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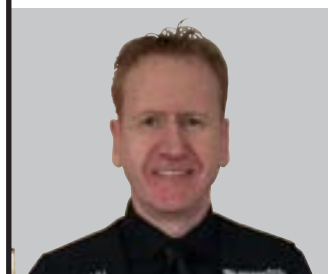


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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Happy Holidays!

Greetings to all the Players, League Coordinators and Charter Holders who make up the most essential ingredient in what makes the VNEA the greatest Pool League organization in the world. **Without you there is no VNEA!**

*Most if not all leagues are up and running. The players are happy to get back to competing and enjoying seeing old friends. The*

League Coordinators have spent the start of the season organizing the players and teams to have a successful league season.

If you didn't attend last years event, there is no better time than now to start planning your trip to Las Vegas for the 2024 VNEA World Pool Championships. The Westgate offers many great amenities for the VNEA players to enjoy. The Pool, the Sports Book and many dining choices that

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A few reminders. To qualify to play in the 2024 VNEA Championships, a player needs a minimum of 12

league nights of play. There are some exceptions. To learn more, read over the 2024 VNEA World Championships Information Booklet available on VNEA.com.

VNEA Hall of Fame nominations are being accepted for the 2024 Class. If you feel you have a league member worthy of this honor, please submit a nomination to the VNEA by January 16th. Ballots can be found on the VNEA website.



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If you believe that a player in your league system is deserving of being listed in the Hall of Fame, we encourage you to complete this Official Hall of Fame and return it to VNEA Headquarters by January 15th, 2024. Voting and consideration of the nomination are your duties. The Awards Committee will choose the most deserving players for the Hall. Those who are chosen will be inducted at a dinner event at "Ball Room & Bar" in Las Vegas to return "your nomination" to VNEA!

**Take This Opportunity To Nominate!**  
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Please attach a **Separate Sheet** to list Nominee's qualifications!



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The VNEA is always looking for qualified and interested Owners and Coordinators to serve on the Board. If you'd like to be involved and want to learn more, contact VNEA Headquarters. We are always looking for good people.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Westgate in May 2024!

Sincerely,  
  
**Scott Morgan**





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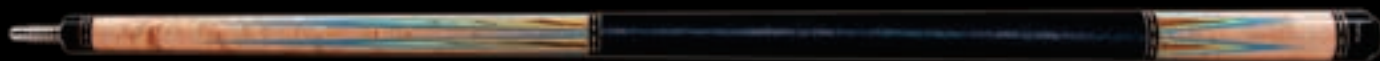
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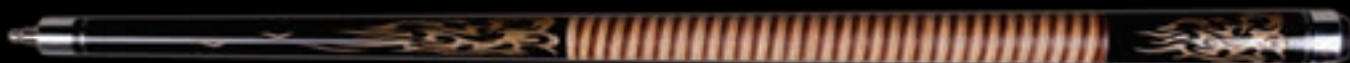
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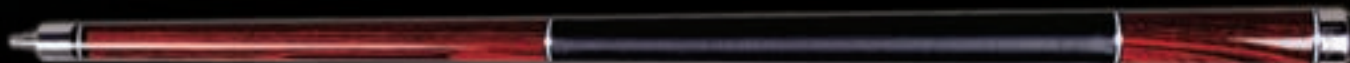
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## COLORADO STRONG!

Seems like only yesterday that we were at home and COVID-19 was stopping us all from playing in our favorite leagues. Well, now leagues are back in full swing and we are all very thankful during the Thanksgiving holidays.

I've already started my state tournaments with my first stop at the Rocky Mountain Singles event held in Cheyenne, Wyoming. They do the Singles event in November and the Team event in February. Their space is limited at these events but I can assure you that they put on an awesome event.

