

GOSPEL TRICK SHOT MINISTRIES, INC. NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2023

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1 GTS RACK TEAM REPORT

USA GTS RACK Team Report

– Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman and Mike Massey went to Las Vegas for the APA World Pool Championships in the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino in Las Vegas, NV from August 3-12 and Tom Rossman filed this report to GTS:

TOM'S REPORT

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY IN LAS VEGAS!

From 8/3 to 8/11 GTS partner Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman of RACK Vision Outreaches shared special life lessons and "heart victory" stories / messages at the APA World Championships.

Thousands of pool players and fans attend this magnetic "team" event every year.

The Game "of" the Heart, along with the Game "in" the Mind was presented to hungry students searching for victory both on and off the table.

Many hurting hearts absorbed the moment and found peace, comfort, patience, and direction to help them RACK UP A VICTORY IN THEIR GAMES AND LIVES.

"Dr. Cue" was asked by Greg Fletcher, current President of the APA to lead a special church service at this event in August of 2024. Players, fans, APA staff members, referees, Westgate personnel and special guests are welcome to attend!

To God Be the Glory...for these amazing outreach opportunities.

Faithfully Submitted,

Tom Rossman
"Dr. Cue"



TOM ROSSMAN

DR. CUE

Location: Paradise Event Center Foyer

Thursday, Aug. 3
11 AM - 1 PM 2 PM - 5 PM 6 PM - 8 PM
Friday, Aug. 4
11 AM - 1 PM 6 PM - 8 PM
Saturday, Aug. 5
11 AM - 1 PM 2 PM - 5 PM
Sunday, Aug. 6
11 AM - 1 PM 2 PM - 5 PM
Monday, Aug. 7
11 AM - 1 PM
Tuesday, Aug. 8
11 AM - 1 PM 2 PM - 5 PM
Wednesday, Aug. 9
11 AM - 1 PM
Thursday, Aug. 10
11 AM - 1 PM 2 PM - 5 PM 6 PM - 8 PM

*Dates/times subject to change.

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RIGHT: Brian Pauley picking up the GTS Midwest portable pool table from the Rising Hope Church in Muncie, IN with Pastor Michael Hewitt.

On July 9th, 2023 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. Jesus met people where they were at. The popular story of Jesus going to the house of Zacchaeus demonstrates that concept. "This has been a long time coming, so I am glad that God opened the door for me to do this," - Brian "Superman" Pauley



Steve Lillis and Mike Massey are scheduled to be 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 Northeast. There will be more than 2,000 people in attendance at the festival with a 1,000-seat pavilion which will house the GTS Northeast portable pool table for two featured Gospel Trick Shot shows.

MUSIC FEST SEPTEMBER 16 & 17

FAMILY - FOOD - KIDS PARTY

Sweatshirt of HOPE 23 Sweatshirtofhope.org

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

SATURDAY

9:00 am St Luke's University Health & Penn Foundation

"RECOVERY is for EVERYONE" WALK

Registration: ryan.schweiger@sluhn.org

Ryan Schweiger - (267) 718-1464

10 am Joe Nester Recording Artist, Song Writer

11:15 Pennsylvania Adult and Teen Challenge

11:35 "It Is Written" Band

10 am to 2 pm - NON-PROFIT Organizations

RESOURCES offering HOPE, Encouragement

REVIVALS Kids Block Party & Petting ZOO

10 am to 2 FREE Drive-Thru

RECYCLE Computers & Electronics

DONATIONS
APPRECIATED

FREE Burger Fest - 12 noon to 7 pm

FREE Donuts and Coffee - 9 am to 7:00 pm

FREE Ice Cream - 12 noon to 7:00 pm

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 Shots**

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 supervision

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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Love Your Neighbor

2 GTS AFRICA UPDATE

GTS Africa Update – Thirteen years ago in 2010 Steve Lillis and Jason Lynch went to Nairobi, Kenya as guests of Pastor Kennedy Salano to start a GTS RACK room in a Christian school and develop an outreach team and deliver a 9-foot Thomas Aaron American pool table. GTS RACK team member Wayne Parker of South Africa was sent by GTS a few years later and led gang members to Christ on that same pool table!

