

GOSPEL TRICK SHOT MINISTRIES, INC. NEWSLETTER



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GTS USA UPDATE

GTS USA Update - Steve Lillis and Mike Massey were featured performers at the Hope Festival in Allentown, PA working with GTS friends and partners Mike and Barb Kemp owners of Allentown Tables a top billiard retailer in the Northeastern Pennsylvania. There were over 1,000 people in attendance each day on September 16 and 17 as the weather was picture perfect! The festival included dozens of help vendors and a 1,000-seat tent pavilion which housed a stage for Mike Massey to sing on and a setup for the GTS portable pool table for two featured Gospel Trick Shot shows performed by Steve Lillis. There were three large Jumbotron screens for all to see and live-streaming for an even larger online audience. God worked in wonderful ways to touch hearts of many in need of the Savior!

MUSIC FEST
SEPTEMBER 16 & 17

SATURDAY Afternoon

12:45 The Sanctuary Recovery Center – Bob Sofronski
1:45 Blessings of Hope - David Lapp *Dealing with Hunger*
2 pm Ryan & Friends – world-renowned Ventriloquist
3:15 Splat Experience with Marc Eckel
4 pm Mike Massey & Steve Lillis World Champion Pool
Players going to 35 countries will be sharing *Gospel Trick Shot*
4:45 Blue Sky Band
5:35 "It Is Written" Band
6:15 Joe Nester (Nester Nation)
6:50 Keynote Speaker Juan Marrero
7:10 Jordan St Cry singer, songwriter, storyteller
9:00 YOUTH TECHNO PARTY Ages 12-16 with parent supervisi

SUNDAY

9:30 Meet your neighbors over Free Coffee & Donuts
10 am Sweatshirt of Hope Team *"Love Your Neighbor"*
10:15 LivingSong – Manny & Erika Garcia
10:45 Keynote Speaker Juan Marrero
11:15 LivingSong – Manny & Erika Garcia
11:20 Joe Nester (Nester Nation) Shares testimony and song
11:50 Splat Experience with Marc Eckel
12:10 Keynote Speaker Juan Marrero
12:15 FREE Burger Fest & Family & Kids Games
12:45 Mike Massey & Steve Lillis World Champion Pool
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ALLENTOWN



HOPE FESTIVAL



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Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman and friends

attended the M3CBC Bob Keller Open 3-Cushion Billiard Tournament at the Madison 3-Cushion Billiards Club, LLC in Madison, WI on September 13-17 and filed this report:

From September 14 - 17, 2023, Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman and his fellow Brother in Christ Rick "The Barber" Hawkinson traveled to Madison, WI for the Bob Keller 3-Cushion Open Tournament and another outreach experience. God is reaching every corner of cue sport activity worldwide through GTS RACK team members using regular pool games, Blackball, Artistic Pool, Artistic Blackball, and now 3-Cushion Billiards which is also known as Carom. Carom is a unique discipline using a billiard table with no pockets and is played in many countries around the world. For more information and a full report on this event by Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman please go to the "Cowboy" tab of our new website at www.gtsrackrooms.com and look for the article entitled "Dancing Angels for Carom Players."



Psalm 33:3 *Play Skilfully with a shout of Joy!*



Madison 3-Cushion Billiards Club, LLC
Suite 161, 1337 Greenway Cross, Madison, WI 53713

Madison 3-Cushion Billiards Club has New Member Openings!

If you love Pool with pockets, just wait until you discover the Pleasure and Pain of 3-Cushion Billiards!

Club Membership is open to any interested player regardless of your skill level!

["How to Play 3-Cushion Billiards Video"](#)



Hawthorne Gospel Church Men's Breakfast

GTS RACK team member Phil Ball spoke at the Hawthorne Gospel Church (HGC) to the Men's Saturday morning breakfast meeting on September 16 and the monthly Global Partners Live (GPL) meeting sanctioned by the HGC mission's committee on September 23. Rev. Edgar Reich who served on the GTS Board of Directors for 15 years also spoke at those same meetings.

A video review of last year's Morocco trip

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8ek8Z5-z-k>) that was done by Wayne Parker was shown and a preview of the upcoming South Africa trip for this October was presented by Phil Ball.

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.

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Video



Steve Lillis



Rev. Edgar Reich

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Mike Massey visited an Artistic Pool event run by GTS RACK team member Brian Pauley at The League Room in Parkersburg, WV. The following day on Sunday after the event was over, they had “church” in that pool room for one full hour as Mike sang, preached, and shared stories from his life that has led him to faith in Jesus Christ. Here is the Facebook post called “Three Cords and the Truth” to listen to the man who has influenced many to follow Jesus including the President and Founder of GTS Steve Lillis.



