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WPA World Artistic Pool Championship event February 5 - 11.

Ten GTS RACK team members and GTS helpers in various roles: Jason and Kira Lynch, Mike Massey, John English, Keegan Badour, Brian Pauley, Michael Hewitt, Tom Rossman, Wayne Parker, and Steve Lillis attended the iconic event where several Gospel Trick Shot shows were done. Many people from various backgrounds were drawn to the event, and enjoyed not only the amazing performances by the international athletes, but also were greatly encouraged by the GTS RACK team members who were there to minister and fellowship off the table.



ABOVE: Tom Rossman doing a Gospel Trick Shot showing how the Holy Spirit leads us to Jesus!



ABOVE: Pastor Michael Hewitt doing a Gospel Trick Shot and amazing the crowd with his skills and inspiring biblical message behind his shot.



ABOVE: Steve Lillis sharing on the transformative power of God in allowing us to be changed and becoming free like a butterfly!



ABOVE: Wayne Parker doing a Gospel Trick Shot sharing his testimony and how the blood of Jesus (being represented by the red ball) set him free from a life of bondage and slavery to sin.

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MENOMONEE FALLS, WISCONSIN



McDermott Factory Tour with Greg Knight. February 12 and 13

At the conclusion of the WPA World Artistic Pool Championships, a Gospel Trick Shot team John English, Wayne Parker, and Steve Lillis travelled to Menomonee Falls in Wisconsin, where they met up with long standing GTS partner and supporter Greg Knight, who had prepared an exclusive factory tour for the team and a strategic planning meeting for USA Blackball.

A special video recording was made of Steve Lillis doing some amazing Gospel Trick Shots. Wayne Parker who had taken 4th Place at the World Artistic Pool Championship was also interviewed by the McDermott media team, followed by some trick shot demonstrations in the McDermott showroom.

McDermott's contribution and support toward Gospel Trick Shot Ministries Inc. has resulted in many souls being reached and won for Jesus across the world.



ABOVE: Steve presenting Greg Knight from McDermott a water bottle gift and copies of his two books titled, "But You Must!" and "What's That In Your Hand?"



ABOVE: Steve demonstrating some Gospel Trick Shots for the McDermott media team.



ABOVE: Lights, Camera Action!
Steve in the showroom being prepped by the McDermott media team to perform some Gospel Trick Shots for the camera.



ABOVE: McDermott's showroom of billiard equipment and accessories which has helped Gospel Trick Shot Ministries, Inc. over the years in winning many souls for Jesus!

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles GTS Tour - February 14 – 20

Wayne Parker visited Los Angeles for a week serving with John English partnering with Good Times Family Billiards and Automated Entertainment. On Sunday morning Wayne lead a Bible study at Good Times Billiards, sharing on the topic of faith. Patrons were offered to play pool for free if they attended the Bible study. Those in attendance were greatly encouraged in the Lord and were also blessed as local friend nick-named “Wheelchair-George” served with his gift by playing a Gospel song on his guitar and to close the Bible study meeting for us.

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Wayne also served as the designated chef in John’s home and brought some of his South African taste to his United States family.

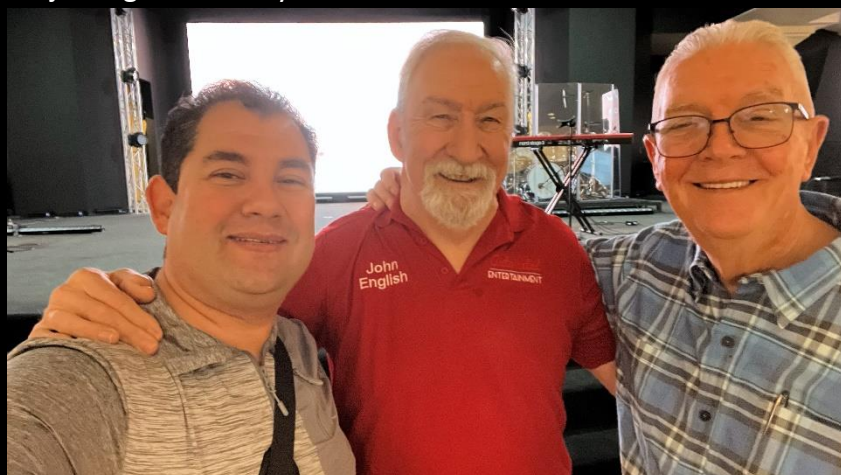


Matthew 23:11-12

The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.



