

GOSPEL TRICK SHOT MINISTRIES, INC. NEWSLETTER



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2023 RECAP

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-GOSPEL TRICK SHOT OF THE MONTH

CALENDAR



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UNITED KINGDOM

RIGHT: GTS RACK Team, Steve Lillis, Wayne Parker, Tom Rossman and Mike Massey were at the IPA World Championships in Coventry, England doing a special Gospel Trick Shot show in the main arena. GTS team Tom, Mike and Steve were then invited to Ireland to do several Gospel Trick Shot shows at a local pool room and a nearby school. Many were reached with the Gospel of Jesus and gladly received the message of hope!



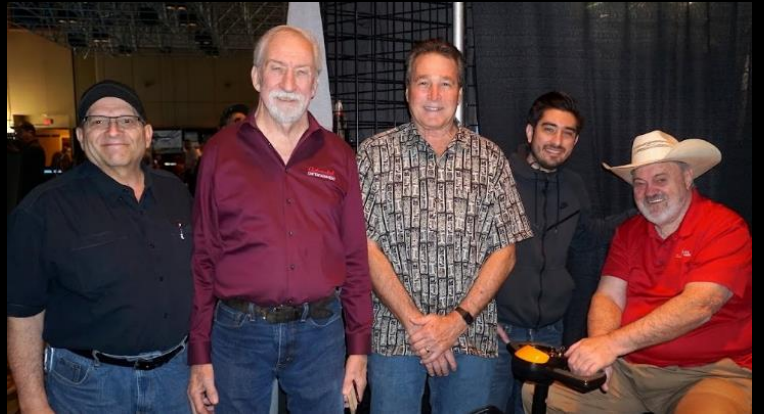
ABOVE: GTS Team Steve Lillis, Tom Rossman and Mike Massey in Ireland doing Gospel Trick shot Shows at a local Pool Room and the also a nearby school.



ABOVE: Wayne Parker, Steve Lillis, Mike Massey and Tom Rossman in Coventry England



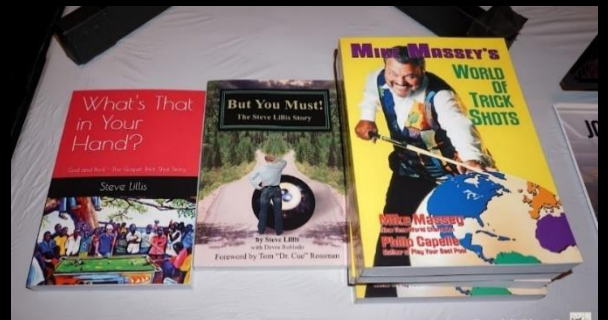
LEFT & ABOVE: Mike Massey and John English at the booth which was set up at the BCAPL and USAPL World Championships and the Alfa Las Vegas 10-Ball pro event at the Rio Hotel in Las Vegas, NV. Mike Massey also had an opportunity to be on a billiard podcast and gave glory to God!



BELOW: GTS team Phil Ball, Carmen Stura, Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman and Jason "The Michigan Kid" Lynch who did two Gospel Trick Shot shows for the inmates at The Trumbull Correctional Institution. - The Gospel of Jesus Christ is still the only remedy to the malady of the heart!



BELOW: Steve Lillis's two books "But You Must!" and "What's That in Your Hand?" were available for distribution and many were encourage with Gospel of Jesus Christ.



GTS WISDOM QUOTE #1:

"KEEP THE MAIN THING, THE MAIN THING"

APRIL-JUNE: VEGAS, PA, ZAMBIA

April 13-16 GTS board member and chairman of the WPA Artistic Pool Division Brian "Superman" Pauley alongside Steve Lillis and Mike Massey, doing some of their favorite Gospel Trick Shots for the audience present in the McDermott Booth at the annual Hopkins Expo at the Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, PA.



In Zambia we have Elijah representing GTS and working with our orphanage under the leadership of GTS RACK team member Wayne Parker of South Africa. GTS helped purchase gravel for the roads in front of the orphanage in Lusaka, Zambia, to help prevent flooding from the heavy rains last month!

Due to the severe floodings at the orphanage in Lusaka Zambia, much of the orphanage food was spoiled, however through the help and support of GTS MINISTRIES, INC. partners and friends, we were able to send financial aid to assist with supply of gravel for flood prevention, and for emergency food.



