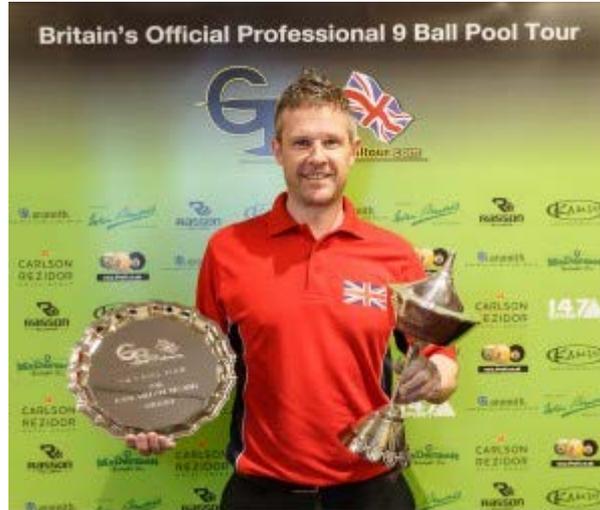


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## Aramith and Simonis Support the GB9 Paul Medati Trophy

Leading pool players from around the UK will be returning to Telford's Park Inn by Raddison hotel in June as the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Paul Medati Trophy once again takes place.



Players of all disciplines, not least 9-ball and snooker, will have memories of Paul Medati as a player and a genuinely great person. Paul started in the snooker ranks, becoming a professional player in his earlier life before turning to 9-ball. Paul played in the inaugural season of GB9 back in 2008 before sadly losing his battle with cancer shortly afterwards. Paul is remembered as one of the friendliest players on tour and was rarely seen without a smile on his face. The event was dedicated to Paul in 2009 and has been hosted every year since, becoming one of the most sought after titles of the year.

This year's event will begin on the afternoon of Friday 23 June, with the main event concluding on the Saturday evening. Mark Gray (pictured) picked up his second main event title of 2016 at this event last year and will be bidding to retain the title previously won by the likes of Craig Osborne, Mick Hill and Chris Melling in recent years.

The Pro and Challenge Cup events will begin on the Saturday afternoon and conclude early Sunday Evening. The free to enter Team Speed Pool event is back by popular demand after its success at the 2017 Midlands Classic and will take place during a dedicated break in play on the Saturday morning. Entry to spectators is, as ever, free of charge giving the perfect opportunity to see the finest shooters in the sport battle it out for what is one of GB9's most prestigious prizes.

In 2017 the GB9 is exclusively choosing Simonis Cloth & Aramith Billiard Balls for all of its events. This ensures that the players can perform at the very highest level.

Stuart Gardiner, UK Sales Manager for Simonis worsted pool cloth and Aramith balls said: "Premium events such as those organised by the GB9 in the UK should get the very best conditions. The very best players should get the best and this is what we provide with Simonis Cloth and Aramith balls. You simply cannot get two finer products ensuring the perfect game every time".

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30<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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