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The VNEA celebrates its "45th Anniversary" League Season at our Vegas World Championships at Westgate!



## President's Report by Judy Mehle BMW Billiards - Loveland, CO

Judy owns **BMW Billiards** in Loveland, Colorado with partner, Ron Kapperman, and has been a Charter since 2003. She also serves as Tournament Director for **VNEA's Annual World Championships**. Her term runs through June, '26.

The May issue of 8-Ball News & Views always brings excitement as it signals the upcoming VNEA World Pool Championships. This year's tournament will be held from May 22-31 at the Westgate in Las Vegas. The Tournament will be paperless! To ensure a smooth experience, make sure to download the Compusport app. Once at the Westgate in the Tournament

area, switch your Wi-Fi to "Westgate Meeting" for the best connectivity. You can find samples on how to fill out the score sheet in the "Rules & Documents" section of the Compusport app.

While at the Tournament, don't forget to stop by the VNEA Booth to visit Ron and support the VNEA Junior Program by participating in fundraisers. You might even win some great prizes! The VNEA Junior Pool Championships are scheduled for July 17-20 in Rochester, Minnesota. If you plan to attend, make sure to submit your entries to your local Operator.

As Summer approaches, it's the perfect time to join a Summer League if you haven't already. Playing throughout the Summer months is a great way to keep your game sharp and meet new players. Check with your local Operator on what Summer Leagues are offered.

Hope everyone had a fantastic season. Good luck and safe travels to all those attending the VNEA World Championships!

*Judy K. Mehle*



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# Billiards With Briesath

## Jerry Briesath

Long considered the very best Billiard Instructor in the business, Jerry has been helping VNEA players with their games since 1980. Jerry has attended every one of our VNEA World and Junior Championships helping thousands of players improve their strokes along the way.



**That Little White Dot.** Place the cue ball on the spot and shoot it into the far corner pocket and freeze.

The cue tip should be 4 to 6 inches past the spot and the shaft should be directly across the spot.

Now put the cue ball back on the spot and start shooting other shots and make sure when the shot is over the cue stick is 4 to 6 inches past the spot and directly across the spot. If the cue stick does not end up perfectly straight across the spot, you have work to do. Every shot you shoot, pretend that there is a little white dot under the cue ball, and when you are finished aiming at the shot your job is to move that stick gracefully across that dot perfectly straight better than your opponent.

**Remember...** aiming is the easy part. Moving that stick perfectly straight across that dot, shot after shot, is the tough part.

# Focus On The Rules

## What's Your Call?

Veteran VNEA Referee, **Fred Johnson**, creatively explains many common questions that frequently arise during VNEA League play. Fred is also a long-time working referee at our World Championships. Be sure to say "hi" to him in May!



Snooker and Carom, two old dogs at the pool game, are playing each other again in league play. Once again, they cannot agree on the Rules.

Snooker is breaking and mis-cues. Snooker just watches the cue ball float down the table, strike the rack, causes three object balls to hit the rail, and Snooker scratches in the corner pocket. Carom approaches the table, and she says she wants to rerack and break herself. Snooker says: "No, I scratched, it is a foul, you have cue ball in hand behind the headstring, and you just have to live with how the table is now". Carom responds: "No, I have the option of accepting the table in position and shooting from behind the headstring, but I don't want that option, or I can rerack and break or have you break, and I want to break". Instead of letting the issue turn into a dog fight, you are called as the Referee to decide the issue. **You Make The Call!**

Each old dog has a particular Rule in mind. Snooker is referring to Rule B.5. which does provide that "If a player scratches on a **legal break shot**, (1) all balls pocketed remain pocketed (exception, the 8-ball), (2) it is a foul, (3) the table is open...". The incoming player would have cue ball in hand behind the headstring. However, Carom is referring to Rule B.2. which provides in it's entirety that "If the breaker hits the racked balls with the cue ball driving four or more numbered balls to a cushion or pocketing one or more object balls, the game is considered started. If the Player fails to make a **legal break**, it is not a foul; however, the opponent has the option (1) accepting the table in position and shooting, or (2) have the balls reracked and shooting the break himself or have original breaker rebreak".

At first blush, it seems that both Rules would apply. However, Rule B.2. requires that four or more numbered balls must be driven to a cushion or one or more object balls must be pocketed on the break **BEFORE** the game is considered started, and the failure to do so means that it is not a **legal break**. If you look closely at Rule B.5., which is set out above, it begins with: "If a player scratches on a **legal break shot**...". If Rule B.5. is to be applied, there must be a legal break. Failure to meet the requirements of a **legal break** means that the options under Rule B.2. apply. Snooker did not make a **legal break**. The game is not considered started. Rule B.2. applies instead of B.5., notwithstanding that Snooker scratched. Carom may exercise the options provided under Rule B.2.

Had Carom wanted to accept the table in position and continue shooting, Carom would have had ball in hand behind the headstring.

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# Michigan State

April 8-13, 2025

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Another **Michigan State Tournament** (our 33rd) under our belt at the Soaring Eagle Casino in Mt. Pleasant!

Thank you to all the players that participated. It was great to see you all again and look forward to seeing you back in 2026.

Thanks to John Stich and his crew along with Ed Gilbert and his Referee Staff for their professionalism and assistance to the players.

## Singles Champions:

### Ladies 8-Ball Seniors

<b>1st</b>	<b>Linda Campbell</b>	<b>Union Music</b>
2nd	Andrea Fitzgerald	Gregory Amusements
3rd	Nickole Yerian Crambell	All American Amuse.