Mike Massey, Steve Lillis, with John and Jeannie English, went to Las Vegas to network with many industry partners and GTS friends at the annual BCA Trade Show. Special thanks to David Orlov from Las Vegas who served as our GTS media rep at the BCA Trade Show and was responsible for the Las Vegas pictures and video.



ABOVE: GOSPEL TRICK SHOT MINISTRIES, INC. partner and supporter Greg Knight from McDermott and Steve Lillis with Steve's two books: "BUT YOU MUST!" and "WHAT'S THAT IN YOUR HAND?" at the McDermott booth at the 2023 BCA Trade Show in Las Vegas.

Mike Massey & Steve "Leapin" Lillis coming to Bell Billiard Club

- Friday, March 31, 2023 @ 12:00
- This is a FREE show! Donations accepted.
- Sponsored by the Bell Billiard Club.
- Lessons and pictures after the show.
- [Mike Massey Trick Shot Artist - Wix.com](https://www.mikemasseytrickshot.com)
- www.gospeltrickshot.org



Mike and Steve then flew to Arizona the first week of April to do five GTS shows, with the help of Steve's sister Janet Curl from Arizona, who has been helping GTS at various events out West for over 20 years. Special thanks again to former GTS board member Roger Long and GTS friend Orrin Kolberg both from Arizona who helped secure venues for the GTS shows in Arizona.

GTS WISDOM QUOTE #2:

***"FINANCES FOLLOWS MINISTRY...
...NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND"***

Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman has been spending most of the month of May and early June in Las Vegas attending events, 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.



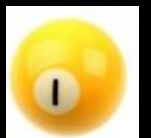
GTS Vice President Michael Hewitt and his wife Kim are spending the last week of May and the first week of June on a special gifted “once in a lifetime” family vacation in Alaska as their second daughter Kaelyn is getting married this summer with the family shrinking as 3 of 6 children will be out of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



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!



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.



JULY-SEPT: NEW JERSEY, OHIO, PA



25-Year Anniversary Banquet Celebration



Three Hundred attendees along with Fourteen members and helpers of our GTS RACK Team were here in New Jersey in July to attend the 25-year anniversary banquet celebration and to help participate in six Gospel Trick Shot outreaches at Ocean Grove, Monmouth Race Track and in Bayville New Jersey.



A Gospel Trick Shot show at the Monmouth Park Racetrack on June 20, 2023 with Steve's 14-year-old Grandson Jayden and with Racetrack Chaplain Donny Christopher as host. Seven racetrack workers put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ



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.



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.



GTS WISDOM QUOTE #3:

"TEAM-WORK, MAKES THE DREAM WORK!"





A 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.

Steve Lillis 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.



Brian "Superman" Pauley brought one of the GTS portable pool tables to his home church in Wilmington Ohio. The members of the church enjoyed seeing the Gospel being preached in an unconventional way.



Steve Lillis and Mike Massey were featured performers at the Hope Festival in Allentown, PA. There were over 1,000 people in attendance each day on September 16 and 17 as the weather was picture perfect!



Steve Lillis



Rev. Edgar Reich

GTS RACK team member Phil Ball spoke at the Hawthorne Gospel Church (HGC) at the Men's Saturday morning breakfast meeting. Rev. Edgar Reich who served on the GTS Board of Directors for 15 years also spoke at the same meeting. A GTS contact table was also set up in between Hawthorne Gospel Church services on September 24 for people to meet and greet Steve Lillis and Phil Ball to ask questions and help support the upcoming GTS South Africa trip.

OCT-DEC: SA, VA, PUERTO RICO, IN



Visiting Gospel Trick Shot Family in South Africa for some great food and awesome hospitality!



The Hawley Cup event was held with the USA GTS team competing with 15 other teams from 4 continents. Each day 90 minutes was given to GTS to do the Artistic Blackball competition and the Gospel Trick Shot shows where Jesus Christ was preached open air.



A Gospel invitation was given through prayer at the conclusion of each Gospel Trick Shot show. The Lord Jesus Christ was glorified and people responded! People visited the Gospel Trick Shot booth and took salvation bracelets, Jesus rocks, and helpful Chirstian literature.



Wayne Parker, winner of the GTS Artistic Blackball Cup giving his 1st Place Cup Trophy and Medals away to Thuli, who could not compete in the event due to her physical disability.



A Gospel Trick Shot show was done for 626 youth at the year-end finale of youth night at our GTS partner church called Acts Christian Church in Johannesburg, where 50 youths responded to salvation invitation.