The whole weekend feels like a party atmosphere... seeing old friends and making new friends. If they do well in the tournament then that's a bonus. The Board Members and event staff work tirelessly to give the players a great experience. This is one of VNEA's oldest State Tournaments and they give their players the opportunity to enjoy pool the way it's meant to be enjoyed. There are different pool league associations around the world and I'm familiar with them all. Nothing comes close to the VNEA and what they offer their Players and Charters!

There is a special lady that I would like to mention in this edition. Not only is she the Tournament Director and one of the main reasons why their State Tournaments are so good, but she is also the Tournament Director for the Worlds Best Amateur Pool Tournament... The VNEA World Championships! If you don't know Judy Mehle you're missing out on a lovely lady. If you are fortunate to go to the World Championships in Las Vegas, please visit her at the Control Stage and say hello. I have known Judy for other 20 years and there is not a bad bone in her body. I want to offer my condolences again to Judy who recently lost her mum and looking forward to seeing her soon.

Judy and all the operators in Colorado, keep up the awesome job you do for the players and the VNEA!



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# ROCKY MOUNTAIN SINGLES

## 37th Annual Rocky Mountain VNEA Singles

November 10-12, 2023  
Red Lion Hotel - Cheyenne, Wyoming

### OPEN AAA SINGLES

1st	<b>Jose Loma Jr.</b>	<b>BMW Billiards</b>
2nd	Tom Thompson	Access Ent. / D & S Vending
3rd	Ken Nash	Access Ent. / D & S Vending

### OPEN AA SINGLES

1st	<b>Bryan Nguyen</b>	<b>Entertainment Experts</b>
2nd	Jason McClure	Entertainment Experts
3rd	Greg Dutton	Entertainment Experts
4th	Sam Martinez	Entertainment Experts
5-6th	Jim McCrary	Entertainment Experts
	Matt Crispin	Entertainment Experts
7-8th	Bennie Perry	<b>BMW Billiards</b>
	Michael Krahl	Entertainment Experts

### OPEN A SINGLES

1st	<b>Owen Crispin</b>	<b>Entertainment Experts</b>
2nd	Dennis Mersman	Entertainment Experts
3rd	Dennis Pacheco	Paradise Pinball
4th	Wayne Arde	Entertainment Experts
5-6th	Edgardo Venegas	<b>BMW Billiards</b>
	Jeff Carlson	Paradise Pinball
7-8th	Jeff Hoyt	Paradise Pinball
	Nico Rodriguez	Entertainment Experts
9-12th	Ralph Patterson	<b>BMW Billiards</b>
	Bob Hale	<b>BMW Billiards</b>
	Craig Rempfer	Entertainment Experts
	Francisco Herrera	Entertainment Experts
13-16th	Dan Hoyer	Entertainment Experts
	Chuck Schafer	Entertainment Experts
	Scott Carter	Entertainment Experts
	Dominick Gifford	<b>BMW Billiards</b>

### OPEN B SINGLES

1st	<b>Jay Wiley</b>	<b>Entertainment Experts</b>
2nd	Noel Montano	Entertainment Experts
3rd	Russell Warner	Entertainment Experts
4th	Marc Trujillo	Entertainment Experts
5-6th	Jacob Mitchell	Entertainment Experts
	Levi Romero	Entertainment Experts
7-8th	Kennyth Juarez	Entertainment Experts
	Joel Morrisette	<b>BMW Billiards</b>
9-12th	Guillermo Ortiz	Entertainment Experts
	Danny Denman Sr.	Entertainment Experts
	Kim Majerus	Entertainment Experts
	Joseph Campana	Entertainment Experts
13-16th	Tom Bedford	Front Street Vending
	Homero Munoz	Entertainment Experts
	Michael Sferrazza	Entertainment Experts
	Sean Zilligen	Capitol City Pool

### OPEN C SINGLES

1st	<b>Matt Huyge</b>	<b>Entertainment Experts</b>
2nd	Elliott Taylor	Entertainment Experts
3rd	Jahnzel Sevadera	Entertainment Experts
4th	Brian Knudsen	Entertainment Experts
5-6th	Hoyt Claybaugh	Entertainment Experts
	Mike Rolinson	Entertainment Experts