### Ladies 8-Ball

<b>1st</b>	<b>Alexis Burciaga</b>	<b>Pioneer Vending</b>
2nd	Nicole Sullivan	Union Music
3rd	Jennifer Knox	Diltz & Sons
4th	Dawn Boze	Diltz & Sons
5-6th	Annette Bennett	Union Music
	Kristin Larabee	Union Music
7-8th	Kathy McGonagle	All American Amusement
	Brenda Parker	Pioneer Vending

### Ladies 9-Ball

<b>1st</b>	<b>Andrea Fitzgerald</b>	<b>Gregory Amusements</b>
2nd	Gina Carter	Union Music
3rd	Melissa Winkler	Pioneer Vending

### Ladies Master 8-Ball

<b>1st</b>	<b>Krissy Myers</b>	<b>Pioneer Vending</b>
2nd	Elise Bentley	All American Amusement
3rd	Tina Stockinger	All American Amusement
4th	Sarah Church	Pioneer Vending

### Ladies Master 9-Ball

<b>1st</b>	<b>Sharon Yoder</b>	<b>All American Amuse.</b>
2nd	Vicky Hamblin	Pioneer Vending
3rd	Barbie Black	Union Music

### Men's 8-Ball Seniors

<b>1st</b>	<b>Terry Guise</b>	<b>Union Music</b>
2nd	Steve Hattendorf	Gregory Amusements
3rd	George Colovus	Union Music
4th	Scott Schroeder	USA Amusements
5-6th	Luciano Garcia	All American Amusement
	Mark Soncarty	Diltz & Sons
7-8th	Jeff Stout	Gregory Amusements
	Scott Hunt	Gregory Amusements

### Men's Master 8-Ball

<b>1st</b>	<b>Cody Myers</b>	<b>Pioneer Vending</b>
2nd	Jacob Elliott	Pioneer Vending
3rd	Jason Weldon	All American Amusement
4th	Ramiro Sanchez	Pioneer Vending

### Men's Master 9-Ball

<b>1st</b>	<b>Jacob Elliott</b>	<b>Pioneer Vending</b>
2nd	Cody Myers	Pioneer Vending
3rd	Jeff McIntosh	USA Amusement

### Open 8-Ball

<b>1st</b>	<b>Trevor Gale</b>	<b>Pioneer Vending</b>
2nd	Tony Simmons	Union Music
3rd	Jason Hall	Pioneer Vending
4th	Wesley Swanson	All American Amusement
5-6th	Joel Galvan	Pioneer Vending
	Lester Sewell Jr.	All American Amusement
7-8th	Mike Rogers	Gregory Amusements
	Mark Mudri	Union Music
9-12th	Justin Bristow	Pioneer Vending
	Tony Coraci	Union Music
	David Obermesik	Diltz & Sons
	Chris Hamann	Pioneer Vending

### Open 9-Ball

<b>1st</b>	<b>Brian Grubbs</b>	<b>Pioneer Vending</b>
2nd	Justin Bristow	Pioneer Vending
3rd	Mark Bristow	Pioneer Vending
4th	Wesley Swanson	All American Amusement
5-6th	Danny Bradley	All American Amusement
	Nathan Moore	Union Music
7-8th	Cory Micel	Gregory Amusements
	David Obermesik	Diltz & Sons
9-12th	Ryan Thomas	All American Amusement
	John Abood	Union Music
	Travis Bristow	Pioneer Vending
	Mike Robins	Pioneer Vending

### Master Scotch Doubles

<b>1st</b>	<b>Yoder/Welden</b>	<b>All Amer. Amuse.</b>
2nd	Homminga/Myers	Pioneer Vending
3rd	Drake/Black	Union Music

### Open Scotch Doubles

<b>1st</b>	<b>Olmstead/Olmstead</b>	<b>Pioneer Vending</b>
2nd	Flores/Galey	Pioneer Vending
3rd	McGonagle/Freeman	All American Amuse.
4th	Garza/Garza	Pioneer Vending
5-6th	Casarez/Elliott	Pioneer Vending
	Burciaga/Castello	Pioneer Vending
7-8th	Benn/Correa	Pioneer Vending
	Rundel/Sullivan	Union Music

### Pioneer Vending

Pioneer Vending
All American Amusement
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## Team Champions:

### Ladies Master

<b>1st</b>	<b>Slave To The Grind</b>	<b>All American Amuse.</b>
2nd	All About That Eight	Diltz & Sons
3rd	Little Angels	Pioneer Vending

### Ladies Open

<b>1st</b>	<b>Queen Wolf Pack</b>	<b>Pioneer Vending</b>
2nd	Stroke Of Luck	Pioneer Vending
3rd	Chalk & Awe	Pioneer Vending
4th	Reo Town Clubhouse	Pioneer Vending

### Men's Master

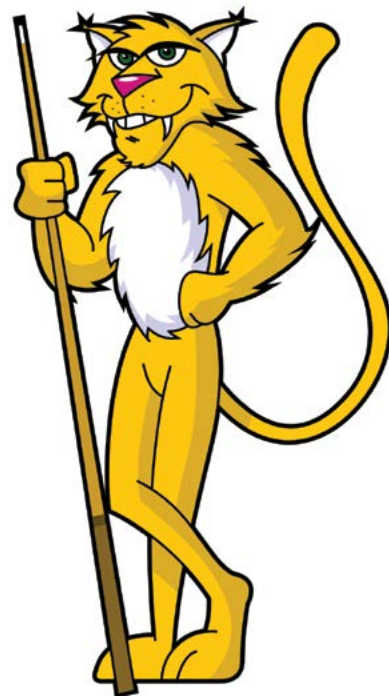
<b>1st</b>	<b>Seybert's</b>	<b>Pioneer Vending</b>
2nd	Team Triple 60	PJ's Entertainment & Video

