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Unless you have lived under a rock the last twenty years, you probably already know there is an endless supply of adorable cat videos on YouTube. But wouldn't you like to watch some equally-entertaining pool videos that are interesting or cute. If so, then the following viewing guide will be of interest.

Over the years, I have collected links to miscellaneous fun pool videos that don't fit into conventional "categories." All of them are available in the "[Miscellaneous Interesting Videos](#)" section of the [Online Video Collection](#) at billiards.colostate.edu. I thought it would be fun to pique your interest by showing some images from the videos.

Let's start with some TV ads that have appeared over the years, mostly in the 1970s and 1980s. Bud Light had an interesting ad featuring a ladies-only pool tournament where some guys wanting an easy cash dressed up for the part (see **Image 1**). Another featured a special chicken who could play pool by laying cue balls, sometimes at impressive velocity (see **Image 2**).



[Image 1](#) Bud Light Ladies Tournament



[Image 2](#) Bud Light pool-playing chicken

If you prefer Miller Light over Bud Light, you can watch Steve Mizerak shoot a fun sequence of three trick shots in a single take (see **Image 3**) or watch him try to convince a bunch of celebrities of the time, including famous comedian Rodney Dangerfield, that Miller being "Less Filling" is more important than it "Tasting Great" (see **Image 4**). I always thought that was an odd advertising ploy, trying to convince potential customers that the beer's taste isn't as important as it having fewer calories.



[Image 3](#) Miller Light Mizerak trick shots



[Image 4](#) Miller Light Mizerak less filling

Another funny ad is the "history of pool" by Guinness, showing in a hilarious way how and why the cue, rails, and pockets were invented (see **Image 5**). Hitting the CB with your finger made it sore after a while, and it got old chasing down and picking up balls from the floor. This and all the other beer-ad videos are worth a watch if you haven't seen them yet.



[Image 5](#) Guinness history of pool

Now let's look at some TV shows and movies that have included interesting pool moments. In the greatest pool movie of all time "The Color of Money," Tom Cruise was being a fool twirling the cue around like a ninja "Last Samurai" warrior (see [Image 6](#)). A Wushu Asian martial arts gymnast using a cue as a prop goes well beyond this (see [Image 7](#)). Tom Cruise's pool game wasn't great in the movie since most of the shots he actually played were easy setup shots, but "his hair was perfect" as he mouthed lyrics from the song "Werewolves of London" playing in the background (see [Image 8](#)).



[Image 6](#) Ninja Tom Cruise



[Image 7](#) Mushu cue acrobat



[Image 8](#) Tom Cruise hair

Comedian Bill Murray became a skilled pool hustler with all the time he had in one of my favorite movies of all time: "Ground Hog Day" (see [Image 9](#)). And in a 1961 episode of "The Twilight Zone," pool shark Jesse Cardiff (Jack Klugman) faces off against the devil spirit of "Fats" Brown (Jonathan Winters) for the challenge of his life ... literally (see [Image 10](#)).



[Image 9](#) "Ground Hog Day"



[Image 10](#) Twilight Zone game of your life

Sometimes ad agencies use fancy video editing and computer graphics to create pool shots not possible. In an ad for GrandOptical Eyeglasses, famous French soccer player Zinedine Zidane pockets 8 balls in one shot, all in the same pocket, obviously due to the effectiveness of the eyeglasses (see **Image 11**).



Image 11 French eyeglasses ad

There are lots of videos out there of various configurations of playing pool robots (see **Image 12**). If you watch the videos, you can rest assured that the technology is a long way from even threatening a “bar banger” ... for now anyway.

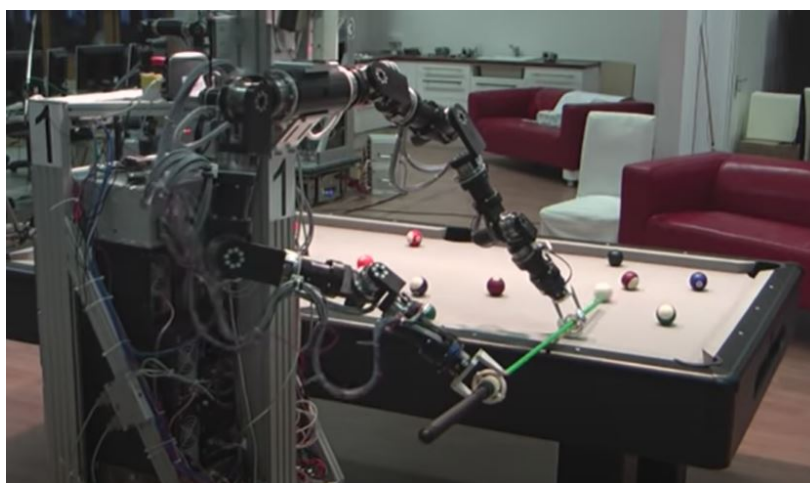
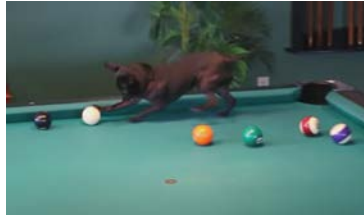


Image 12 Pool-playing robot

Now for some cute pool videos to rival some of the adorable cat videos out there. How about famous trick shots executed on a tiny toy pool table ... so cute (see **Image 13**)? And how about a chihuahua-playing-pool (see **Image 14**). Apparently, he doesn't know the rules very well, because he is shooting the 8. And how could you go wrong with Donald Duck learning to play 3-cushion billiards in Disney's “Donald in Mathmagic Land” (see **Image 15**)? You can watch Barbi and GI Joe play a game of pool in stop-motion animation (see **Image 16**).



[Image 13](#)



[Image 14](#)



[Image 15](#)



[Image 16](#)

Those sneaky cats can even make cameo appearances in pool videos. Check out the massé shot video with a cat assist (see [**Image 17**](#)). Even pool videos are more adorable with cats.



[Image 17](#) Cat cameo appearance

Good luck with your game,
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