7-8th	Seth Watson	<b>BMW Billiards</b>
	Jonathan Tate	Entertainment Experts
9-12th	Heather Hoyer	Entertainment Experts
	Kevin Santiesteban	Entertainment Experts
	Tyler Hamby	Entertainment Experts
	Brian Olson Jr.	Entertainment Experts

### WOMENS AA/A SINGLES

1st	<b>Deb May</b>	<b>BMW Billiards</b>
2nd	Seena Kim	Entertainment Experts
3rd	Lynn Ziegler	<b>BMW Billiards</b>
4th	Annette Rios	Entertainment Experts
5-6th	Amie Mangaoang	<b>BMW Billiards</b>
	Roberta Maestas	Entertainment Experts
7-8th	Lorrie Lanham	Troy Vending
	Midori Spatz	Capitol City Pool

### WOMENS B SINGLES

1st	<b>Aurie Garcia Munter</b>	<b>Paradise Pinball</b>
2nd	Rachel Bradford	Entertainment Experts
3rd	Lora Jimenez	Capitol City Pool
4th	Sandra Lombardo	Entertainment Experts
5-6th	Emily Jordan	<b>BMW Billiards</b>
	Cyndie Cramer	Paradise Pinball
7-8th	Julie Noel	<b>BMW Billiards</b>
	Shannon Ratz	Entertainment Experts

### WOMENS C SINGLES

1st	<b>Crystal Frias</b>	<b>BMW Billiards</b>
2nd	Paula Trujillo	Front Street Vending
3rd	Connie Cofell	<b>BMW Billiards</b>
4th	Stacy Overton	<b>BMW Billiards</b>
5-6th	Kathie Stecker	Entertainment Experts
	Joann Ray	Dano's Games
7-8th	Kim Elfering	Capitol City Pool
	Edith Snow	Capitol City Pool

### JUNIOR EVENT...

For the juniors there was an event held on Sunday.

### YOUTH FEMALE (Ages 11 & under)

1st	<b>Lucia Garcia</b>	<b>Paradise Pinball</b>
2nd	Adeleena Cruz	Paradise Pinball
3rd	Winona Lackey	Paradise Pinball

### YOUTH MALE (Ages 11 & under)

1st	<b>Santiago Zimmerman</b>	<b>Entertainment Experts</b>
2nd	Miles Harvey	Paradise Pinball

### MINORS FEMALE (Ages 12-15)

1st	<b>Layla Munoz</b>	<b>Paradise Pinball</b>
2nd	Isabella Charlifaux	Entertainment Experts
3rd	Ashlynn Kuhns	Paradise Pinball

### MINORS MALE (Ages 12-15)

1st	<b>Mario Zimmerman</b>	<b>Entertainment Experts</b>
2nd	Logan Gadbury	Entertainment Experts
3rd	Jacob Bridge	Entertainment Experts

### MAJORS (Ages 16-20)

1st	<b>Zach Bryan</b>	<b>Entertainment Experts</b>
2nd	Marshall McAfee	Entertainment Experts
3rd	Zac Medley	Entertainment Experts



Open AAA: 1st - Jose Loma Jr.