### Men's Open

<b>1st</b>	<b>109's Finest</b>	<b>Pioneer Vending</b>
2nd	The Outfit	Diltz & Sons
3rd	Snot Bubbles	Pioneer Vending
4th	Fab 5	Union Music
5-6th	AJMJQ	All American Amusement
	Odd Fellas	Pioneer Vending
7-8th	Backwoods Pool	USA Amusement
	Madison Park Bowl	Union Music
9-12th	8 Ballers	Pioneer Vending
	A Few Good Men	Pioneer Vending
	Money Shot	Diltz & Sons
	The James Gang	Pioneer Vending

### Sportsman's #1

<b>1st</b>	<b>Shoot To Kill</b>	<b>Gregory Amusements</b>
2nd	Rusty Nuts	Diltz & Sons
3-4th	Breakers	Union Music
	Rebels	All American Amusement



# Montana State

April 10-13, 2025

Billings Hotel & Convention Center  
Billings, MT

## B Team

**1st Caboose**  
2nd 4 Sticks And A Rack  
3-4th Racks Bozeman  
Town Club

**Golden Route**  
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Golden Route

## C Team

**1st See You Next Thursday** **Golden Route**  
2nd Sticks And Splits Golden Route  
3-4th FNG Golden Route  
HH Double Hits Golden Route

Results were as follows:

### Women's A Singles

<b>1st Patti Darfler</b>	<b>Golden Route</b>
2nd Charlotte Danreuther	Baker Amusement
3rd Erica Wise	Golden Route
4th Lindsey Laubach	Golden Route

### Women's B Singles

<b>1st Angel Constant</b>	<b>Golden Route</b>
2nd Vicki Ganley	Golden Route
3rd Suzy Osborn	Golden Route
4th Anne Tanner	Golden Route

### Women's 2nd Chance Singles

<b>1st Kandi Hopkins</b>	<b>Golden Route</b>
2nd Karina Soucy	Golden Route
3-4th Jessica Zabrocki	Baker Amusement
Kris Vladic	Century Gaming

### Men's AA Singles

<b>1st Jim Winter</b>	<b>Golden Route</b>
2nd Dan Hamper	Golden Route
3rd Nick Carlson	Golden Route
4th Landyn Ackerman	Mears Music

### Men's A Singles

<b>1st Mike Hall</b>	<b>Golden Route</b>
2nd Wade Woods	Golden Route
3rd Brian Paske	Golden Route
4th Egor Basyrov	Golden Route

### Men's B Singles

<b>1st Eric Ambler</b>	<b>Mears Music</b>
2nd Bruce Albright	Golden Route
3rd Willie Rowland	Golden Route
4th Mike Bergman	Golden Route

### Open C Singles

<b>1st Dalton Herden</b>	<b>Golden Route</b>
2nd Logan Moffet	Golden Route
3rd Brandon Arnold	Golden Route
4th Cash Golden	Golden Route

### Men's 2nd Chance Singles

<b>1st Jerry Miller</b>	<b>Golden Route</b>
2nd Dustin Hamper	Century Gaming
3-4th Dustin Juvan	Golden Route
Faron Henderson	Mears Music

### A Team

<b>1st The Stokers</b>	<b>Golden Route</b>
2nd Laubach Abiding Citizen	Golden Route
3rd 3 Gentle Men & A Clown	Golden Route
4th Golden Child	Golden Route





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# Ohio State

April 24-27, 2025

Canton Memorial Civic Center • Canton, OH

## 8-Ball Results were as follows...

### Open Master Singles

<b>1st Devin Boucher</b>	<b>Pioneer Vending</b>
2nd Robert Corbin Jr.	Thomas Vending
3rd Adam Martin	Lorain Music & Vending
4th Burt Combs Jr.	Thomas Vending
5-6th Randy Linton	Pioneer Vending
Dennis Woolley	Pioneer Vending

### Open AA Singles

<b>1st John Telvock</b>	<b>Tri Area Amusement</b>
2nd Tim Walters Jr.	Pioneer Vending
3rd John Schooler Jr.	Stebelton Music & Vending
4th Scott Burchfield	Pioneer Vending
5-6th Zac Edwards	Buckeye Music & Vending
Steve Kolek	Bell Music
7-8th Scott Stephens	Shaffer Entertainment
Rick Royster	Shaffer Entertainment

### Open A Singles

<b>1st Ethan Druckenbrod</b>	<b>Shaffer Entertainment</b>
2nd Scott White	Bell Music
3rd Trent Cowgill	Shaffer Entertainment
4th John Odorizzi Jr.	Tri Area Amusement
5-6th Michael Malleske	Bell Music
Nathan Graber	Shaffer Entertainment
7-8th Edward Scarberry	Shaffer Entertainment
Steve Mitchell	Action Gaming

### Ladies Master Singles

<b>1st Julie Skripac</b>	<b>Bell Music</b>
2nd Casey Clark	Shaffer Entertainment
3rd Kayla Hutchison	Buckeye Music & Vending
4th Penny Blankenship	Lorain Music & Vending

### Ladies AA Singles

<b>1st Courtney Ruggiero</b>	<b>Bell Music</b>
2nd Amy Stacey	Shaffer Entertainment
3rd Melissa Murphy	Buckeye Music & Vending
4th Robyn Stitt	Bell Music
5-6th Jodi Boggs	R.L. Hull & Sons
April Oddis	Tri Area Amusement
7-8th Betsy Ross	Stebelton Music & Vending
Kristina Green	Shaffer Entertainment

