

"46TH ANNUAL" VNEA WORLD POOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

When: May 21st - 30th, 2026

If you weren't there, here's a taste of what you missed.

- **4,000+ Pool League Players from 29 States, 6 Canadian Provinces and 9 Other Countries**
- Matches on **300 Beautiful, Specially Designed Valley Tournament Tables** and **300 Sets of New Aramith Balls!**
- Competition in **93 Unique Events.**
 - Including (22) Team Divisions for every skill level.
- Players representing **127 VNEA Charters.**

**OVER \$100,000
ADDED MONIES**

- 3,000+ players partying at our fabulous Team Opening Ceremonies which featured recognition of all 8 & 9-Ball Singles and Mixed Scotch Doubles winners along with T-Shirt & Sunglasses Giveaways, Free Beer, Soda's and the Sounds Of "DJ BRITLee".
- Professional **LIVE STREAMER** Omega Billiards TV.



- 13th Annual World Team Event! **USA... USA... USA!**
- Annual Hall of Fame Ceremony
- 46th Annual Customized Valley Home Pool Table Giveaway.
- **USED THE COMPUSPORT RATING SYSTEM (CSR) FOR THE FIRST TIME.** Four (4) Levels of Competition were developed to create the most fair tournament playing field for everyone. **LEVELS WERE AS FOLLOWS...**



- **VALLEY** (Top Level)

- **NATIONAL**

- **ENTERTAINMENT**

- **AMATEUR** (Lowest Level)



Where: WESTGATE Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada

- 46 Year History Wall display.
- Two Valley Home Pool Tables were given away throughout the event!
- GARY BENSON "Shot Heard Around The World". All Opening Team Matches Broke At Once!
- Three \$3,000+ AMI Jukeboxes Given Away.
- **Eight (8) Amazing Pro's In Our NEW "Pro Arena"...**
 - Dave "Ginger Wizard" Pearson
 - Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman • Jerry Briesath
 - Shane "South Dakota Kid" Van Boening
 - Kelly "Kwikfire" Fisher
 - Wei Wei "The Wave" Wei Tzu Chien
 - Brian "Superman" Pauley
 - Scott "The Freezer" Frost



- Daily Drawings for Poolside Cabana's, Pearson Jump and Break Cues, Aramith Ball Sets/Case, Free Cue Storage & AMI Jukebox Credits.
- Artistic Pool "Bank Challenge" Competition.
- Lifesize "46th Annual" Photo Backdrop for Singles and Team Commemorative Photos.
- Several of the industries finest Vendors were on hand to meet every pool players need.
- **THE OMEGA BILLIARDS** Finals Arena.
- Charlie's Lounge! Beer/Big Screen TV/Dance Floor
- Mini-Madness - 40 Tables Designated solely for Mini's!
 - Including 3-Person Team from any Charter
- **Tournament Sponsors...**
VALLEY, FURY, OMEGA BILLIARDS, AMI, ONBOARD SPORTSWEAR, PEARSON CUES, JACOBY CUSTOM CUES & ARAMITH
- Awards Banquet featuring the Band WONDER BOOGIE, thousands of dollars of random **CASH DRAWINGS** and much, much more!

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- **Meritorious Service Award Recipient**
• Rod Stebelton
- Stebelton Music & Vending (OH)



- **47th Annual Singles & Team Entries Giveaways**

- **President's Reception Honoring VNEA President, Judy Mehle (BMW Billiards).**

Recognizing Rod Stebelton (MSA) and raising \$1,000's of dollars with our Silent Auction with all proceeds going to our VNEA Junior Program.

Recognizing our 2026 VNEA Lifetime Sanctions...

- Shane Jorgensen: ABQ Amusement (NM)
- Ron Kapperman: BMW Billiards (CO)
- Marco Sanschagrin: QVNEA (Quebec)

Inaugural "Lifetime Achievement Award" was awarded to longtime VNEA Executive Director - Gregg Elliott

- **Mini Charter Holder FUNShop!**

514 Charlie's Were Awarded!

(Named In Honor Of Chuck Milhem)



Special Events Throughout The Week!