The GTS RACK Team went to the Billiard Café in a local shopping mall to participate in a local Blackball tournament, take on a friendly challenge from a local South African team, and do a special Gospel Trick Shot show for the club patrons.



GTS RACK Team, Steve Lillis, Wayne Parker, Tom Rossman and Mike Massey were at the International Open in Norfolk Virginia hosted by Pat Flemming. GTS had a first time ever United Blackball table from McDermott to introduce Blackball and do multiple Gospel Trick Shot Shows.



ABOVE: Wayne Parker on the Main Arena table with Christian brother Rodney ‘The Rocket’ Morris!





Steve Lillis, Wayne Parker, Mike Massey and John English made their way to Puerto Rico for the Predator 10-Ball Championship Pro Series which was hosted at the San Juan Convention Center. GTS support team members Mark Vander Hoven and Bob Schuit also met up with the team and assisted with transport around the city and arranged several Gospel Trick Shot shows.



GTS WISDOM QUOTE #4:
"IN THE END IT'S ALL ABOUT WINNING SOULS FOR JESUS"





**GTS
SHOW**



GTS RACK Team members Michael Hewitt, Tom Rossman, and Jason Lynch did a Gospel Trick Shot church service at Rising Hope Church (RHC) in Muncie, IN. People were greatly encouraged to share their faith despite the 'misses' we experience in life. This is so that we reach the ends of the earth with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!



Steve Lillis and Mike Massey visited the Stevens Institute of Technology college in Hoboken, NJ. Christian material was readily available and the Gospel Trick Shot Show was very well received by the eighty international students who were in attendance.



GTS SHOT OF THE MONTH

The 'Let there be Light' Shot.

History of the Trick Shot: This shot is a famous shot, originally known as the paper bag trick shot. Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman has mastered this shot across many different types of billiard tables. The cue ball is trapped behind an object ball, making it look impossible to make the 8-ball. In this particular variation, Tom has taken this shot from the 9ft Pool table and adapted it to work on a 7ft sized Blackball pool table.

GTS Name and Why: Tom named this shot the "Let There Be Light" shot as it beautifully demonstrates how Light overcomes the darkness. God said "Let there be light, and there was Light" In this shot the yellow ball represents the Light, the paper bag represents a tunnel in which there is darkness, and the black 8-ball represents darkness.

Scripture References: Genesis 1:3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.
Matthew 5:14 You are the light of the world.



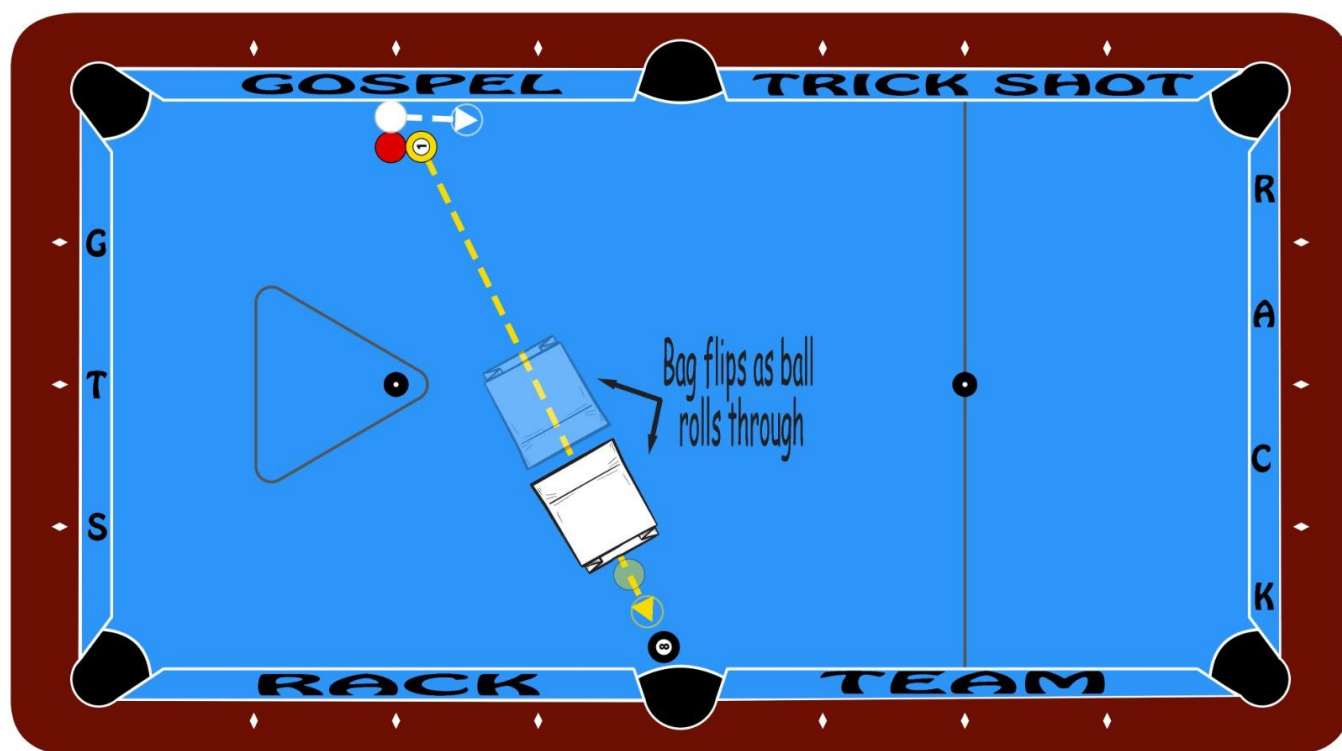
Object Ball(s) Placement: The cue ball is placed frozen against the rail on the 2nd diamond on the long rail. A red object ball as a blocker ball, frozen to the cueball also in line with the 2nd diamond, and a yellow ball frozen to the red ball being one width of a cue call away from the long rail. The 8-ball is placed near the opposite side pocket as shown in the diagram. A paper bag placed between the 8-ball and the center line of the table as diagrammed.