### Ladies A Singles

<b>1st Kathy Thomas</b>	<b>Shaffer Entertainment</b>
2nd Leah Fenner	Bell Music
3rd Tiffanie Thurston	Stebelton Music & Vending
4th Kimberly Protch	Tri Area Amusement
5-6th Meaghan Albrinck	Shaffer Entertainment
Kara Fleming	Shaffer Entertainment
7-8th Deanne Rude	Shaffer Entertainment
Morgan Swoager	Tri Area Amusement

### Open Master Team

<b>1st Pulaski Lounge</b>	<b>Pioneer Vending</b>
2nd Average At Best	Bell Music
3rd Unorganized	Lorain Music & Vending
4th Breakroom Billiards	J & S Electronics

### Open AA Team

<b>1st TNT</b>	<b>Tri Area Amusement</b>
2nd Bunch	Bell Music
3rd Team Randall	Shaffer Entertainment
4th Would You Look At This?	J & S Electronics

### Open A Team

<b>1st Laporte</b>	<b>Ohio Vending Machine</b>
2nd 8-Ball Assassin's	Bell Music
3rd Behind The 8-Ball	Shaffer Entertainment
4th It Is What It Is	Shaffer Entertainment
5-6th Almost Has Beens	Bell Music
Good Ole Boyz	Shaffer Entertainment

### Open B Team

<b>1st Delta House</b>	<b>Stebelton Music &amp; Vending</b>
2nd Master Of Pockets	Bell Music
3rd 8-Ball Tokers	Stebelton Music & Vending
4th Money Shots	Stebelton Music & Vending

### Ladies Master Team

<b>1st Bell's Belles</b>	<b>Bell Music</b>
2nd Kitty Kai Yay	Shaffer Entertainment
3rd The Audacity	Bell Music

### Ladies AA Team

<b>1st Sassy Sticks</b>	<b>R.L. Hull &amp; Sons</b>
2nd We're Just Here For Vegas	Bell Music
3rd Just Shoot	Shaffer Entertainment
4th Few Sticks Shy	Bell Music

### Ladies A Team

<b>1st A Few Sticks Shy Team</b>	<b>Bell Music</b>
2nd It's Always Tails	Tri Area Amusement
3rd Ninja Hertles	Shaffer Entertainment
4th Ball-Less N Flawless	Tri Area Amusement





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# The Doctor's In...

## Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman

The Doctor has been entertaining VNEA players for over 30 years and is one of the most knowledgeable instructors in the business. Tom is also known for his amazing trick shot artistry and hilarious shows around the country.



After 30+ years of contributing to the VNEA 8-Ball News and Views articles, I sometimes have a difficult time coming up with a topic that will bolster one's "game and life" journey. Then, it happens – a "stellar" idea pops into my brain. For this writing, I decided to take another trip to Minot, ND. You may ask "why"!

**Special Note:** Those living in Minot do not ask "why", but simply say: Mi "not" – Why "not"!!

For several years now, I have traveled to Minot to enjoy a personal "reunion" of sorts with one of my very best friends – Steve "Stellar" Geller. Meeting for the first time in Columbus, OH back in 1980, we played in the finals of the National Trick Shot Championships. I lost by 2 points, as Steve performed a concluding "stellar" and / or spectacular challenge called a "wing shot". This magnetic "moment in billiard history" inspired me to do "trick shots"; in particular, using the special art of "wing shots" for "in the zone" training of the right brain. I continue to use this specialty practice medium for getting in stroke and / or in a flowing rhythm for shows, a competitive environment, or simply to: "Play Skillfully with a Shout of Joy"!

During my recent stay in Minot, I also enjoyed playing my favorite game of 3 Cushion with Dusty "Dustemol" (get it?) Geller, one of Steve's sons. We had many "stellar" moments playing this awesome "angular" game housed on the carom table. Steve and I also enjoyed several moments playing one pocket on his home table, while he, his wife Cheryl, and I shared some mighty-fine home-cooked meals and special memories of our 45 years of friendship, fellowship, and fun together.

In conclusion, and to make a valued point of this article, I highly encourage each of you to participate in your own "stellar" moments visiting friends, family, and / or fellow pool players. In doing so, it will uplift your spirits, refresh your memories of past joys shared, and simply make you feel better about your life journey. Doing this before a competitive event will also help you focus on those things that "enrich the heart," "enlighten the mind", and radiate a spirit-filled "joy" both "on and off" the table.

Mi "not" – Why "not", until next time when... **The Doctor's In.**



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### WEDNESDAY, JULY 16 • 2025

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm Practice

### THURSDAY, JULY 17 • 2025

9:00 am Room Opens for Practice  
9:00 am - 11:00 am Singles Check-In  
Noon - 11:00 pm Regular Singles Begins

### FRIDAY, JULY 18 • 2025

9:00 am Sports Begins &  
Regular Singles continues  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm Redemption Begins  
1:30 pm Mini-Singles Competition  
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Team Events Check-In  
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Players Reception  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Referee Class  
7:00 pm Top Cat Challenge

### SATURDAY, JULY 19 • 2025

8:30 am Opening Ceremonies  
- *Singles Trophy Presentation*  
9:00 am Regular Team Competition Begins  
9:30 am Charter Holder Meeting  
1:00 pm - 5:45 pm Sports & Redemption  
Team Competition  
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Scotch Doubles Sign-Up  
6:30 pm E<sup>2</sup>P Challenge  
7:00 pm Jr. Scotch Doubles Begins