ABOVE: Wayne Parker with former owner of Hard Times Billiards Ken Thomason who attended the Sunday morning Bible study which took place at Good Times Billiards Pool Room. Wayne will be joining the Sunday Bible studies via Zoom from South Africa!



ABOVE: After the Sunday morning Bible study at Good Times Billiards, Wayne and John visited Calvary Chapel not too far from John’s home and met with Glenn Kravig who previously went to Ghana in Africa with John on a missionary trip.



LEFT: Wayne and John with Axel Brutz who is an APA League operator who visited Good Times Billiards.

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LONDON, ENGLAND

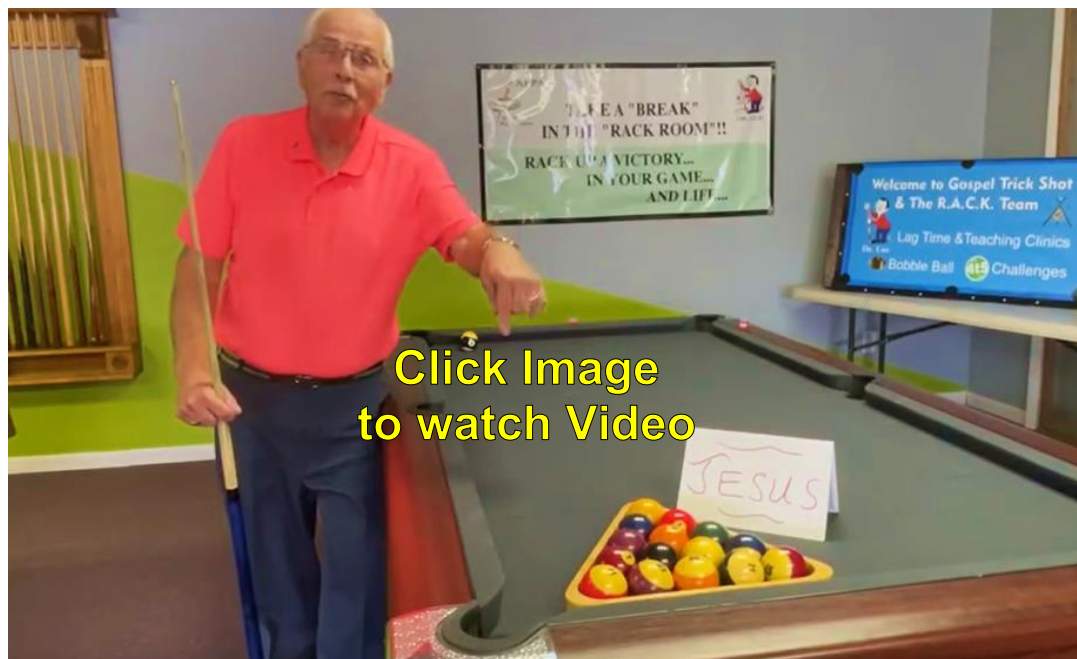
London England
February 23 – March 5

GTS Shows with Steve Lillis and three Lillis family members including sister Janet Curl and Logan and Christina Trogdon working with the U.S. Air Force Chaplaincy program on the Mildenhall, Lakenheath, and Feltwell RAF Air Force Bases in England north of London. Seeds and commitments for two Bible studies were planted on the Mildenhall and Lakenheath air bases with also networking and outreach opportunities through the Feltwell U.S. Air Base Christian Church.