2 GTS INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

GTS International Update – On September 16 and 17 the SA Master’s Artistic Pool Championship with the “Tom ‘Dr. Cue’ Rossman Trophy” was directed by GTS RACK Team member Wayne Parker in Durban, South Africa with a GTS show and booth. The following report and summary of the event was filed by Wayne Parker:

The SA Masters Artistic Pool Championships was held in Durban, South Africa on 16-17 September with some familiar faces and then also some new faces to make this the 2nd ever Artistic Pool event in Africa! Main service Sponsor GTS Ministries Inc. along side Dr Cue Promotions made this prestigious event possible drawing new participants to the Artistic Pool movement now growing rapidly in South Africa. The Friday night featured Wayne Parker, GTS RACK Team member and the current SA Open Artistic Pool Champion, who encouraged locals with some unique Gospel Trick Shots. Durban locals also supported the event and were greatly entertained by the comradery of players who displayed great shouts of joy for each other, even though they were competing against each other for the Tom Rossman Trophy. It was Jason Theron in the end of the day who narrowly won beating Wayne Parker in a riveting final. Several copies of Steve Lillis’ books and literature were also on display and handed out to those who were ministered to off the table. The next event will see the GTS Classic in Cape Town on December 2-3, as contestants will compete for the inaugural Steve Lillis Trophy!



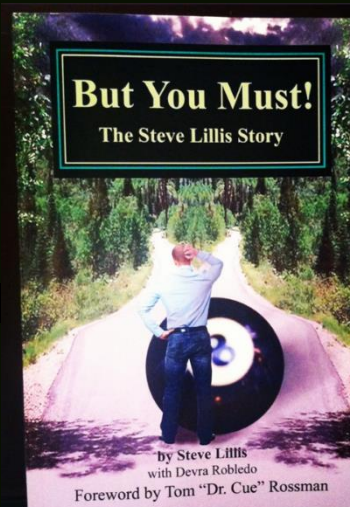
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GTS IN SPAIN

On October 6 -13 GTS Vice President Pastor Michael Hewitt will travel to Spain to celebrate the one-year anniversary of Pastor Marcos and the Café Con Dios church plant where dozens have been baptized into the faith as the church is growing exponentially. A GTS RACK team two years ago went to Spain for outreach which resulted in this church plant working with Pastor Michael's Rising Hope Church of Muncie, IN. GTS has sent a gift and a video from GTS President Steve Lillis congratulating Pastor Marcos and our Spain church family on this momentous occasion! A Spanish translation of Steve's first book "But You Must! The Steve Lillis Story" has just been completed and will be ready for publication soon and available for worldwide distribution on Amazon.com.



Spain Church Plant One Year ago



**Spanish Edition
Coming Soon!**

GTS IN SOUTH AFRICA



On October 10th the GTS RACK team will rendezvous in Johannesburg, South Africa to participate in the Blackball International (BI) Hawley Cup where the team will compete in Blackball pool competition and do a series of Gospel Trick Shot shows. The main attraction for the team is the GTS Classic Artistic Blackball Cup event that will be promoted and directed by Gospel Trick Shot Ministries, Inc. and the GTS RACK team with additional sponsors Dr. Cue Promotions and the McDermott Cue Company. Gospel Trick Shot as the featured sponsor will staff and run the event which will hopefully serve as a test pilot event for other Artistic Blackball events around the world in the future.

**And He said to them,
"Go into all the world
and Preach the Gospel
to every creature.**

Mark 16:15

2023 GTS CLASSIC
ARTISTIC BLACKBALL CUP

FEATURING Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman and Steve "Leopin" Lillis

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DATE: 16-23 OCTOBER 2023

ENTRY: R300
ENTRIES LIMITED TO 48 PLAYERS

For enquiries contact: info@artisticpoolsa.co.za

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GTS IN NORFOLK VIRGINIA, USA

The **GTS RACK** team will return home the end of October for Pat Fleming's International 9-Ball Open at the Sheraton Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, VA. At this event we will have a Gospel Trick Shot booth with a table to play Blackball pool and do our new special GTS Artistic Blackball shots. To our knowledge this will be the first time in the USA that the English game of Blackball will be publicly introduced to the American people at a major billiard event.

THE 2023 INTERNATIONAL IS SCHEDULED
Pat Fleming presents



Oct. 30th - Nov. 4th

THE 2023 INTERNATIONAL OPEN

9-BALL 10-BALL JR 9-BALL

2023 International Open Dates
10-BALL: October 30-November 1, 2023 (3 days, Mon-Wed)



Puerto Rico Open
7-10 Nov, 2023



GTS IN PUERTO RICO

Finally on November 5th a GTS Team of Wayne Parker, Steve Lillis, Mike Massey, and John English will leave Norfolk, VA to attend the Medalla Light Puerto Rico Open in the Puerto Rico Convention Center in San Juan, Puerto Rico that will be produced and directed by Cue Sports International (CSI) and the Predator U.S. Pro Billiards Series. GTS member Mark Vander Hoven will also be joining the team in Puerto Rico. There will be competition and GTS shows and outreach. We need your support and prayers to make all this happen! God bless you as you prayerfully consider how to partner with us to share the love of Jesus from pool tables worldwide!