### SUNDAY, JULY 20 • 2025

9:00 am Team Competition Finals  
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*(Approximately 80% Of Field)*

1st Place	<b>\$300, Onboard Jacket &amp; Charlie</b>
2nd Place	<b>\$200 &amp; Charlie</b>
3rd Place	<b>\$150 &amp; Charlie</b>
4th Place	<b>\$100 &amp; Charlie</b>
5-6th Place	<b>\$75</b>
7-8th Place	<b>\$50</b>



### FEMALE SINGLES

*(Approximately 20% Of Field)*

1st Place	<b>\$150, Onboard Jacket &amp; Charlie</b>
2nd Place	<b>\$100 &amp; Charlie</b>
3rd Place	<b>\$75 &amp; Charlie</b>
4th Place	<b>\$50 &amp; Charlie</b>



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# MAYO CIVIC CENTER

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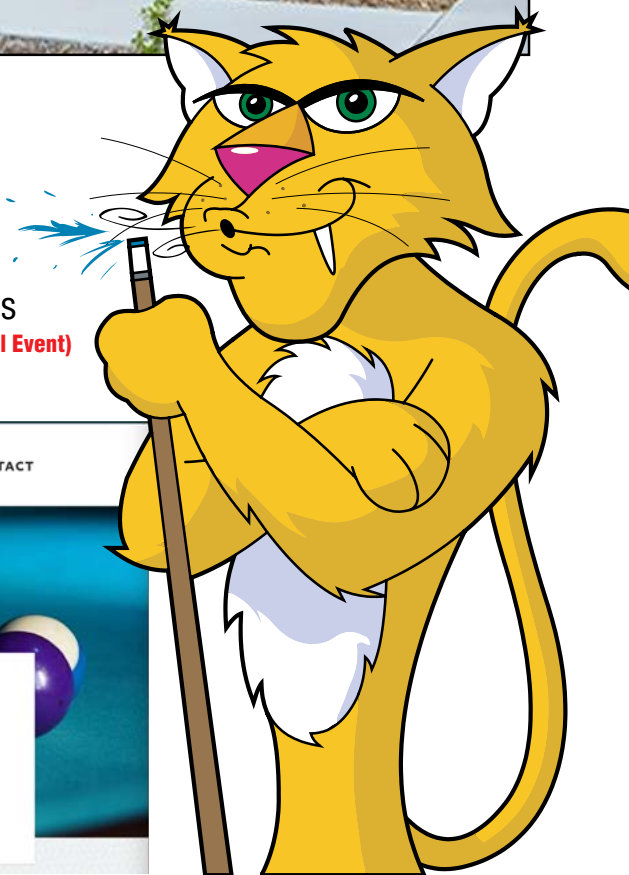
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## 2025 HOTEL INFORMATION

**Local Hotels Booking Link:** <https://bit.ly/4fYXUMd>  
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# 45th Anniversary Schedule of Events

**NOTE...** All times are approximate times only.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025

3:00 pm - 10:00 pm Mini Tournaments

3:00 pm - 10:00 pm Mixed Scotch Doubles Sign-Ups

## THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025

8:00 am - 9:00 am Mixed Scotch Doubles Sign-Ups

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

**10:00 am Regular Mixed Scotch Doubles Begins**

**10:00 am IM & Master Mixed Scotch Dbls. Begins**

**1:00 pm - 7:00 pm** Certified Instructor Seminar

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Singles questions, concerns, etc. Players listed in computer at control stage simply need to show at their scheduled match.

TBA IM & Master Mixed Scotch Doubles Finals

## FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025

7:00 am - 7:30 am 9-Ball Singles questions, concerns, etc.

**8:00 am 9-Ball Singles Competition Begins**

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

Times Posted On-Site: Daily Raffle

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm 8-Ball Singles questions, concerns, etc. Players listed in computer at control stage simply need to show at their scheduled match.

TBA 9-Ball Sports Singles Begins

TBA 9-Ball Resurrection Singles Begins

TBA 9-Ball Redemption Singles Begins

## SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025

7:00 am - 7:30 am 8-Ball Singles questions, concerns, etc.

**8:00 am 8-Ball Singles Competition Begins**

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

Times Posted On-Site: Daily Raffle

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Prize Money & **Charlie's Available**

TBA 8-Ball Sports Singles Begins

## SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

8:00 am 8-Ball Singles Competition Continues  
(includes Sports)

TBA IM/Master Classic Singles Begins

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

Noon - 4:00 pm Dr. Cue Finals #1

Times Posted On-Site: Daily Raffle

TBA 8-Ball Redemption Singles Begins

TBA 8-Ball Resurrection Singles Begins

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Prize Money & **Charlie's Available**

TBA Masters Singles Finals

TBA Regular Mixed Scotch Doubles Finals

## MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025

TBA 8-Ball & 9-Ball Finals

TBA World Team Competition

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

11:00 am - 1:00 pm Prize Money & **Charlie's Available**

Noon - 2:00 pm Cert. Inst. Recertification Class

Noon - 6:00 pm Team questions, concerns, etc. Teams listed in computer at control stage simply need to show at their scheduled match.  
(Annual patches, pins, luggage tags, programs can be picked up at the VNEA Booth)

2:00 pm Certified Referee School

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Prize Money & **Charlie's Available**

7:30 pm Opening Ceremonies

*Suds & Chips Mixer, Parade Of Flags  
Hall Of Fame Induction*

*Singles Awards Presentation*

*Free Beer, Pop & Chips (limited quantity)*

*Cash Bar / Entertainment*

## TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025

7:30 am - 8:30 am Team questions, concerns, etc.