- *Valley Pool Table Giveaways*
- *Exciting Daily Sponsor Giveaways*
- *Incredible Opening Ceremonies*
- *Weekly Entertainment*
- *Mini-Tournaments Galore - Including \$100 Mini's*
- *Artistic Pool Competition - Dr. Cue*
- *Fun-Filled Awards Banquet*
- *Instructional Pool School - Jerry Briesath*
- *46 Year History Pictorial Display*
- *Trick Shots / Instruction - Dave Pearson*
- *13th Annual World Team Event*
- *CompuSport Software - Featuring Paperless Event*
- *Team Hardlucks*
- *Charter Holder Treasure Table Giveaways*
- *VNEA Tournament Booth Specials*
- *Custom Valley Pool Table Raffle*
- *Gary Benson "Opening Worldwide Break"*
- *Memorabilia Giveaways & Daily Contests*
- *Hundreds of Beautiful Valley Pool Tables*
- *Players Slot Tournament*
- *Charlie's Lounge Constant Contests & Events*
- *Charter Holder Educational FUNShop*
- *Special Appearance by Worlds #1 Pro Player "Shane Van Boening"*
- *Coaching Academy With Kelly "Kwikfire" Fisher & Wei "The Wave" Tzu Chien*
- **NEW** *Top Instructor - Scott "The Freezer" Frost*
- **NEW** *Artistic Pool Champion - Brian "Superman" Pauley*
- **NEW** *"Pro Arena" With Daily Scheduled Events*



THE 2026 VNEA "CHUCK MILHEM" GOLDEN '8' RECIPIENTS

(Presented by Aramith Billiard Balls • The Official Ball Of The VNEA)

The first year Charter Holder sanctioning the highest number of players their first official season.

- 1st - Stanton Automatics (NY) - 73**
- 2nd - Universal Video (MI) - 48
- 3rd - DR Vending (NE) - 44

The Charter Holder recording the highest percentage increase in sanctioned players over the previous league season.

- 1st - Blackhawk Amusements (IL) - 140%**
- 2nd - Pro Am Services (TX) - 115%
- 3rd - City Amusement (OH) - 87%

The Charter Holder recording the largest increase in number of sanctioned players over the previous season.

- 1st - Shaffer Entertainment (OH) - 265**
- 2nd - Aactive Coin (Manitoba) - 206
- 3rd - G & G Enterprises (Ontario) - 189

The Charter Holder recording the highest number of entries at the World Championships.

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| 1. Wal-Mac Amuse. (Alberta) | 239 Entries |
| 2. AE Leagues (NE/IL/IA) | 102 Entries |
| 3. BMW (CO/NV) | 94 Entries |
| ABQ Amusement (NM) | 94 Entries |
| 5. Entertainment Experts (CO) | 92 Entries |
| 6. Tri Valley Vending (AK) | 90 Entries |



2026 VNEA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

GARY BASCOME

Bermuda Int'l Pool • Devonshire, BM

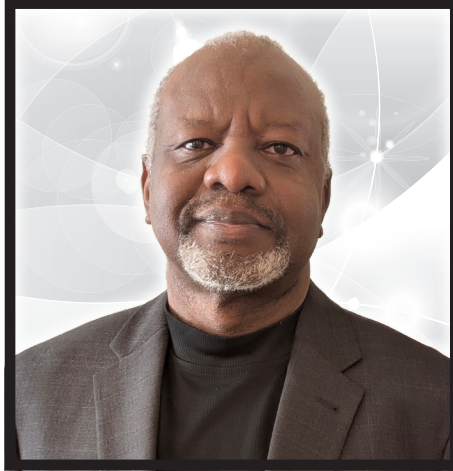
Years In VNEA: **30+** Years Playing Pool: **50+**



JAMES BROTHERS

Entertainment Experts • Arvada, CO

Years In VNEA: **30+** Years Playing Pool: **58**



DAVID BENNING

MG Leagues • Sioux Falls, SD

Years In VNEA: **38** Years Playing Pool: **63**



JEFF MAURER

C & N Entertainment • Mankato, MN

Years In VNEA: **40** Years Playing Pool: **42**



BRYCE NORMAN

D & R Star / AAA • Rochester, MN

Years In VNEA: **46** Years Playing Pool: **59**



Congratulations!

All members were recognized at the Induction Ceremonies held at the
46th Annual VNEA World Pool Championships Opening Ceremonies

VNEA THANKS THEIR INCREDIBLE SPONSORS