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The 'Blood and Testimony Shot'

History of the Trick Shot: This Gospel Trick Shot done on an English Blackball pool table was developed from a shot which is featured in the new Artistic Blackball shot program in Discipline 7 entitled "Jump" shots and this is shot #3 worth 8 points which is being used at the GTS Classic Artistic Blackball Cup in South Africa this month during the Blackball International Hawley Cup event. This shot has a degree of difficulty (DOD) of 8 which is the hardest of the three shots in the "Jump" discipline. The shot entails making a ball into the corner pocket with the cue ball going over some blocker balls and making another ball combo into the diagonally opposite corner pocket. Wayne Parker from South Africa demonstrates how the two red balls represent very important aspects for a believer in overcoming.

GTS Name and Why: In the video, Wayne shares Revelations 12:11 regarding overcoming by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony. Hence the name being "The Blood and Testimony Shot". As believers in Jesus Christ, we can only overcome the enemy and the things in this world by what Jesus has accomplished for us when He shed His blood by dying on the cross for our sins, and by the word of our testimony for all that Jesus has done for us.

Scripture References (NASB):
Revelations 12:11 – "...And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death."

Object Ball(s) Placement: The Cue ball is in hand. An object placed on the center diamond line of the table and adjustable between head cushion and the blocker balls. 5 blocker balls, all frozen to each other along the 1st diamond line from the head cushion, with the middle blocker ball on the center diamond line of the table. Another object ball hanging near the opposite corner pocket with a helper ball frozen to it as shown in the diagram.