It all started when Steve met Pastor Kennedy at a Christian Sports and Recreation Summit in Atlanta, GA in 2009. After that trip others got involved with that project including GTS board member at the time Rev Edgar Reich who went on to start his own ministry. Rev Edgar Reich continues to be involved with Pastor Kennedy and just recently filed this amazing report of what God has done in Kenya since 2010:

“The Lord is helping me to continue to reach out to 197 children on the garbage fields of Nairobi, Kenya, Africa. Pastor Kennedy had reported last year that 3 of his youth who are men now are playing for the Kenya National Soccer team. What a miracle! God did that! Another miracle this week, one of Pastor Kennedy's former children Ferdinand Omanyala just ran for Kenya in the 100 Meter dash at the World Championships in Hungary. He did not win but he represents Jesus in the sports community. What a miracle! God did that!”



ABOVE: Steve and Jason in Kenya 2010



ABOVE: Wayne and Pastor Kennedy Salano 2013



ABOVE: Wayne using Trick-Balls in a Gospel Trick Shot Show with Pastor Kenedy and his team.



LEFT: After leading 7 Gang members to Christ at the end of the Gospel Trick Shot Show, a group photo was taken with some of those who were in attendance, and posing with the sponsored cue for the winner of the locally run pool competition.

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ABOVE: Borehole that was dug for the orphanage



LEFT: A Photo of sleeping conditions in the orphanage. On average 3-5 kids were sharing an old single mattress on the floor. GTS Ministries, Inc. identified the need and immediately responded with help.

RIGHT: Steel and new mattresses were sourced and ordered from a local supplier, and contracted builders sprung into action making brand new three-quarter sized bunk beds for the kids.



ABOVE: Kids enjoying the new beds and mattresses!

In Lusaka, Zambia Pastor Davies Banda continues to run the ministry God at Work for Kids with the orphanage housing 62 children. GTS has been helping to supply food for the past two years, dug a water well, built bunk beds with new mattresses, and held a pizza party for the children last Christmas. GTS sent Wayne Parker to oversee the project. It is our hope and prayer to help them become self-sufficient by establishing a means to build and distribute pool tables in the region so that they can become self-sufficient. Pool is extremely popular in Zambia as the Zambian national team took second place to England in the BI World Blackball Pool Championships in Morocco last October where GTS also sent a team from the USA to compete and do Gospel Trick Shot shows.



ABOVE: A newly installed tap with running water from the borehole installed at the orphanage. This water is used daily for drinking, cleaning and for preparing food for the kids.

3 GTS FALL PREVIEW

GTS Fall Preview – This fall GTS will be traveling overseas as we have three exciting events on our calendar. The S. A. Masters Artistic Pool Championship run by GTS RACK team member Wayne Parker with the Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman Trophy will take place in Durban, South Africa on September 16 and 17.

GTS Vice President Pastor Michael Hewitt will lead a Rising Hope Church team 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. GTS sent a RACK team of Pastor Michael, Tom Rossman, Marcell Kaiser of Germany, and helpers over to Spain in the fall of 2021 which resulted in a church plant working with Pastor Michael’s Rising Hope Church of Muncie, IN.

After Spain the GTS RACK team will rendezvous in Johannesburg, South Africa to participate in the Blackball International Hawley Cup where the team will compete in Blackball pool and do a series of Gospel Trick Shot shows. The GTS RACK Team will return the end of October to the USA for more as there will be a Gospel Trick Shot booth with a table to play Blackball pool at Pat Fleming’s International 9-Ball Open and do our new special GTS Artistic Blackball shots. 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!



4 SEPTEMBER GOSPEL TRICK SHOT

The 'Path of the Wind' Shot

History of the Trick Shot: Wayne Parker from South Africa was discussing with his wife, Chantal, about creating a new Gospel Trick Shot that can somehow demonstrate what it means to be led by the 'wind' of the Holy Spirit, as God often has a different way of working things out for us. Chantal shared that it had to be a shot that at first glance, one could not easily see what the outcome of the shot would be. This is how the shot was inspired. A shot that, at first glance, seemed impossible, but worked out in the end, in a way least expected with an element of surprise. Very much like how the Lord at times enjoys getting us out of trouble in ways we least expect.

