July

Steve and Camile Lillis along with Spanish translator Yomaira Tarifa who translated Steve's first book "But You Must" ministered at the Monmouth Park Racetrack to 48 migrant workers from central and South America on July 2nd.

Steve presented and Yomaira translated a 117 PowerPoint slide show on Tom Rossman and Steve Lillis traveling through the Middle East and beyond to six war torn countries using Gospel Trick Shots to minister.

Those in attendance were deeply moved with 7 raising their hands to be set free by Jesus! Steve Lillis also had an article on the history of pool dating back 50 years published in AZBilliards.com's worldwide online magazine called the Buzz.

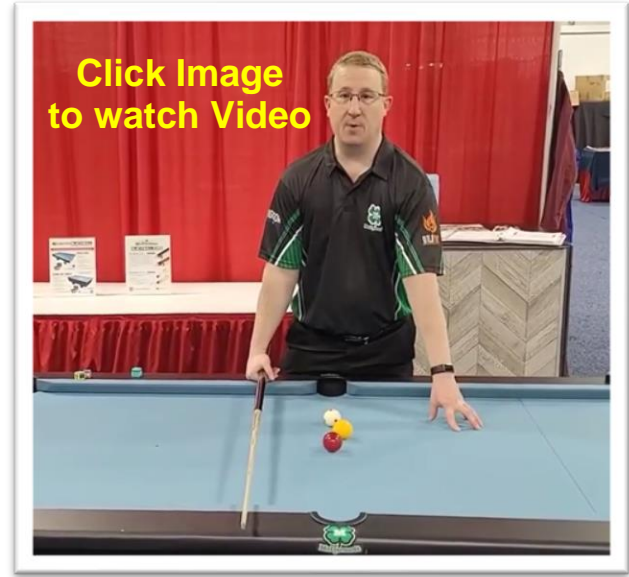
The article gave honor to Mike Ashe one of Steve's early mentors in the billiard industry. All glory to God!



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Gospel Trick Shot #54 – False Appearance

History of the Trick Shot: This is the final shot out of three Gospel Trick Shots performed by Brian “Superman” Pauley 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 also developed from an Artistic Pool shot which is featured in the new Artistic Blackball shot program in Discipline 2 “Special Arts” which debuted as an Artistic Blackball shot in the GTS Classic Artistic Blackball Cup in Johannesburg, South Africa in October 2023. This is shot number 1 in that discipline with a degree of difficulty of 6, meaning that you get 6 points for making it on the first attempt, 5 on the second attempt, 4 on the third attempt, and zero if not executed. The reason it is number 1 is that it is the easiest to execute in the “Special Arts” discipline. With a little practice and proper technique just about any cue sports enthusiast can master this shot!



GTS Name and Why: Brian Pauley came up with the story line as the shot looks impossible at first glance. He realized that things do not always appear as they seem and so it is in life that some situations are not as they appear. There are unknown spiritual forces many times causing deception and false appearances. Brian also knows from the Bible that nothing is impossible with God! Applying those spiritual principles to this shot give a great life lesson! Situations that appear to be impossible become possible with God! Once the proper technique of executing this shot is applied then what appears to be impossible becomes possible. The video will demonstrate and the diagram will show the set-up.

Scripture References (NIV): Ephesians 6:12 says, "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" and Matthew 19:26 says Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Cue Ball Placement: In hand, exactly 3 ball’s width from the red ball and centered on ‘B-E’ Line.

Object Ball(s) placement: Red ball in the center of the table. Yellow ball is centered between the cue ball and red ball, and is ½ ball offset in either direction.

