

Todd Shirley Pool Bio



Began playing in 1972 San Jose, CA. Several instructors including: Bill Brown, Billy Ray Jr., and Harry “Hollywood Fats” Sims. Began playing money games in early 1980’s, and first official competitive matches in 1985. 1986 met Efren Reyes at California Billiards in San Jose on Steven’s Creek Blvd. Cole Dickson was escorting and stake horsing Efren. Learned stroke method from Efren.

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PoolDawg Academy: Articles & Videos

[Sighted Ferrule Aiming System](#)

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[DEFENSE MODE](#)

DESIGN & MANUFACTURE:

Ball Fraction Aiming Device: incorporating stun for medium speed $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, and $\frac{3}{4}$ ball aim points.

Straight Shot Training Poster: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced drills.

Composite Aiming Strip: Under rail strip to develop portfolio of reference shots using novel aiming method.

Lucky Loser Complete Curriculum: 10 instructional guides

Lucky Loser Billiards DEFENSE MODE: innovative defense game format for 8, 9, & 10 Ball.

Lucky Loser Billiards Hot Shot Assessment: Shot Making %’s with 370 shots across 9 Shot Classifications.

INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTIONS:

2023-24 Director of Business Development Playkii: Artificial Intelligence for Pool Analysis.

2024 actor in [Playkii: AI for Pool Analysis](#) commercial.

2026 Third party content for [ICATS](#) (Illuminated Cueing Arts Training System) Master Instructor Robin Dreyer

PEDAGOGY

PBIA Recognized Instructor (2020), Certified Instructor (since 2023)

ACS Level 2 Instructor (since 2023)

Billiards University: Masters with Honors (2020)

Billiards University: Affiliate Instructor (2020), Senior Instructor (since 2023)

Bachelor’s Chemistry, Univ. of California at Santa Cruz (1997)

TOURNAMENT & LEAGUE STATS:

Saratoga Lanes Annual 8 Ball & 9 Ball Open Tournament 1985: 1st

California Billiards Annual One Pocket Open summer 1986: 4th

California Billiards 9-Ball Tournament (monthly) 1986: 1x 1st, 2x 2nd, 1x 3rd

California Billiards Annual One Pocket Open summer 1987: 1st

Hard Times Billiards (LA, Bellflower) 9-Ball Tournament (monthly) 1987: 1x 2nd, 1x 3rd

Santa Cruz Billiards 9-Ball Tournament (monthly) 1995-1997: 1x 1st, 1x 2nd, 4x 3rd

GSAPA Greater Seattle Masters Summer 2019: 1st

GSAPA 2018-19 Masters WPQ June 15, 2019: 3rd

GSAPA Greater Seattle 9 Ball Unlimited Scotch Doubles June 14, 2020: 1st

USAM WA 8 Ball & 9 Ball Sept. 2021: 2nd

FNL: Friday Night Lights January 2022: Live Stream Spotlight vs. Gregg Prendergast, 9 Ball race to 7

ToTO (Top of The Olympics) 2022-23 Kitsap League Best Players: held 1st, and consistently top 10

Gray's Harbor 9 Ball Tournament December 2022: 3rd

Secret's 525 & Under 9 Ball Tournament February 2023: 4th

FNL: Friday Night Lights March 2023: Live Stream Spotlight vs. Aaron Moss 9 Ball 2x race to 5 + shootout

Secret's 525 & Under 9 Ball Tournament April 2023: 4th

GSAPA Tri-Cup, Spring 2023 9 Ball: 4th

GSAPA 2022-23 MVP Tournament Summer 2023: 4th

Northwest 9 Ball Open June 2023: 33rd

FNL: Friday Night Lights September 2023: Live Stream Spotlight vs. Aaron Moss, 9 Ball race to 9.

GSAPA Tri-Cup, 8 Ball & 9 Ball Summer 2023: 4th

ChalkBox November 2023: Live Stream Spotlight vs. Christian Eiberger, APA Masters format 8 Ball & 9 Ball

Envy (Poulsbo, WA) Wed. 8 Ball Tournament 11/8/23: 1st

GSAPA Tri-Cup, 8 Ball & 9 Ball Fall 2023: 2nd

Big Dawg Memorial Tournament May 26, 2024: 33rd

GSAPA 8 Ball & 9 Ball Shootout Singles Regional 2024: 2nd (8 Ball) 1st (9 Ball)

Don Weir Invitational July 27/28 2024: 49th

GSAPA 8/9 Ball Singles Qualifiers August 2024: 1st/1st

GSAPA Tri-Cup, 8/9 Ball Summer 2024: 2nd

GSAPA 9 Ball Shootout Singles Regional Fall 2024: 1st

Envy (Poulsbo, WA) Wed. 8 Ball Open 12/11/24: 1st

GSAPA 8 Ball Classic Singles Regional Spring 2025: 4th

APA Poolplayers 9 Ball Championship Las Vegas 4/26-3/4 2025: 65th

Big Dawg Memorial May, 2025: 17th

GSAPA Tri-Cup, 8/9 Ball Summer 2025: 2nd/2nd

GSAPA Washington State Invitational July 4th weekend 2025: 4th

Don Weir Invitational July 2025: 65th

Penalty Box (Fife, WA) 9 Ball Under 525 09/26/2025: 1st

Envy (Poulsbo, WA) Wed. 8 Ball Open 10/01/24: 1st

GSAPA 8/9 Ball Singles Qualifiers August 2024: 1st/1st

Penalty Box (Fife, WA) 9 Ball Under 525 12/05/2025: 1st

Envy (Poulsbo, WA) Wed. 8 Ball Open 12/10/25: 1st

ChalkBox January 2026: Live Stream Spotlight vs. Bao Ta, 9 Ball on the spot: Winner Bao Ta 9-7

Secret's 510 & Under 9 Ball Tournament February 2023: 13th

GSAPA 8/9 Ball Singles Qualifiers April 2026: 1st/1st

GSAPA 9 Ball Shootout Singles Regional Spring 2026: 2nd

GSAPA 8 Ball Classic Singles Regional Spring 2026: 2nd

Shifties 500 & Under 9 Ball Tournament March 2026: 9th

GSAPA Tri-Cup, 9 Ball Spring 2025: 2nd

Mike D's Classic Billiards 1Pkt Tournament April 29th 2026: 8th

Easy Street Billiards May 2026: Sean Lewis vs. Todd Shirley 9 Ball: Winner Sean Lewis 9-1

Big Dawg Memorial Tournament May 23-24, 2026: 33rd

GSAPA MVP Tournament July 25, 2026: 2nd

Easy Street Billiards Winner Take All 10 Ball Tournament July 2026: 3rd

Don Weir Invitational July 2026: 97th

GSAPA 9 Ball Shootout Singles Regional Fall 2026: ?

GSAPA 8 Ball Classic Singles Regional Fall 2026: ?

APA Lincoln City Tournament November 2026: ?

GSAPA The Cash Cup, est. \$20k prize fund, January 2027: ?

GSAPA 9 Ball Shootout Singles Regional Spring 2027: ?

GSAPA 8 Ball Classic Singles Regional Spring 2027: ?

APA Poolplayers 8 Ball Championship Las Vegas 4/?-3/? 2077: ?

APA Poolplayers 9 Ball Championship Las Vegas 4/?-3/? 2025: ?