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World Champion Shane VanBoening Joins The VNEA Family!



As the **Valley National 8-Ball League Association, Inc. (VNEA)** celebrates its “40th Anniversary” Pool League Season, it takes great pleasure in introducing Top Rated Pool Professional, Shane VanBoening, as its newest Professional Player Member. On August 22nd, 2019, Shane signed a multi-year deal with the VNEA to promote VNEA Pool Leagues throughout his vast travels around the country and abroad. Shane will be wearing the VNEA Logo on all of his Tournament Apparel and will also be attending the Annual Vegas World Championships and World Junior Championships. Working hand-in-hand with VNEA Executive Director, Gregg Elliott, they have devised a plan of attack where Shane can use his fame and incredible talent to spread the word of the VNEA to our already established base of players along with thousands of new and potential league players around the world. With Shane’s vast knowledge of the VNEA and the experiences he’s had in both our Junior League and Adult League Systems, this relationship is a perfect opportunity for the VNEA and its players. Shane will be hosting a monthly Blog, posting frequently to his popular Facebook page (30,000+ followers) as well as doing YouTube videos of Tips, Tricks and more.



“I’ve been affiliated with the VNEA from an early age. I was 9 years old when I played in my first VNEA event. It was the League to play in and this is where I grew up.” Shane VanBoening

“The VNEA has been following Shane for his entire career and our Association could not have found a finer young man or more talented pool player to represent us at the Pro Pool level worldwide. Welcome home, Shane!” VNEA Executive Director, Gregg Elliott

Shane has been playing pool his entire life. Growing up in Rapid City, South Dakota, Shane was thrust into a great community of VNEA pool players which included most of his immediate family! Both of Shane’s Grandparents, Gary and Jeanne Bloomberg were established sharpshooters in the state with Jeanne actually becoming a VNEA World Champion. Shane’s mother, Timi Bloomberg, and his aunt Gari Jo Bloomberg, were also VNEA stars capturing several VNEA World titles.

(l-r) VNEA Executive Director, Gregg Elliott; Pro Player Shane VanBoening; VNEA Tournament Director, Gary Benson

With his early ties to the VNEA, it was natural for Shane to get involved in the VNEA Junior League system. Playing out of Rushmore Amusement in Rapid City, Shane sharpened his skills and prepared himself for the competitive local Adult League. When he did eventually join the adults, Shane wasted no time making a name for himself. Claiming titles at local events led Shane to his eventual success at the VNEA World Championships in Las Vegas. In back-to-back years (2004-2005) Shane claimed the title of 8-Ball Masters Singles Champion. These events helped spring-board Shane into the stratosphere and

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on a direct path for the Professional Pool Players Tour. As a pro, Shane made an immediate impact and built a remarkably strong resume which includes several U.S. Open Championship titles, a World Cup of Pool title, multiple US Bar Table Championships, two Mosconi Cup titles, Derby City Classic titles and World Pool Masters titles in 2014 & 2015. Needless to say, he is one of the most feared players on the planet! With that being said, Shane is also one of the most admired pro's on Tour and frequently praised for his attitude towards the sport.

“I’ve watched thousands of amateur and pro pool players throughout my lengthy pool tournament years and no one has the ability, concentration and temperament that Shane possesses. We are all anxious to watch Shane continue his illustrious pro career as a VNEA Pro Player member” VNEA Tournament Director, Gary Benson

The VNEA Family welcomes Shane with open arms and looks forward to a long-lasting relationship with this incredible young man. As Shane's legend grows, so will the spotlight on VNEA Leagues and the benefits for its league players.

VNEA Executive Director, Gregg Elliott, has declared the “40th Anniversary” as a new beginning for the VNEA with a ton of exciting programs for our Charters and many incredible new benefits for our players.