GTS SHOT OF THE MONTH

‘Direct Our Steps!’



History of the Trick Shot:

This shot is a famous shot, accredited to the late George “Trick-Shooter” Middleditch. Sometimes the passing cue ball will clear obstacles out of the way and the object ball will be pocketed. Many trick shot artists perform this shot in their shows and it is even in the WPA Artistic Pool Program. Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman adapted it from the pool table to work on the Blackball Pool Table.

GTS Name and Why:

Tom named this shot “Direct our steps” and it is a perfect shot for this month with our thoughts on Easter and the Lord’s Resurrection. We know that when Jesus went to the Father, He sent the Holy Spirit to be our helper and guide. The cue ball represents the Lord’s influence through the Holy Spirit and the black ball is us. The balls in the rack represent Heaven’s corner. The cue ball passes the object ball leading us to Heaven, the Lord now waits in Heaven for us at the right hand of the Father.

Scripture References:

Psalms 37:23 "The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way."
Proverbs 16:9 “A man’s heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.”

Cue Ball Placement:

Frozen behind the black ball.

Object Ball(s) Placement:

The black ball is frozen in front of the cue ball, the frozen pair is aimed at the right pocket point of the corner pocket. The rest of the balls are in the rack to funnel the shot.



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Objective:

Aim straight down table with a downward follow stroke, the cue ball will squirt to the left and overtake the black ball, beating it to the rack and glancing into the corner pocket.

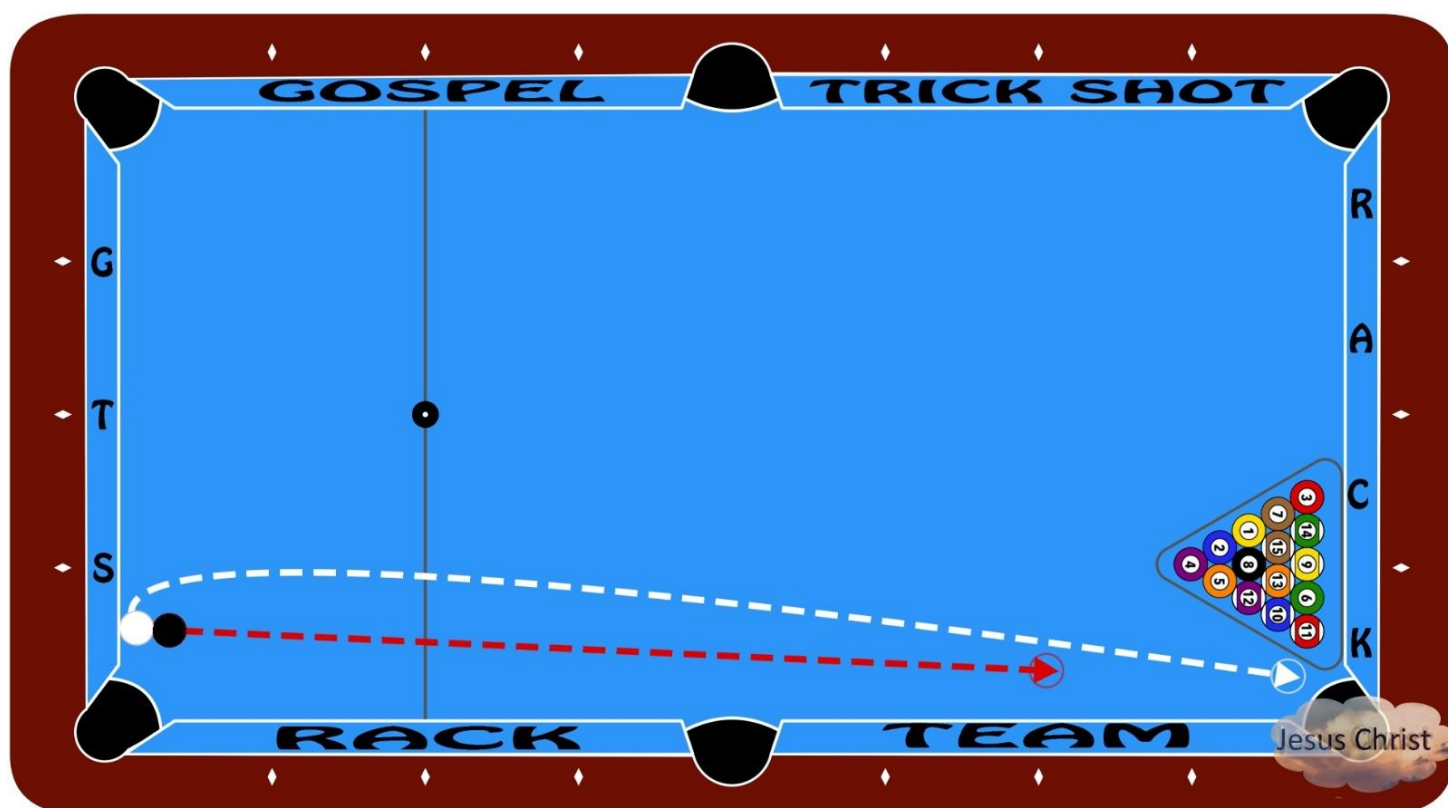
Special Notes:

If you find that you have a hard time getting the cue ball to pass the black ball, you are probably driving the cue stick through too much causing too much speed to be transferred to the black ball. You can try aiming the combination more to the right, or using more top on the cue ball. The key to this shot is the follow top spin transferred to the cue ball.

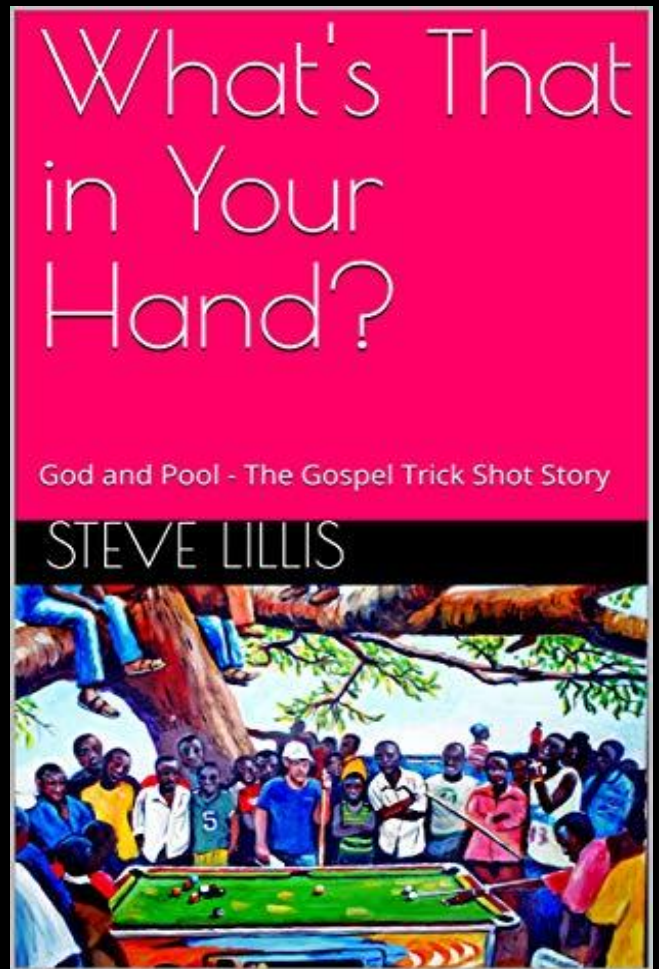
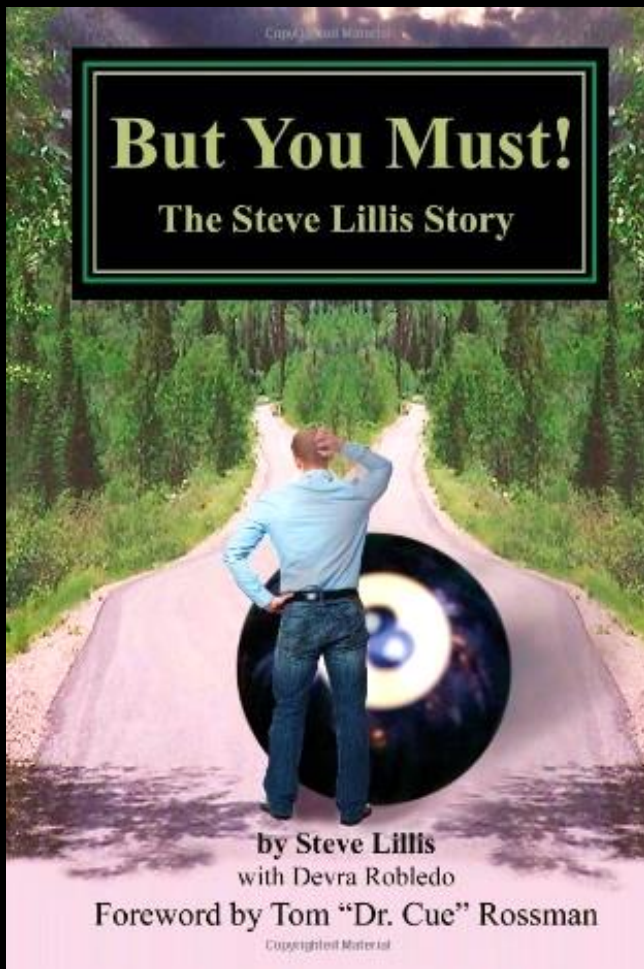
Crowd Reactions:

This shot may stump even the best players as it is not a stroke or shot that is taught in conventional pool. Some may think this is a foul, I will let you be the judge of that since the shot is so unique and the ball reaction is so different, but in the end expect the crowd to be astonished!

In our Scripture verses it talks about even though we try to plan out everything in our life, God is ultimately in control. This doesn't mean that we can't plan our steps, it just means we need to do so with humble hearts and minds, focused on the Kingdom of God, so our plans line up with His.



Books by Steve Lillis



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GTS CALENDAR

GTS Calendar 2024: changes and additions are forthcoming!

- >**3/6/24** – GTS show with Steve Lillis and the GTS portable pool table at 12:00 Noon at Bergen Community College in the student center on campus in Paramus, NJ.
- >**3/9/24** - Thank you party for GTS supporters of Phil Ball at his home in Ramsey, NJ hosted by his wife Mary Ball. Steve Lillis will be guest presenter and do a GTS show.
- >**3/16/24 - 4/3/24** - Wayne and Chantal Parker traveling to Qinhuangdao, China to compete in the Heyball International Open at the Olympic Center.
- >**3/18/24 – 3/21/24** – Steve Lillis and John and Jeannie English attending the annual BCA Trade Show in the Las Vegas Convention Center.
- >**4/1/24 – 4/8/24 (TBD)** - GTS Portable Pool Table Tour with Steve Lillis and Steve Jefferson in North and South Carolina at HBCU campuses with NCS Paterson partners.
- >**4/11/24 - 4/14/24** - Steve Lillis and Brian Pauley at the Hopkins Super Billiards Expo in the McDermott Booth at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center.
- >**4/19/24 - 4/21/24 (TBD)** - Steve Lillis at the Louisiana Open 8-Ball tournament produced by Ultimate Pool USA in the Shreveport Convention Center.
- >**5/4/24 (TBD)** - GTS Annual Board meeting on Zoom at 9:00 am.
- >**5/17/24** - Steve Lillis will speak at the Brick House Restaurant for the weekly NCS meeting in Wyckoff, NJ on the topic of (BAM) Business As Mission.
- >**5/31/24 – 6/2/24** – 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.
- >**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 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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