Open AAA: 2nd - Tom Thompson



Open AAA: 3rd - Ken Nash



Open AA: 1st - Bryan Nguyen



Open AA: 2nd - Jason McClure



Open AA: 3rd - Greg Dutton

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN SINGLES



**Open A: 1st - Owen Crispin**



**Open C: 1st - Matt Huyge**



**Women's B: 1st - Aurie Garcia Munter**



**Open A: 2nd - Dennis Mersman**



**Open C: 2nd - Elliott Taylor**



**Women's B: 2nd - Rachel Bradford**



**Open A: 3rd - Dennis Pacheco**



**Open C: 3rd - Jahnzel Sevadera**



**Women's B: 3rd - Lora Jimenez**



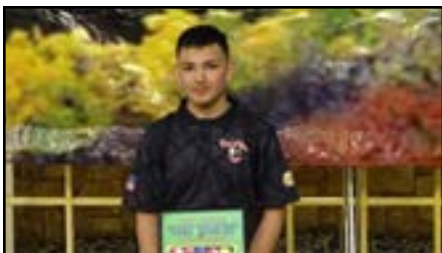
**Open B: 1st - Jay Wiley**



**Women's AA/A: 1st - Deb May**



**Women's C: 1st - Crystal Frias**



**Open B: 2nd - Noel Montano**



**Women's AA/A: 2nd - Seena Kim**



**Women's C: 2nd - Paula Trujillo**



**Open B: 3rd - Russell Warner**



**Women's AA/A: 3rd - Lynn Ziegler**



**Women's C: 3rd - Connie Cotell**

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN SINGLES



**Youth Male: 1st - Santiago Zimmerman**



**Minor Male: 2nd - Logan Gadbury**



**Major: 2nd - Marshall McAfee**



**Youth Male: 2nd - Miles Harvey**



**Minor Male: 3rd - Jacob Bridge**



**Major: 3rd - Zac Medley**



**Youth Female: 1st - Lucia Garcia**



**Minor Female: 1st - Layla Munoz**



**Tournament Control Stage Staff**



**Youth Female: 2nd - Adeleena Cruz**



**Minor Female: 2nd - Isabella Charliataux**



**Set-Up/Tear Down Crew**



**Youth Female: 3rd - Winona Lackey**



**Minor Female: 3rd - Ashlynn Kuhns**



**Tournament Referees**



**Minor Male: 1st - Mario Zimmerman**



**Major: 1st - Zach Bryan**



# FOCUS ON THE RULES

## *What's Your Call?*

By **Fred Johnson** *Veteran VNEA Referee*



Snooker and Carom are both in a heated and close match. Snooker is the shooter, and he is shooting at the 9-Ball which is frozen to the cushion. Both Snooker and Carom agree that the 9-Ball is frozen to the cushion. Snooker shoots the cue ball into the 9-Ball, which rebounds from the cushion that it is frozen to, the 9-Ball and the cue ball have separation, but as the 9-Ball rebounds from the cushion, it strikes the cue ball and returns to the same cushion with which it was previously frozen to. Carom hops to her paws and declares a Foul. Snooker does not acknowledge a Foul. You are the referee called to the table. ***You make the call?***

Carom tells you that after the cue ball struck the frozen 9-Ball, nothing was pocketed, the cue ball did not contact a cushion, the 9-Ball did not contact a cushion attached to a separate rail, and another object ball did not contact a cushion with which it was not already in contact. Therefore, it is a Foul, and I want ball in hand. Snooker replies that since the 9-Ball left the cushion, contacted another ball, and then contacted the same cushion again, it is a good hit and not a Foul. Carom retorts that the provisions of Rule H.7, as it applies to contacting another ball means another object ball and not the cue ball. *So which is it?*

### **Rule H.7 provides in part as follows...**

*A ball which is touching a cushion at the start of a shot and then is forced into a cushion attached to the same rail is not considered to have been driven to that cushion unless it leaves the cushion, contacts another ball, and then contacts the cushion again.*

In effect what we have here is the definition of “another ball” for the purposes of determining whether or not a foul has occurred. Note the Rule does NOT say “another object ball”. If it was to apply only to “object balls” the Rule could have clearly said so. It does not. It simply says “another ball”. The cue ball is another ball. So when the 9-Ball rebounded from the cushion it was frozen to, and there was separation between the 9-Ball and the cue ball, when the 9-Ball contacted the cue ball again (like a double hit with the cue ball), and returned to the cushion, the requirements of Rule H. 7. were satisfied. There is not any Foul. Carom will not get a ball in hand. The cue ball can be “another ball” under Rule H. 7.