**9:00 am Team Competition Begins**

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

Times Posted On-Site: Daily Raffle

**11:30 am Intermediate Team Begins**

Noon - 3:00 pm Prize Money & **Charlie's Available**

4:00 pm - 10:00 pm **Charlie's Birthday Party** 

**4:30 pm Master Team Competition Begins**

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025

9:00 am Team Competition Continues

9:00 am - Noon Mini-Charter Holder FUNShop 

10:00 am - Noon & 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Coaching Academy 

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

Times Posted On-Site: Daily Raffle

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Prize Money & **Charlie's Available**

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Hall of Famers Party

TBA Sports Divisions Competition Begins

7:00 pm Play The Pro's (Charlie's Lounge) 

## THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025

8:00 am Executive Committee Meeting

9:00 am Team Competition Continues

10:00 am - Noon & 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Coaching Academy 

10:00 am - 2:00 pm Dr. Cue Finals #2

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

Times Posted On-Site: Daily Raffle

TBA Redemption Division Competition Begins

TBA Resurrection Division Competition Begins

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Prize Money & **Charlie's Available**  
(includes Team)

7:00 pm President's Reception

*Meritorious Service Award*

## FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025

8:30 am - 11:00 am CompuSport Seminar

9:00 am Team Competition Continues

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

TBA Hardluck Competition

Noon Charter Holders Meeting

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Prize Money & **Charlie's Available**

5:00 pm Cues for Kids Giveaways @ VNEA Booth

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Prize Money Available

TBA Team Finals

## SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025

9:00 am Team Competition Continues

10:00 am - Final Match Prize Money & **Charlie's Available**

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Cocktails, Banquet, Awards,

Constant Giveaways & Entertainment

8:01 pm Curtain Call & Goodbye's

## CHARLIE AWARDS:

**If you won a Charlie Trophy, you can pick it up with your Prize Money Check during Payout Hours or ANYTIME the VNEA Booth is OPEN!**

**ALL Charlie recipients will be honored at the Opening Ceremonies on 5/26 and Awards Banquet on 5/31. BE SURE TO ATTEND FOR SPECIAL RECOGNITION!**

# KaBoom!



## Gary Benson

# Opening Worldwide Break

*"The Shot Heard Around The World"*



Australia  
(Wednesday am)



Bahamas



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Canada



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France



New Zealand  
(Wednesday am)



Portugal



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USA

**At precisely 9a (USA: PST) on Tuesday, May 27th, the playing of the "45th Anniversary" VNEA World Team Pool Championships officially kicks off!**

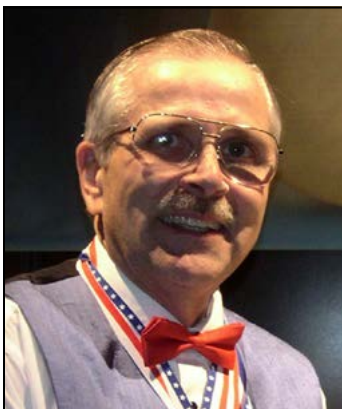
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# VNEA Professionals...

## Instruction, Trick Shots, Entertaining Shows



**JERRY BRIESATH** has long been considered the very best Billiards Instructor in the business. His decades of experience make Jerry one of the most sought after teachers in our sport today. Jerry has a “3 DVD Set” which contains 4.5 hours of priceless pool lessons which he shares with our players each and every year at the Vegas AND Junior World Pool Championships. Jerry has spent countless hours at our events teaching our players everything from the proper stance and stroke to the “diamond system”. He loves to teach and it shows by the smiling faces that surround his table. And his “one-on-one” teaching approach has proven to be his trademark as players get that special attention and hands-on training that pool requires. Jerry has always said, *“Come see me and let me help you improve your game”*.



**TOM “DR. CUE” ROSSMAN** is a Hall of Fame “Artistic Pool” Champion. Tom introduced “Artistic Pool” to the VNEA nearly 30 years ago and has been entertaining and challenging our players ever since. Tom is also a staple at both our Vegas and Junior Championships and brings an incredible amount of excitement and FUN to the game of pool by adding his own “comedic flair” to everything he does! Tom’s sense of humor is legendary and he includes it in whatever he does from teaching to trick shots to challenge matches. Although Tom is known for his amazing trick shot artistry and hilarious shows, he is also one of the most knowledgeable instructors in the business with a pure grasp on the “diamond system” which he beautifully translates to our lucky players. You will never meet a nicer and more genuine man than Tom Rossman.



**DAVE “GINGER WIZARD” PEARSON** burst on to the American scene nearly 20 years ago when he brought his fast-paced game of “Speed Pool” to the VNEA and its players. A Master of Speed Pool, Dave holds several Guinness World Records for his rapid-paced racks! Dave played professionally in England prior to coming to the states and is truly one of the most remarkably skilled pool players in the world. He also is a huge sponsor of both our Vegas and Junior Championships and actually donates his own brand of cues (Pearson Cues) to both events making Dave one of the most generous professionals in our sport. When you see Dave at his booth in Las Vegas, be sure to go up and say hello. There are 3 things that you can be sure of... you will be greeted with a smile, you will learn something and you will walk away with a smile on your face!



**SHANE VAN BOENING** also known as “The South Dakota Kid”, re-joined the VNEA Family the 40th Anniversary Season as a Professional Tour Player proudly wearing the VNEA Logo on his Tournament shirts and spreading the word of the VNEA to the world! In Shane’s early pool career, he could be seen playing in the VNEA Junior Program and then eventually the VNEA Adult Program including the Vegas Championships. Shane has always supported the VNEA and continues to be an integral part of growing our ever-popular Junior Program. He truly understands that the kids are the future of our great sport. Shane has been attending and performing at both the Vegas and Junior Championships and always looks forward to meeting all of our players and sharing his knowledge and experiences with the VNEA World!

