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JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

2024 GTS CLASSIC ARTISTIC BLACKBALL JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

October 5-6 – The GTS Classic Artistic Blackball Cup was directed by GTS RACK team member Wayne Parker at the Billiard Cafe Pool Room in Johannesburg, South Africa with a live Zoom GTS show by Phil Ball and Steve Lillis that was streamed from New Jersey to South Africa. This was the first continent to continent live GTS show. This event plans to be an annual event in South Africa to continue what started last year at the 2023 Blackball International Hawley Cup at the first ever Artistic Blackball event in Johannesburg.




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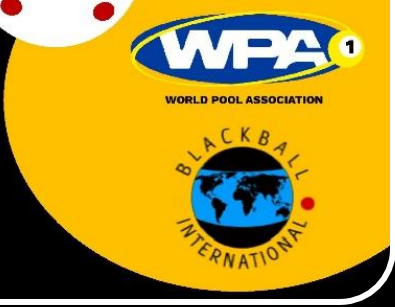
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October 11-18 - WPA Blackball International (BI) World Team Championships was held in Bridlington, England with the 2024 WPA World Artistic Blackball Championships. A GTS RACK team of six including Wayne Parker, Steve Lillis, Phil Ball, Tom Rossman, Michael Hewitt, and Jason Lynch president of the WPA Artistic Pool Division helped organize and run the event. Months of planning and preparation went into the event as Tom, Phil, and Steve helped run the event while Wayne, Michael, and Jason both played and helped. Wayne Parker won the event to become the first WPA Artistic Blackball World Champion and a GTS show was done before the final round of the event. Three trophies and 13 medals were awarded to various winners. In addition to Gospel Trick Shot Ministries, Inc. special thanks to our many sponsors and partners that included the WPA (World Pool Association), McDermott Cues, Dr. Cue Promotions, The WPA Artistic Pool Division, The Cue Coach, and Blackball International who all contributed towards the GTS RACK team attending this iconic event.



2024 WPA World Artistic Blackball Championships
11-18 October 2024



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BRADFORD, ENGLAND

October 18-22 – The team left Bridlington by train to historic Bradford to partner with the Acts Christian Church Bradford, which was exactly where the church and revival happened under Smith Wigglesworth over 100 years ago. The great granddaughter of Smith Wigglesworth Pastor Lillian De Fin and her husband Pastor Abe De Fin were our wonderful hosts and received us as one of their own. A GTS show was done in a local recreation center on Saturday evening followed by praise and worship in the Sunday morning service where Wayne Parker was invited to preach on the Blood of Jesus!



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MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

Monday morning the team left by shuttle for Manchester for another GTS show that evening in the Savanna Pool and Snooker Club. So many of the locals in attendance were greatly encouraged through the Gospel Trick Shot show done by the GTS RACK team! Special thanks to sponsor JJ Faul the club owner who hosted us and is a personal friend of GTS President Wayne Parker. We look forward to visiting Savanna Pool and Snooker again!



Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes



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Gospel Trick Shot #57 - Noah and the Ark

History of the Trick Shot: This show was created from a melding of trick shots. GTS RACK Team members Jason Lynch and Michael Hewitt combined their collective creative artistic talents on a Blackball pool table to come up with this shot. The brainstorm happened live right before a Gospel Trick Shot show at the WPA 2024 World Artistic Blackball Championships in Bridlington, England in October of 2024. This tournament ran alongside the Blackball International (BI) World Team Championships as countries from four continents were represented. Jason and Michael represented the USA in the team championships along with Tom Rossman, Phil Ball, and Steve Lillis.



Name and Why: Jason named this shot “Noah and the Ark” due to the pairs of balls and the chain reaction. We know that the animals came from all over to the Ark in pairs of two. The rack on the table represents the animals that have already found their way to safety in the Ark. The other balls on the table are the remainder of the animals coming two by two to the ark and the 8 Ball is Noah waiting at the door. The moral to this Bible story is that God is not only a God of judgment in flooding the world but he also saves. The people in the days of Noah were corrupt and Noah was righteous. The question is are you on the Ark of safety with Jesus as the Captain of your ship as you sail through the stormy seas of life.

Scripture References (NIV): Genesis 7:1-3 - The Lord then said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and one pair of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, and also seven pairs of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth.

Cue Ball Placement: In hand as in diagram.

Object Ball Placement: This shot uses all 15 object balls on the blackball pool table. Six yellow balls are placed in the rack to add weight so the cue ball caroms off the rack correctly. Four red balls are set up on chalk cubes, three other red balls and the remaining yellow ball are frozen against the stacked balls as shown in the diagram. The 8 ball is in the pocket very close to the edge of the slate cut so that it cannot stay out of the pocket when contact is made.