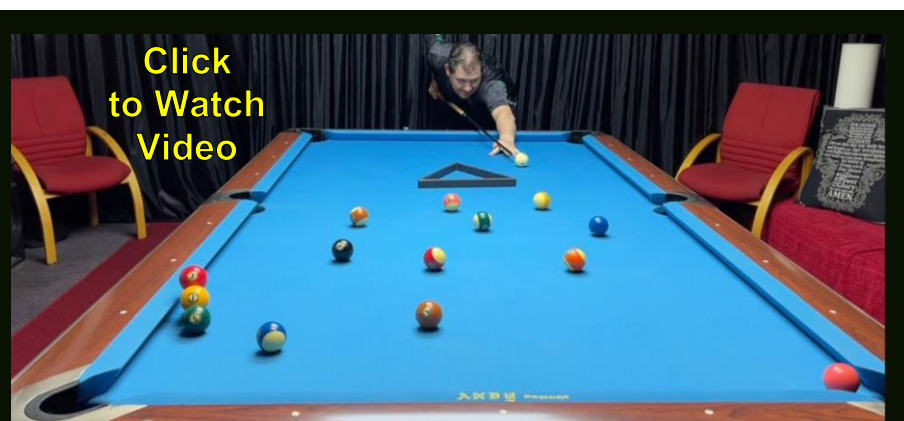
GTS Name and Why: In the video, Wayne shares on John 3:8 and how everyone who is born of the Spirit is like the wind. It is very difficult to predict the direction the wind blows. When we trust in the leading and guiding of the Holy Spirit, we too will be like the wind following the leading of the Holy Spirit through all the obstacles of life. Many times, the Lord will make a way for us that we never expected. He leads us through paths of righteousness for His name's sake and not ours.

Scripture References:

John 3:8 *"The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."*

Proverbs 3:8 *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight"*

Object Ball(s) Placement: The 3-ball, 1-ball and 6-ball are all frozen to each other with the 1-ball stacked on a single block of chalk and the 3-ball stacked on two blocks of chalk, as shown in the diagram. These three balls are angled in at about 30 degrees toward the rail with the 3-ball almost overlapping the cushion. The other balls are randomly scattered across the table as in the diagram, but ensuring a clear path for the cue ball to travel between them without knocking into them as outlined in the diagram.