# 8-BALL RUMBLE TITLES DECLARED

**November 16-19, 2023**

*Partners Billiards & Bowling - North Bay, Ontario*

The **20th Annual 8-Ball Rumble** was held at Partners Billiards & Bowling in North Bay, Ontario, Canada on November 16-19. Players and Teams attended from North Bay's Partners Pool Leagues, New Crown Music Leagues from Sudbury, Northshore Vending of Sault Ste. Marie, JW Billiard Promotion Inc. from Oshawa/Toronto, Ville Marie and Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec representing Billard Temis Enr.

A total of 66 Teams and 190 Singles took part in this four-day major event to start the tournament year off. Once again, the Compusport Software Program along with the scoring app was used and kept all matches ahead of schedule. The Tournament used Compusport's CSR Ranking System to divisionalize players and teams into their proper divisions and the outcome was amazing, giving everyone a fair and balanced opportunity to win. There were a great number of matches that came down to the last game, creating much excitement for teams and players alike.

A huge thanks to all those that were involved in making sure things ran smoothly. Kim Tipler, once again, did an amazing job on the podium looking after the Compusport program, being available to answer players questions and help wherever she could. Kim always does an outstanding job and her dedication to the players is amazing. Our Referee-In-Chief, Shannon Allhusen, and her team of referee's did an outstanding job of all related calls which makes for a successful event. In addition, Shannon helped on the podium with Kim and her dedication is also truly appreciated. To our hard-working staff who set up and tore down the room before and after the event, food cashiers, bartenders, servers, kitchen staff and runners, janitorial staff that came in at 2 am and worked until 8 am; job well done everyone! It takes a great team to make a successful weekend and I would like to thank everyone for all the hard work during the weekend. Now on to the **EOVNEA Provincials**, February 22-25 at the Best Western in North Bay!

## SINGLES EVENTS

### Recreational Division Singles:

Alex Pilon from Rouyn-Noranda began the tournament winning his first match against Albina Lavictoire from North Bay and went on to defeat fellow Rouyn-Noranda player Joannie Provencher-Champagne and Sudbury's Tyler Brady before being sent to the B side bracket by new-comer Kathie Girard also from Rouyn. Girard advanced to the finals bracket and waited for an opponent. Once on the B side of the bracket, Pilon bounced back and defeated third place finisher from Sudbury, Tyler Paul, and advanced to championship final.

In the first match of the finals, Pilon changed the outcome by winning with a score of 3-0 forcing a sudden death match. This time, Pilon easily defeated Girard by a score of 3-0, taking the Recreational Division Championship.

### Copper # 2 Division Singles:

Barry Nelles from North Bay started the day with a win over Rick Guindon from Sudbury, Martin Renaud from Rouyn-Noranda before being sent packing to the B side of the bracket by Francis Pelchat, also from Rouyn. From the B side of the bracket, it was then payback time for Nelles in a rematch with Pelchat after being defeated on the A side by Karen Hnatuk from Sudbury.

If the quarter final, Nelles picked up his winning ways by defeating Pelchat 3 games to 0 and a trip to the finals was in order. It was Nelles in the first match against Hnatuk winning 3-1 and in the sudden death match, pulled out a squeaker 3-2 to take the championship.

### Copper # 1 Division Singles:

It was an all-North Bay affair in this division with first, second and third place going to North Bay. Darrel Doherty won his first 4 matches before coming up against North Bay's Bob Thibodeau who won the close match 3 games to 2 sending Doherty to the B side of the bracket to face eventual third place finisher, and another shot at Thibodeau. It was Doherty picking up the win 3-1 and a trip to the finals.

Doherty faced Brian Nelles in the finals. Nelles won 5 straight matches in the prior round and advanced to the finals bracket where he met Doherty for the first time. In the first set, Doherty won by the close score of 3-2 forcing a sudden death match. Doherty defeated Nelles again 3-1 and was crowned the Copper # 1 Division Champion.