# Let's Keep Our Image Clean!

The **Tournament Dress Code** that has been in affect for decades has been loosely enforced the past few years. With the addition of Live Stream popularity, the intent to showcase our Association for our awesome Corporate Sponsors and the ever-growing Social Media exposure, we will be strictly enforcing the Dress Code.

## Tournament Dress Code

All participants in the World Championships must comply with the following Dress Code:

**No Midriffs • No Cut-Offs • No Swimwear • No Tube Tops • No Tank Tops • No Improper Verbiage**

All shorts must be clean, neat, presentable, hemmed and of proper length to be allowed. Rugged cut-offs will not be allowed.

All players, during their scheduled matches, will present themselves in a neat and clean appearance, as illustrated below and throughout the Tournament Ballrooms.

Tournament Officials will have the right to ask any player not properly attired to leave the playing area.

**Be sure to abide within the illustrations displayed below and throughout the Tournament Rooms to avoid delays, disqualifications or forfeited games during your Singles and/or Team matches.**

**DRESS CODE EXAMPLES** 

**MEN'S SHIRTS**

**ALLOWED** **NOT ALLOWED**



**DRESS CODE EXAMPLES** 

**MEN'S SHORTS**

**ALLOWED** **NOT ALLOWED**



**DRESS CODE EXAMPLES** 

**WOMEN'S TOPS**

**ALLOWED** **NOT ALLOWED**



**DRESS CODE EXAMPLES** 

**WOMEN'S SHORTS**

**NOT ALLOWED** **NOT ALLOWED**



**NOTE: Unsportsmanlike Conduct Will Not Be Tolerated.**

Violators will be properly dealt with by the Tournament Staff, Referees or Tournament Committee.



## Tuesday, May 27th from 4p-10p!

VNEA Mascot “**Charlie Cougar**” will be celebrating his 45th Birthday in Las Vegas and we are going to throw him a party for the ages! We will sing him “Happy Birthday”, there will be Balloons and Cupcakes, a special “The Charlie” Cocktail and much, much more! Charlie will be there to meet and greet his fans and celebrate with the players. We will also have award winning artist/songwriter **BRIT STOKES** playing some great music for everyone to enjoy!

### What's To Expect?

- **VNEA Cornhole Boards**
- **Fun, Instant Photo Booth**
- **AMI Trivia Contest**
- **Special CHARLIE Drinks!**  
- We're Buying 45 CHARLIE Drinks An Hour!
- **Singing Happy Birthday**
- **Pictures With Charlie**
- **Electronic BEER PONG!**
- **Play The Lady Pro's**
- **Great Country Music**
- **& More!**



### Singer/Songwriter Brit Stokes

**Brit Stokes** is an award winning Artist/Songwriter From Athens, Texas. He was the recipient of multiple music awards in Texas in the early 2000's before moving to Nashville, including “Male Vocalist of the Year”, “The People Choice Award”, and “Vocal Group of the Year”. Beginning his career as a house band at Billy Bob's in Ft. Worth, Texas, he has opened for many of the greats... Travis Tritt, Rascal Flatts, Jerry Jeff Walker, Charlie Robinson and Pat Green, just to name a few. His album *Gypsy Soul* broke into the Top 15 when released back in 2017. As of late, he and his band have played at the National Finals Rodeo at the Thomas and Mac Center and The Mirage in Las Vegas! His traditional, old school style is sure to pack any dance floor and to keep you coming back for more.

# Mini-Tournaments Galore!

With our spacious venue at Westgate Resorts and the additional space they offer, we will have a separate Mini-Tournament Room used exclusively for Mini's & Practice **EVERY DAY... ALL DAY!**

Players will have as many opportunities as they wish to play pool, earn extra cash and prizes and meet tons of players from around the World! However, any player is only allowed to win (6) Mini's maximum.

**All players will be placed in one of 4 Levels, based on their CSR Rating.** 

The **CompuSport, CSR Rating System**, is becoming widely used and offering a great option to place players in the proper Divisions locally and regionally. VNEA will be implementing the CSR Rating System into the 45th Anniversary Championships in the **Mini-Tournaments arena only**, to measure its effectiveness and perfect it for future full Division use. The Mini's will be broken down into 4 Levels to allow for a fairer player field for all participants as follows:

**Level 1 (V) - Up to 1600**  
**Level 2 (N) - 1601 - 1700**  
**Level 3 (E) - 1701 - 1800**  
**Level 4 (A) - 1801 & Above**

**Levels Are Fluid  
And May Be Subject  
To Change.**

## Mini Requirements... Play Mini's... It's Fun!

- You must be a current VNEA Member to enter.
- All Tournaments are Single Elimination.
- Photo Identification is required during play and again at cash payout.
- Only the person entering an event may register. No one may register for you. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- You will have only a 15 minute "grace period" after your match is called or you will forfeit.
- If Master or IM players are found playing in the wrong divisions, they will forfeit all prize money and will not be allowed to participate in any future mini's.
- A 3-Person Classic Division will be conducted. No Masters and only (1) Intermediate per team. Players do not have to be from the same Charter Holder.
- 3 Person Open (Any 3 Players, NO Master & Only (1) IM Per Team)
- Dress Code will be enforced.
- No refunds of entry fees.
- All VNEA Rules are in effect at all times.