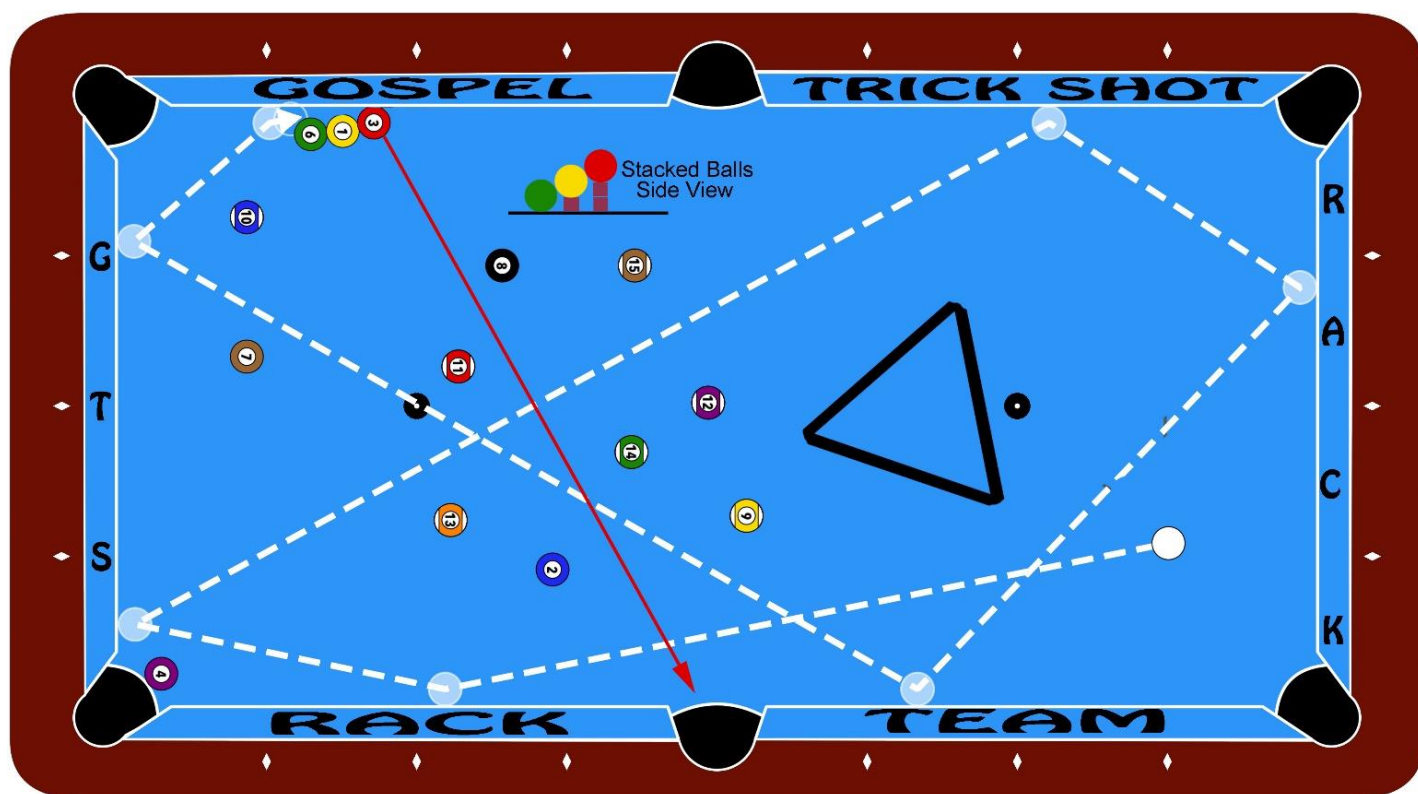


Objective: Firmly shoot the cue ball from its diagrammed position, with a little right-hand English, to go 7 rails around the table, and then into the 6-ball to bump the 3-ball off the two stacked blocks of chalk. The 3-ball will fall down onto the edge of the cushion and be deflected across the table into the opposite side pocket.

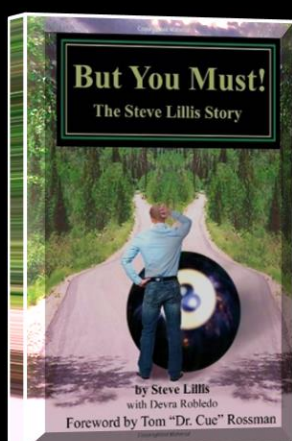
Special Notes: First start by setting up the 3, 1 and 6-balls with the 3-ball elevated on two blocks of chalk so that the 3-ball is flush with the side rail looking at it from above. The 3, 1 and 6-balls are lined up at about 30 degrees into the side rail so that when the 3-ball is knocked off it will clip the edge of the rail and make its way across the table into the opposite side pocket. One can prep the perfect setup of these balls by manually rolling a ball into the 3,1,6 ball setup to see the direction the 3-ball will travel and make adjustments accordingly. If you need the 3-ball to travel faster toward the side pocket, try placing two or three quarters under the two blocks of chalk.

Crowd Reactions Through the Years: With this shot it is almost impossible to predict what the outcome would be especially after placing the triangle in the way. In the end the 3-ball will unexpectedly make its way across the table, and will barely make it into the pocket building the suspense. Once the 3 ball is made, expect a load roar of applause with cheering and shouting, as it is the element of surprise that will have the crowds responding in jaw-dropping amazement.

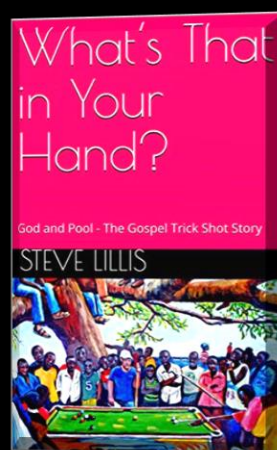
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GTS CALENDAR

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

>**9/13/23 – 9/17/23** – Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman and friends will be at the M3CBC Bob Keller Open 3-Cushion Billiard Tournament at the Madison 3-Cushion Billiards Club, LLC in Madison, WI.

>**9/15/23 – 9/18/23** – Mike Massey and Steve Lillis at the Hope Festival at 741 N County Line Road, Souderton, PA – Exit 309 & 313 near Allentown with Gospel Trick Shot shows at 4:00 pm on Saturday and 12:45 pm on Sunday with the GTS portable pool table.

>**9/16/23 – 9/17/23** - SA Master’s Artistic Pool Championship with the “Tom ‘Dr. Cue’ Rossman Trophy” directed by GTS RACK Team member Wayne Parker in Durban, South Africa with a GTS show and booth.

>**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.

>**11/10/23 (TBD)** – GTS Show with Steve Lillis at Stevens Tech in Hoboken, NJ working with ISI students on campus with the GTS portable pool table.

>**November 2023 (TBD)** – SA Classic Artistic Pool Championship with the “Steve Lillis Trophy” directed by GTS RACK team member Wayne Parker 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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