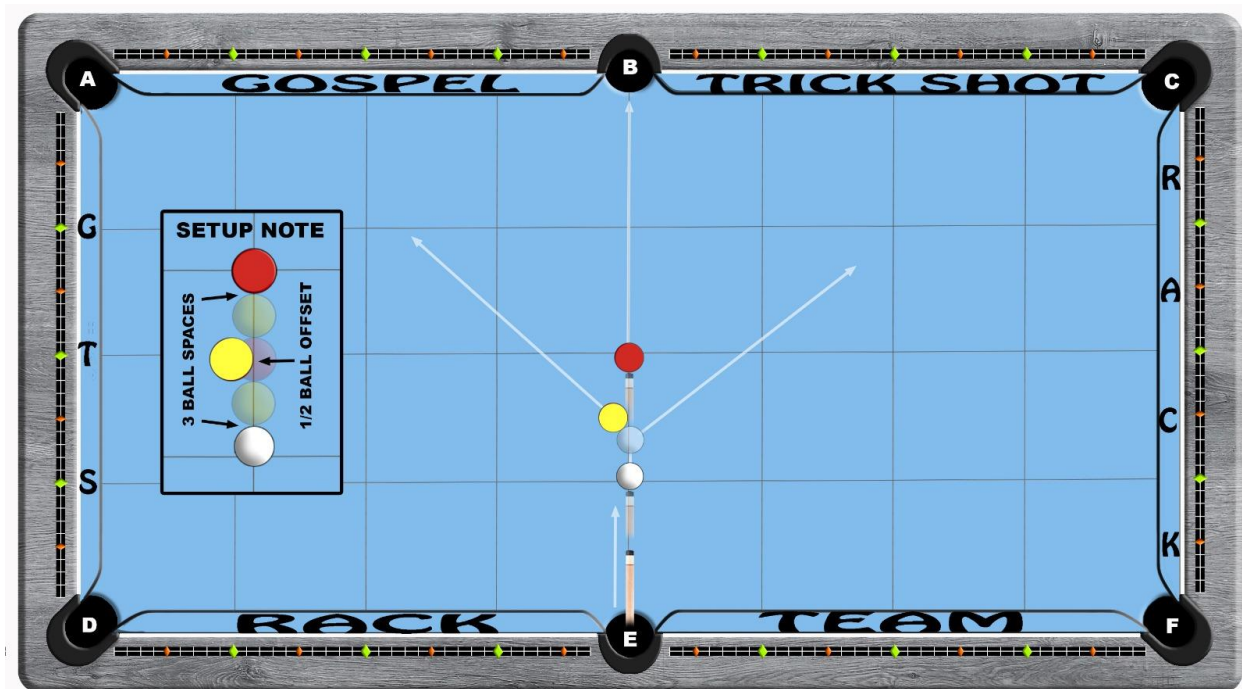


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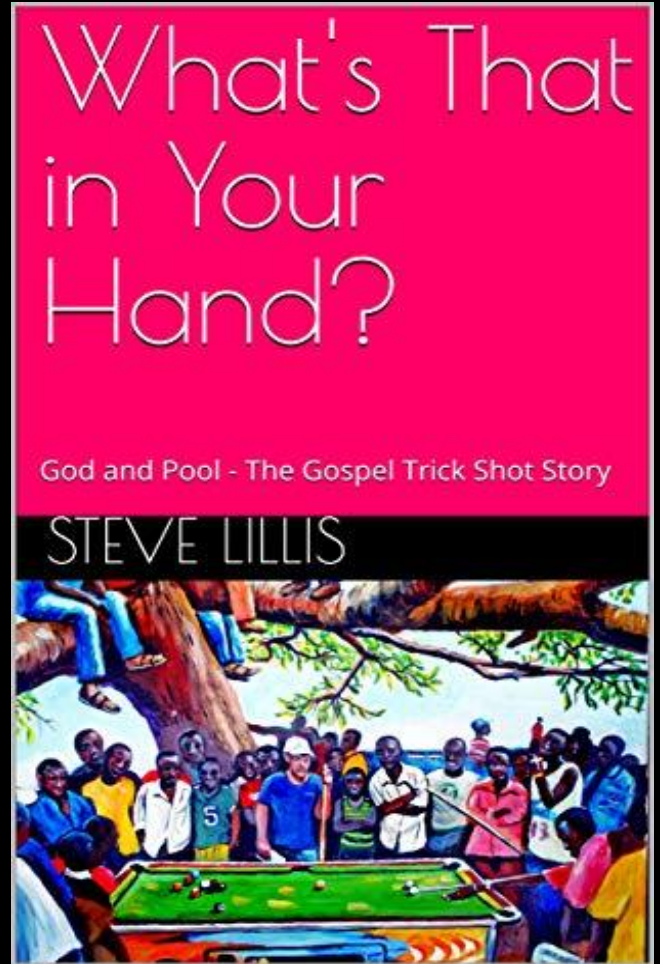
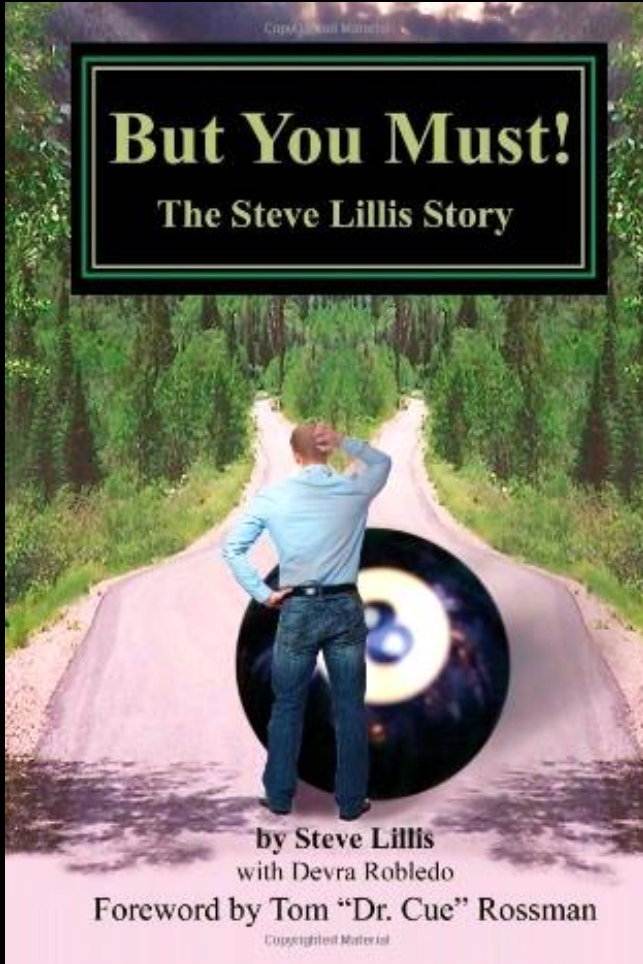
Objective: Shoot cue ball straight toward red ball. Cue ball will hit half of yellow ball and deflect “out of way” as diagram indicates. Cue stick continues follow thru in one fluent motion, so that tip contacts red ball and makes it in pocket “B”.