### Bronze # 2 Division Singles:

In this 41 player bracket, it was Jim Dickson from Oshawa that won the Bronze # 1 Division title. It was Dickson's first time to the podium after winning 4 straight matches. Along the way, he had earlier defeated North Bay's Richard Mines and sent him to the B side of the bracket. Mines had won four matches before being sent to the quarter final match where he rebounded quickly and handed third place finisher Jack Gauthier from Rouyn-Noranda a loss in a hard-fought match 3-2.

In the final, Dickson wasted little time and won in the first set 4 games to 1 and claimed his first ever title as champion.

### Bronze # 1 Division Singles:

There were 38 players in this bracket. At the end of the day, Jarvis Pankratz from North Bay emerged the victor after defeating Dan Beaudoin from Rouyn-Noranda in the final, but it took two sets to do it.

Beaudoin took the easy route to the finals, going through the bracket undefeated after winning 5 straight matches and waiting for an opponent. In the finals bracket, it was Pankratz who got revenge winning the first set by the close score of 4 games to 3 forcing a sudden death match. Pankratz defeated Beaudoin 4-2 and was crowned the 2023 Bronze #1 Division Champion.

### Silver Division Singles:

In a very strong division with top notch players, Rouyn-Noranda's Martial Royer emerged as the Champion. Royer started the day with a win then lost in his next outing to Sudbury's Steve Butkevich and was sent packing to the B side of the bracket. Once there he bounced back and won his next five matches, defeating third place finisher Tyler Paradis in a hard fought 4-3 win. Now Royer was on a trip to the final.

In the first set of the final match, he had a chance for pay-back at Butkevich, the first set went to Royer winning by a score of 4-1, setting up a sudden death final. Royer emerged as the champion after easily defeating Butkevich 4 games to 1.

### Open Division Singles:

This is the premier division of the Singles portion of the tournament. Two of the top players, Derick Girard from North Bay and Andy Aupin from Sudbury were expected to be in the final match. However, in the quarter-finals, fellow teammate, Leon Trudeau defeated Aupin in a hard-fought match by a score of 5-4 sending Aupin to the B side of the bracket where he would finally face Girard. It was Trudeau who had beat Girard in an earlier match, sending both top players to the B side bracket. Trudeau won 5 straight matches to earn his spot in the final.

Aupin lost to Girard 7-4, giving Girard a place in the championship final against Trudeau where he had to beat Trudeau twice. It was all Girard, easily winning the first set 7-1 and 7-2 in the second set. Girard was finally deemed the champion of the Open division after a very long two days, playing eleven matches with a badly injured hand but still prevailed.

### Hard Luck Bronze Singles

1st Place - Chris Assiniwe from Sudbury  
2nd Place - Harvey Bell from Sudbury

# 8-BALL RUMBLE TITLES DECLARED

## TEAM EVENTS

### Copper Division:

In this 24 Team Division the final came down to an all-North Bay affair. One In A Row with players Terry Newhook, Chris Wall, Lynne Seguin and Tim Derosier advanced to finals bracket after coming out of their round-robin pool with three wins. Their counterparts, You Chalkin' To Me with Micheal Dubie, Sierra Seguin, Chris Yee and George Hughie came out of their round robin bracket with three wins as well to earn their spot in the finals.

Both teams won three straight matches in the 16 Team single elimination bracket to face each other in the final match. And what a close one it was with One In A Row winning by a narrow margin of 115-116 and were crowned the Copper Division Champions. Tied for 3rd was Bazinga from Sault Ste. Marie and Blizzard Wizards from North Bay.

### Bronze Division:

There were 31 Teams in the Bronze Division competing in the round-robin brackets with the hopes of advancing to the 24 Team, single elimination finals bracket. In the end, it was Clean Slate from North Bay with Shawn Seguin, Brad Grierson, Shane Plante and John Murphy against Balls Deep from Oshawa with Al Young, Doug Joy, Nate Schroor and Tim Jukes who made it to the finals. Clean Slate advanced to the finals bracket by placing second in their round robin bracket and Balls Deep placed third in their bracket.