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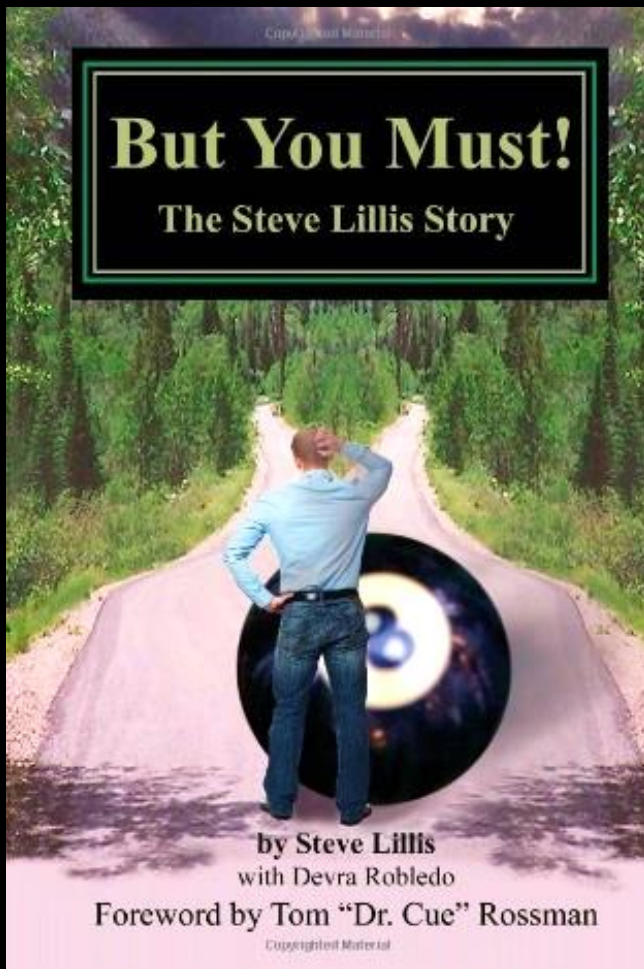
Objective: Shoot the cue ball directly into the long rail aiming at about a diamond and half from the side pocket. The Cue ball will compress into the long rail away from the red object ball and should then immediately make contact with the yellow ball sending it across the table through the paper bag, flipping the bag over, and then making the 8-ball in the opposite side pocket.

Special Notes: If the yellow ball misses to the left of the 8-ball then adjust your angle toward the first diamond from the side pocket. If the yellow ball misses to the right of the 8-ball then close the angle of the cue slightly. Playing the cue ball with a bit of draw will also help to hit the yellow ball fuller. With some practice this shot can be mastered and will surely turn a few heads.