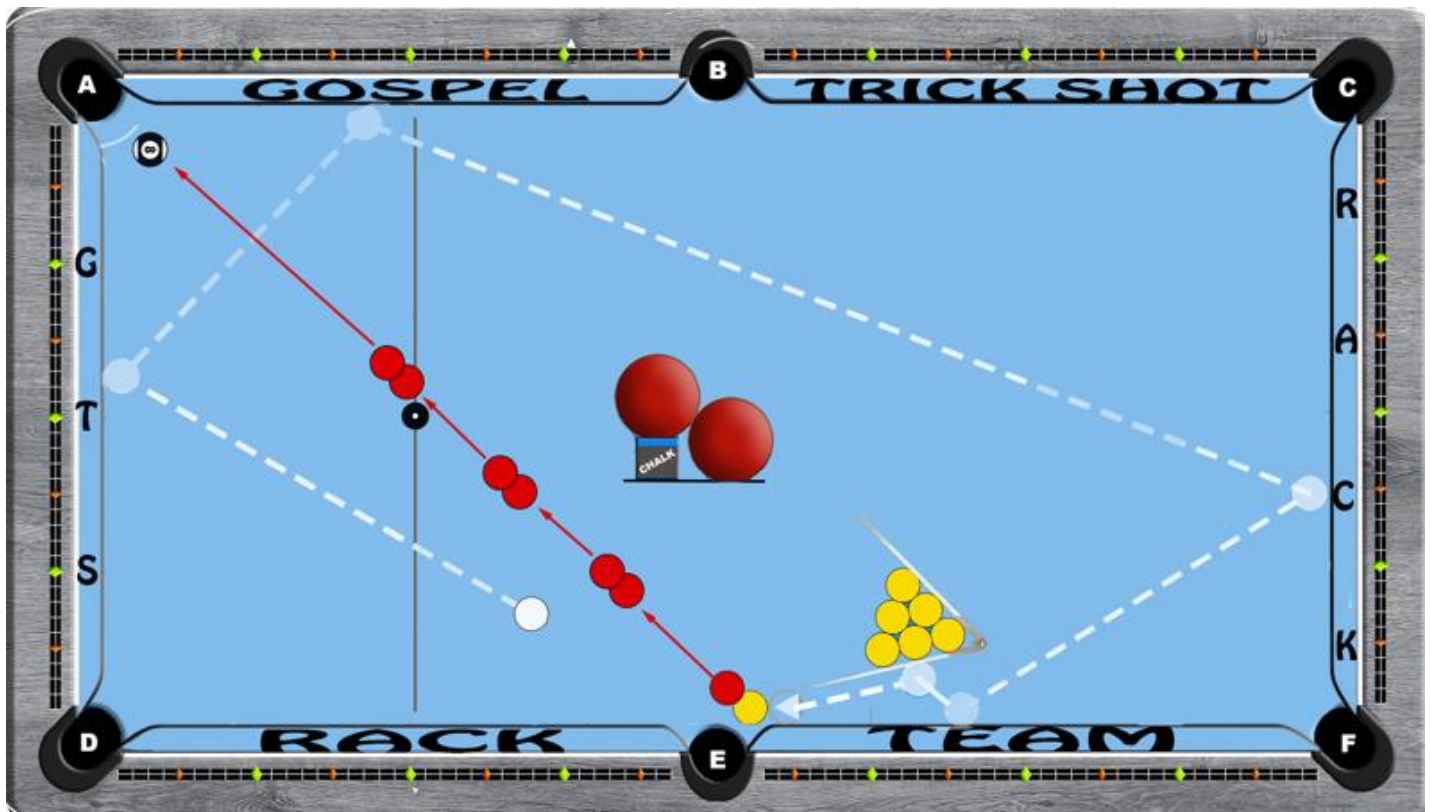


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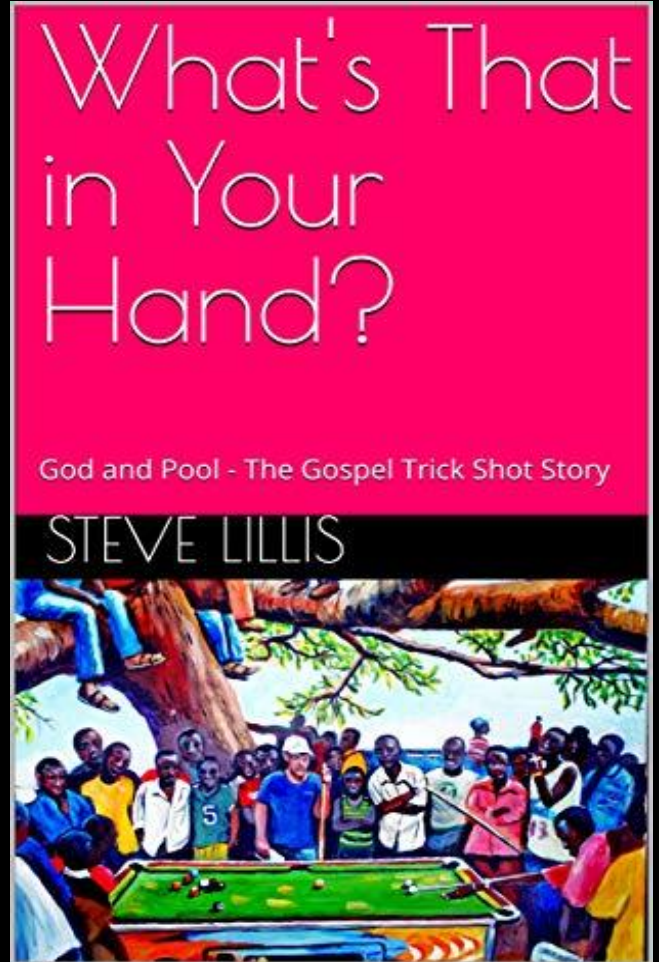
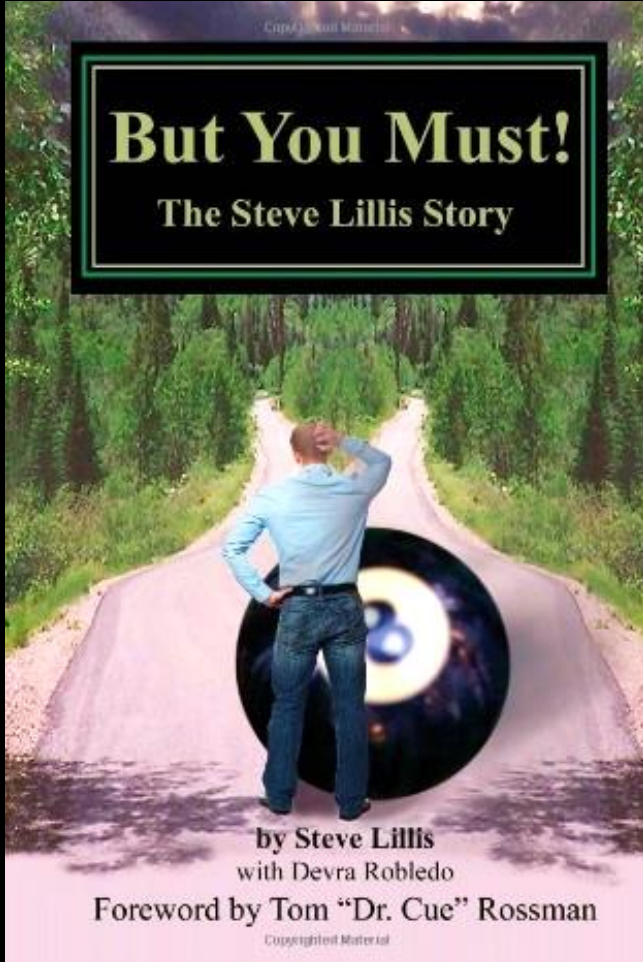
Objective: Aim to hit a 4-rail carom kick shot off the back of the rack so the cue ball is guided toward the yellow and the first chain reaction. The yellow will be pocketed and the chain reaction will start and finally pocket the black 8-ball. It is worth noting that in Blackball, if you pocket the last of your colors and in this case that final yellow ball assuming the other 6 yellow balls sitting in the rack have already been pocketed, then pocketing the 8 ball is a win. So, this is a win on the table for you and for Noah.

Special Notes: If you find that the chain reaction slows down or stops it is likely that one of the sets of balls is not completely frozen. Also, you made need to hit the 4-rail bank shot to the rack with a bit more pace.

Crowd Reactions: Again, this was the first time this shot was performed and it happened in Bridlington, England during the 2024 WPA World Artistic Blackball Championships. You will see in the video that the crowd loved it and also received the message. The shot also reminds us that all things are possible with God and faith. Noah believed God and was faithful to build the Ark according to the Bible over a period of 120 years even though he was mocked and ridiculed because it had never rained.



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

>**10/30/24 – 11/2/24** – Morocco International Heyball 8-Ball Championship in Marrakesh, Morocco with Wayne Parker and JJ Faul.

>**11/8/24 – 11/9/24** – 2024 National Artistic Pool Championships at The League Room in Parkersburg, WV with members of the GTS RACK team participating.

>**11/23/24** – GTS Show with Steve Lillis at Players Billiards 613 Hope Road, Eatontown NJ, 07724.

>**11/18/24 – 11/26/24 (TBD)** – GTS Booth with a Blackball table at the International Open at the Renaissance Resort, St. Augustine, FL with Blackball and Gospel Trick Shots.

>**1/17/25 – 1/26/25** – Annual Derby City Classic with GTS RACK team leader Michael Hewitt and others in the GTS booth at Ceasars Hotel and Casino in Southern Indiana.

>**2/12/25 – 2/15/25** – 2024 WPA World Artistic Pool Championships at the Boys and Girls club in Bay City, Michigan with team leader Wayne Parker and others in the GTS booth.

>**2/5/25 – 2/19/25 (TBD)** – GTS Arizona Tour with Steve Lillis in Wickenburg and Phoenix with churches and GTS partners and friends.

>**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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