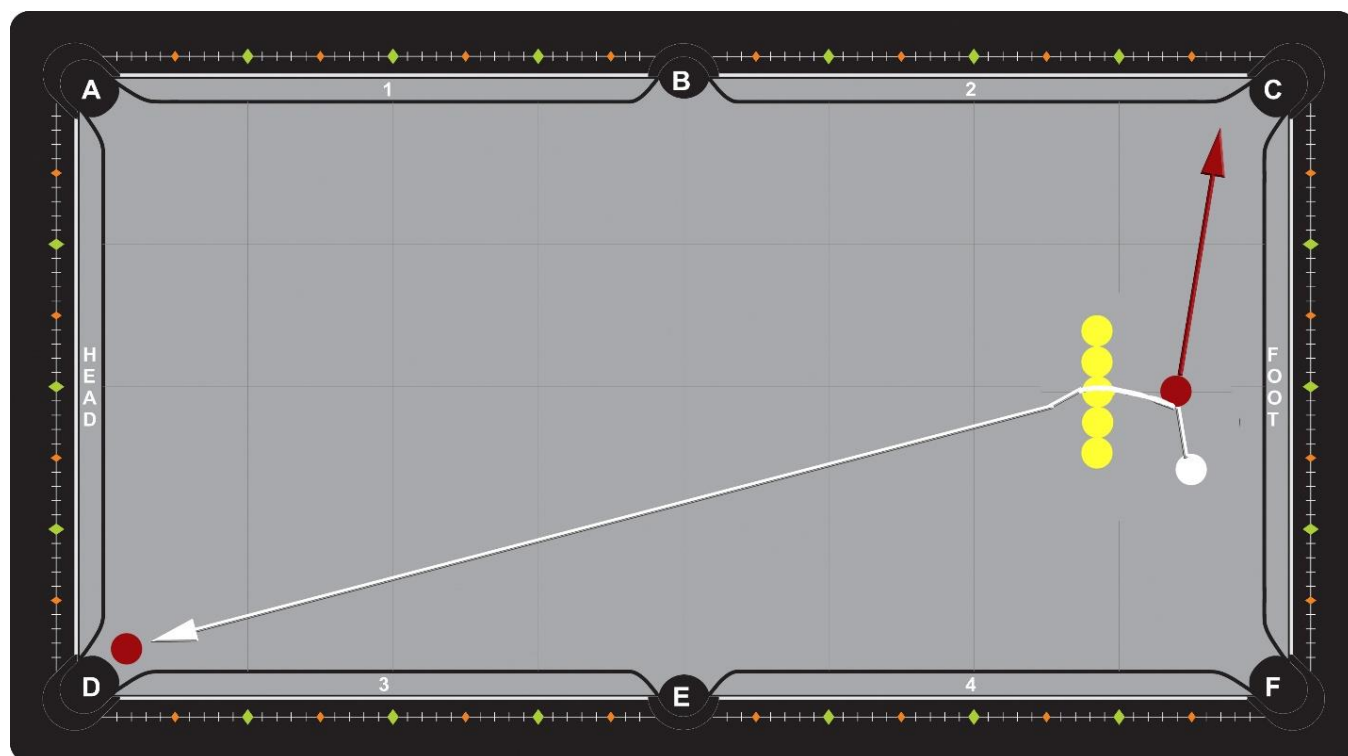


Objective: Firmly shoot the 1 7/8-inch cue ball used on an English Blackball table into the object ball which is 2 inches causing it to be made into the pocket and then have the cue ball jump over the row of blocker balls, and then draw back across the table to make the combination ball setup in the opposite corner pocket as show in the diagram. This shot can be done on any American pool table as well with 2 1/4 inch balls but is obviously more difficult to jump over the object balls and draw the cue ball.

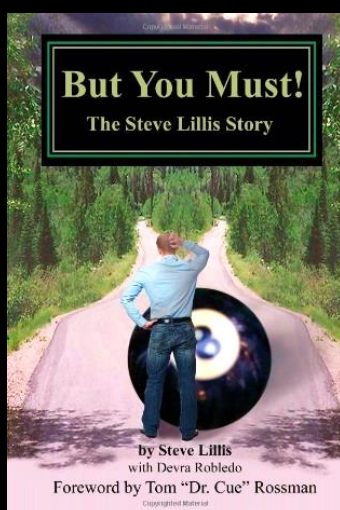
Special Notes: Raise the butt end of the cue with an angle of about 20-25 degrees and aim with about one tip low English on the cue ball. Firmly hit the cue ball, and if the cue ball makes contact with the blocker balls, try either raising the butt end a little more or strike the cue ball with a little more power. If the cue ball misses the combination by contacting the short rail first, then apply a little lower English on the cue ball. To make the shot a little easier one could add a helper ball frozen to the ball hanging near the pocket.

Crowd Reactions Through the Years: This shot as mentioned will be part of the Artistic Blackball program in South Africa this month, so we expect the crowd to be amazed, especially after the cue ball makes it over the blocker balls and then has a curve reaction toward the combination balls. We expect a loud roar of applause and cheering from all those watching the competition. As a Gospel Trick Shot in a GTS show, if one should miss the combination balls, address the crowd saying, "the cue ball forgot to use the word of his testimony, but with a little practice his testimony will be heard." The crowd should have a little chuckle of laughter and have more anticipation for the shot to be made. Keep attempting the shot to emphasize the importance of practicing sharing your testimony with others for what Jesus has done for you!

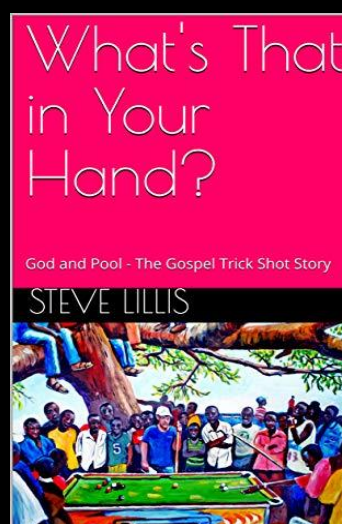
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GTS CALENDAR

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

>**10/10/23 - 10/25/23** – GTS South Africa Tour with various venues featuring the Hawley Cup and the GTS Classic Artistic Blackball Cup in Johannesburg, South Africa working with the GTS USA team with Wayne Parker as coach and manager and Steve Lillis as tournament director in Artistic Blackball.

>**10/27/23 – 11/5/23** – International 9-Ball Open at the Sheraton Waterside Hotel Norfolk, VA with a GTS team in the Gospel Trick Shot booth featuring Blackball competition and GTS Artistic Blackball alongside other billiard activities and events.

>**11/6/23 – 11/11/23** – GTS Team of Wayne Parker, Steve Lillis, Mike Massey, John English and also joining them from New Mexico is Mark Vander Hoven, who will all attend the Medalla Light Puerto Rico Open in the Puerto Rico Convention Center in San Juan, Puerto Rico produced and directed by Cue Sports International (CSI) and the Predator U.S. Pro Billiards Series. There will be competition and GTS shows and outreach.

>**11/17/23** – GTS Show with Steve Lillis at Stevens Tech in Hoboken, NJ working with ISI students on campus with the GTS portable pool table.

>**12/2/23 – 12/3/23** – 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.

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

>**2/20/24 – 2/25/24 (TBD)** – The IPA World Blackball Championships at the Gosforth Grand Hotel in Newcastle, England with a GTS Artistic Blackball show.

>**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.

>**October 2024 (TBD)** - The 2024 BI World Blackball Championships and the 2024 WPA World Artistic Blackball Championships in England.

>**GTS World Tour 2023-24 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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