## Throughout The Week!

- **Valley Pool Table Giveaways**
- **Incredible Opening Ceremonies**
- **Mini-Tournaments Galore**
- **Fun-Filled Awards Banquet**
- **45 Year History Pictorial Display**
- **12th Annual World Team Event**
- **Team Hardlucks**
- **VNEA Tournament Booth Specials**
- **Gary Benson "Opening Worldwide Break"**
- **Hundreds of Beautiful Valley Pool Tables**
- **Special Appearance by Worlds #1 Pro Player "Shane Van Boening" (Schedule Permitting)**
- **Charlie's Lounge Constant Contests & Events**
- **Coaching Academy With Kelly "Kwikfire" Fisher & Wei Wei "The Wave" Tzu Chien**
- **Exciting Daily Sponsor Giveaways**
- **Weekly Entertainment**
- **Artistic Pool Competition - Dr. Cue**
- **Instructional Pool School - Jerry Briesath**
- **Trick Shots / Instruction - Dave Pearson**
- **CompuSport Software - Featuring Paperless Event**
- **Charter Holder Treasure Table Giveaways**
- **Custom Valley Pool Table Raffle**
- **Memorabilia Giveaways & Daily Contests**
- **Players Slot Tournament**
- **CHARLIE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY!** 

All players, spectators, staff, etc. accept the responsibility to abide by all COVID-19 restrictions, or the like, posted and/or in place by local government, Westgate or VNEA upon entering any Championships area and accept the risk of contracting COVID-19 or the like. Refusal to follow any safety regulations can be grounds for removal from the venue and refunds will not apply.

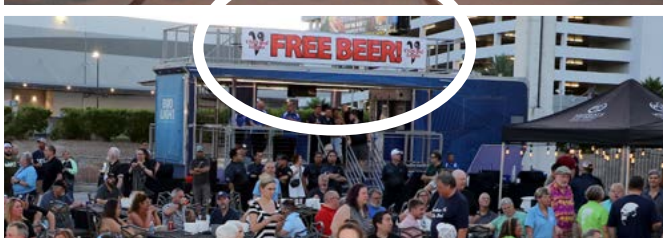
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WESTGATE PARKING PAVILION (FREE BEER, POP & CHIPS)

**TEAM OPENING CEREMONIES** is one of the most anticipated parties of the event! On the Monday before Teams begin, the VNEA throws a party to recognize the previous weeks Singles Champions and the upcoming Team competition. 3,000 excited pool players rock the parking lot of Westgate Resort & Casino and celebrate and relax before another big week of play. The evening starts with our traditional **PARADE OF FLAGS** where each country in attendance marches to the stage for the playing of their national anthems. This is followed by the **SINGLES & MIXED SCOTCH DOUBLES AWARDS PRESENTATIONS**. Once all of the Charlie winners have been announced for the evening, the annual **HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES** are introduced. Shortly thereafter, the evening's entertainment kicks into high gear when music professional D.J. BRITLee spins the songs that are sure to pack the dance floor! Our players will enjoy the time together with their teammates and making many new friends in the process. What a wonderful tradition for the VNEA and its players!



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## **SHANE'S UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 20-25, 2025  
**Buffalo's Pro Classic**  
Louisiana

June 13-15, 2025  
**Gorst vs SVB**  
Kentucky

July 14-17, 2025  
**Knight Shot**  
Dubai

July 21-26, 2025  
**World 9-Ball**  
Saudi Arabia

August 5-10, 2025  
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**The 2025 VNEA World Championships are conducted on the CompuSport App!**

Please connect to the following WiFi Connection:

**Westgate Wi-Fi**  
**Password: VNEA2025**



Scan this QR Code and start following every match on your phone and stay updated on all this years special events!



# Tons of Fun & Mega-Rewarding **Awards Banquet!**

## In The Westgate Pavilion

This years Banquet is once again going to feature a great **Buffet-Style Dinner**, an incredible **Awards Presentation**, some great entertainment and a **Drawing for an amazing Valley Home Pool Table**.

What makes this Banquet different than most...

# **CASH DRAWINGS!**

**Every 15 Minutes** throughout the evening, VNEA is going to be handing out hundreds of dollars to lucky players in the crowd. These Drawings will accumulate to **THOUSANDS** throughout the night! If you didn't win anything throughout the week, this is one last opportunity to go home a WINNER! All Tournament Participants in attendance, at the Banquet, will be eligible for **CASH DRAWINGS!**

- **Drawings for 2026 FREE Singles Entries!**

- **Complimentary Beverage Tickets**

- **Blues Brothers Entertainers**

- **Large Screen Monitors**

- **Weekly Activity Videos**

- **A Performance By "The King"**

- **And Much, Much More!**

**INCREDIBLE  
BANQUET STAGE**



**Starts @ 5pm; Ends @ 8:01pm**

**Saturday, May 31st**



# 12th Annual VNEA World Team Championship

This exciting event will match “top players” from every country represented at our tournament. Teams will compete against each other in a 1-Day “Battle Royale”! The winning country will claim the coveted **World Cup** and **Championship Belt** and be proclaimed **VNEA WORLD CHAMPIONS** for the entire year!

Each team will consist of (4) players from their home country and it will be a single-elimination format.

Make your plans to be in attendance in the Finals Arena (Monday, May 26th) to support your country in this “fan-friendly” and “fun-filled” event.



## **Previous World Team Champions:**

2012 (Portugal); 2013 (Germany); 2014 (Australia); 2015 (Portugal); 2016 (Germany); 2017 (Germany); 2018 (Canada); 2019 (New Zealand); 2022 (USA); 2023 (Canada); 2024 (Canada)

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