

Coach's Corner



TRUISMS & OLD WIVES TALES

AMATEURS CAN'T AIM: Wrong. Amateurs AIM as well as the pros, however a pro can control his body to move his cuestick better.

DIFFERENT STROKES FOR DIFFERENT SHOTS: Old wives tale - there is ONE stroke in pool, only one.

MORE SPIN IS OBTAINED BY CUING FARTHER FROM CENTER: True. Each 1/3 cue tip from the center of the cue ball (top, bottom, right, left) adds about 1/3 more spin on the ball.

GRIP 4-5 INCHES BEHIND BALANCE POINT: This may have been true at the turn of the century when the average height was 5'7", however, if you're taller, your hand can and should grasp the cue farther back. Very tall players use longer cues in order to grip closer to the balance point.

ALL POOL CHALK IS THE SAME: Wrong. Some chalks don't adhere to the tip. Some imported chalks (often seen on bar tables) adhere less. In this case, shoot with the cue tip closer to the center when using English to avoid miscues.

IVORY IS THE BEST MATERIAL FOR POOL & BILLIARD BALLS: Ivory has fallen out of favor. It changes shape with temperature and humidity changes. The same goes for joints and ferrules on cues.

INLAID POINTS STRENGTHEN CUE BUTT: Yes. True "points" have a tounge and groove effect that add strength and resist warping.

FURNITURE POLISH KEEPS SHAFT SUPPLE Old wives tale. Using furniture polish softens the wood, a definite no-no! ▲