

After being a chauffeur and school bus driver for over 40 years, Reuben Shaw retired in 2005. Even though pool is an enjoyable pastime for Reuben, he dedicates most of his time driving for Easterseals, an indispensable resource for people & families living with disabilities. We had a chance to ask Reuben a few questions, here's what he had to say:

**APA Philly:** How did you get involved with the APA?

**Reuben:** A friend of mine, Dawn Massey, introduced me to APA 8-Ball. I found it to be fun because you always play different people. I have played 9-Ball, but 8-Ball is my favorite.

**APA Philly:** Where do you enjoy shooting pool the most?

**Reuben:** I prefer shooting at bars, because of the unknown players and learning the tables. Pool halls are okay, but everyone thinks they are the best & can't take a loss.

**APA Philly:** Are there any fellow APA members that you admire?

**Reuben:** Quite a few: Jonnie Reason, Ben Wilson, Swish, Tim, Chris, Cindy Maddox – she just keeps on trying! Also, Courtney Grimes. They are all good, and never give up.

**APA Philly:** What advice can you offer aspiring players?

**Reuben:** Things that they should do is listen and watch – so they can copy and pay attention on how to properly do things. You get better with practice and time!

**APA Philly:** What equipment do you keep in your case?

**Reuben:** I got my sticks from different drawings/raffles and tournaments. No particular brand names, I believe that it's not the name or how much it costs – but how you use it! I carry all of my pocket markers from LTC tournaments, a "batman" bridge head, and blue chalk only.



Reuben receiving his 1,000 Match jacket from League Operator Jeff Duda.

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