

Jeanette Lee

The World's Most Recognizable Billiards Player

Jeanette Lee is arguably the most recognizable and successful Women's Professional Billiards Association pool player. She was nicknamed "The Black Widow" early in her career for the way she dominates her competition and plays in all black attire.

Lee has been consistently ranked as one of the Most Powerful People in the sport by *Billiards Digest*. Her reputation has grown to legendary proportions as she has claimed more than 30 national and international titles.

In 1998, she was named WPBA Sportsperson of the Year and she has earned Player of the Year honors from both *Billiards Digest* and *Pool & Billiards Magazine*. In 2001, Jeanette was the gold medalist for the United States at the World Games and has captured the silver twice at the World Championships throughout her 14-year professional career. In 2004, Lee won the World Trick Shot Championship and the BCA Open along with the China Invitational the following year. Jeanette captured the world Team Cup, Empress Cup, and the International Skins Billiard Championship with her doubles partner and husband, George Breedlove, in 2007.

Lee was featured in *ESPN the Magazine's* Second Annual Body Issue. She has also been named one of the Sexiest Female Athletes in the World by ESPN, Ten Women We Love by *Esquire*, and Dozen Most Attractive Women Athletes by Aloette Cosmetics.

In 2004, Lee was seen on ESPN and ESPN2 for more than forty hours. She has also appeared on *American Chopper*, *Arli\$\$*, *Best Damn Sports Show Period*, *Entertainment Tonight*, *Extra!*, *Hard Copy*, *HBO Real Sports*, *Late Show with Craig Kilborn*, *Today*, *The Late Show with David Letterman* and *Live with Regis & Kelly*. Her appearance on *American Chopper* revolved around designing a special "Black Widow" themed bike.

Lee has played billiards with the likes of Sugar Ray Leonard, John Elway, Wayne Gretzky, and Reggie Miller. *Golf Digest* proclaimed Lee as "an absolute show stopper," noting "she was a star at our U.S. Open party filled with Donald Trump, Carson Daly, and other celebrities."

Through her charitable contributions and appearances, Lee has made a substantial impact on her community. She has toured U.S. military bases in Europe to teach them more about the game and is a national spokesperson for the Scoliosis Association Inc., based on her past experience with the condition.

Family is also important to Lee, as she and Breedlove are the definition of raising a modern blended family. They recently celebrated the birth of their sixth child, Savannah Lee, the first natural-born child for the couple. They are also parents to an adopted child, Cheyenne; a foster child, John Kang; and Breedlove's two daughters from a previous marriage Morgan and Olivia.