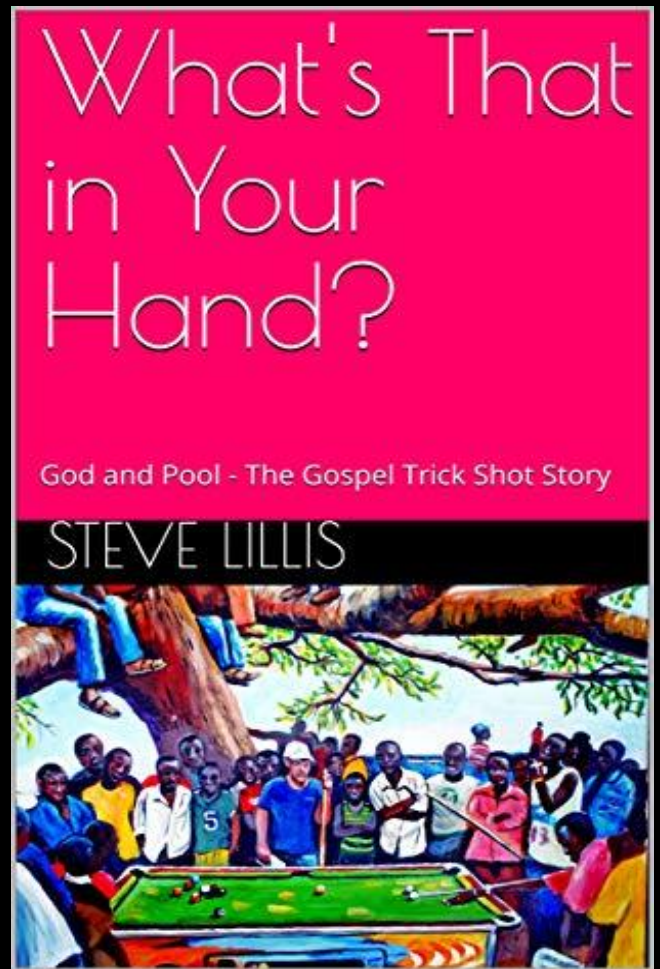
Crowd Reactions: People love seeing props on the table, and the paper bag normally has people puzzled as to what is about to happen. When the yellow ball travels through the bag and causes the bag to flip over, mysteriously coming out the other side making the 8-ball, expect a huge round of applause and some cheering, as this shot is very pleasing to the eye when pulled off correctly! Again, the message is that Light overcomes darkness and believers in the Lord Jesus Christ are to be the light of the world!



Books by Steve Lillis



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GTS CALENDAR

GTS Calendar 2024: changes and additions are forthcoming!

>**12/28/23 – 12/30/23** – “Follow Conference” with 6,000 young people at the Duke Energy Convention Center in Cincinnati, OH for the International Wesleyan Youth Convention with the GTS portable pool table and a GTS RACK Team in a booth.

<**1/5/24 – 1/19/24** – GTS Western Tour with Steve Lillis in Arizona with churches in Wickenburg and Phoenix with GTS partners and friends, and churches in Los Angeles, CA and partnering with Good Times Family Billiards and Automated Entertainment.

<**1/19/24 – 1/27/24** – Annual Derby City Classic with GTS RACK team leader Michael Hewitt, Mohammad Ali Berjaoui from Lebanon, Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman, and Brian Pauley in the GTS booth at Ceasars Hotel and Casino in Southern Indiana.

>**2/7/24 – 2/10/24** - 2023 WPA World Artistic Pool Championship in Bay City, MI with GTS Booth and GTS RACK team members participating in world class competition.

>**2/18/24 – 2/25/24 (TBD)** – Steve Lillis doing GTS shows on the Mildenhall Air Base near London, England for the U.S. Military working with the chaplaincy program.

>**2/25/24 – 3/3/24- (TBD)** – Steve Lillis and Tom Rossman doing American Pool teaching clinics, friendly challenges, and GTS shows in Tunis, Tunisia working with Tunisian, Libyan, and Algerian Billiard Associations.

>**March 2024 (TBD)** – SA Classic Artistic Blackball 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.

>**March/April 2024 (TBD)** – GTS Portable Pool Table Tour with Steve Lillis and friends down South at HBCU campuses with NCS partners and friends.

>**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 Artistic Blackball.

>**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 2023-24 and (TBD)** – invites from ministries & billiard federations: Turkey, Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Japan, Indonesia, Portugal, Serbia, Hungary, Honduras, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and Malawi.

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