Special Notes: This shot must be performed in one continuous forward motion. Even though this shot is technically a foul (double hit) it makes for a great trick shot for a show.

Crowd Reactions Through the Years: This Gospel Trick Shot (GTS) has been performed many times by Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman in GTS shows worldwide to the delight of many audiences. Yours truly Steve Lillis usually would follow Tom in many of those GTS shows as this shot along with many others would exhibit similar life lessons and spiritual themes for the glory of God. On the Blackball table this shot and others were done in GTS shows in Morocco in 2022, England, Ireland, and South Africa in 2023. The USA Blackball Team partially sponsored by GTS will be competing in the WPA Blackball International (BI) 2024 World Team Championships and will produce and direct the first ever WPA Artistic Blackball World Championships in England in October 2024. In the GTS Classic Artistic Blackball Cup competition in South Africa in October 2023, this was also a favorite among the full field of 48 players who participated in that event as many of the competitors were able to execute this 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 INDUSTRY events are confirmed as GTS participation is (TBD) To Be Determined!)

>8/6/24 – Gospel Trick Shot live presentation for the migrant workers in the Jockey Club at Monmouth Park Racetrack in Oceanport, NJ with a Hawthorne Gospel Church team of Spanish speakers ministering alongside.

>8/8/24 - 8/16/24 - APA World Championship at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino , Las Vegas, NV. Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman will continue his RACK Vision outreach as he conducts various Dr. Cue teaching shows. GTS friends and partners will be in attendance.

>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 – WNT 2024 U.S. Open 9-Ball Championships at Harrah’s Hotel in Atlantic City, NJ with Gospel Trick Shot portable pool table shows in the South Jersey area.

>10/7/24 – 10/21/24 - 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 shows at various locations in and around Manchester, England before the event.

>11/9/24 – 11/17/24 – CSI Predator Caribbean Championships in the Puerto Rico Convention Center in San Juan, Puerto Rico. GTS shows at the event and other San Juan billiard locations.

>11/18/24 – 11/26/24 – International Open at the Renaissance Resort, St. Augustine, FL. Various billiard events with a Gospel Trick Shot booth and Bible studies.

>11/30/24 – 12/4/24 – Mosconi Cup at the Caribe Royal Resort, Orlando, FL with the World Nine-Ball Tour with GTS shows in and around the Orlando area with the GTS RACK Team.

>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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