### Silver Division:

There were 11 Teams competing in two round-robin brackets for the Silver Division title. The top eight teams from each bracket advanced to the single elimination final on Sunday. In the end, it was Les Eponges from Rouyn-Noranda and WUT from Sudbury who made it to the finals.

Les Eponges with Catherine Royer, Martial Royer, Michel Gingras and Steve Bureau placed third in their round-robin bracket but picked up steam once they made it to the finals. WUT came in second in their division and continued their winning ways in the play-offs. Team members were Harvey Bell, Chris Assiniwe, Leon Trudea and Andy Aupin. It was a close and exciting match with WUT coming out on top by a narrow margin victory 129 to 121 over Les Eponges. Tied for third place was Lots of Bottom from Sudbury and Tight But It Goes from North Bay.



**Recreational Singles Champion:** Alex Pilon (r) with Kim Tipler



**Copper #2 Singles Champion:** Barry Nelles (r) with Kim Tipler



**Copper #1 Singles Champion:** Darrel Doherty (r) with Kim Tipler



**Bronze#2 Singles Champion:** Jim Dickson (r) with Kim Tipler



**Bronze #1 Singles Champion:** Jarvis Pankratz (r) with Kim Tipler



**Silver Singles Champion:** Martial Royer (r) with Kim Tipler



**Open Singles Champion:** Derick Girard (r) with Kim Tipler



**Copper Team Champion:** One In A Row



**Bronze Team Champion:** Clean Slate



**Silver Team Champion:** WUT

# Shane Van Boening

VNEA Pro Player Representative

2023  
**WORLD 8-BALL**  
CHAMPION

*Congrats, Shane!*





*Some business decisions just work out better than others... and bringing in Top Tour Player Shane Van Boening as the VNEA Pro Player Representative in 2019 has been a great decision that just keeps getting better!*

Shane's early career began in VNEA's Junior Program and advanced through our Adult Leagues. He, and several members of his family including his mother, aunt and grandparents, have been members of the VNEA Family for decades.

Immediately after joining our Team, Shane has brightened our events with his glowing presence and classy demure. Playing challenge matches, signing autographs and posing for pictures with our players at both our Vegas and Junior Championships has added an incredible amount of star-power to the VNEA brand!

Shane's reputation on Tour is legendary. His tenacity and will to win are second to none and his longevity in the sport can be attributed to his active tour schedule and countless practice sessions. Shane has been a staple on the USA Mosconi Cup for years and always represents his country with class and grace. As one of the tours top players, Shane won numerous titles over his storied career including five U.S. Open Championships. In 2022, Shane added to his title tally by becoming the World 9-Ball Champion!



## **SVB Wins The 2023 World 8-Ball Championship Title In Austria! October 22, 2023**

**The "South Dakota Kid" added his name to only a handful of players to win both the 8-Ball and 9-Ball World Championships!** These accomplishments have cemented Shane's legacy in the sport and made him the most famous pool player on the planet!

*The VNEA is incredibly proud of Shane and our team and players wish him a well-deserved CONGRATULATIONS for this latest title and continued success throughout the season!*

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The **CSR** is the official rating for billiard players on CompuSport. It's developed in partnership with National and State Associations, Event Managers and many Players to ensure the rating system is fair, accurate and reliable. It is updated every week and takes into account all games played in an official event managed on CompuSport.

#### Accurate & Reliable

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### Available Now In The Player App

**Players can now access the CSR directly from the CompuSport's Player App.**

**CSR Lookup** You can easily search for any player's **CSR** rating in the app. With a basic plan, you can search by player name. **Premium** users can also filter results by location, event, operator and more.

**Compare** **Premium** users can evaluate their odds to win and compare their skill with any other player in the app to see the difference in their **CSR** over time, along with other stats like their average and win rate.

**My CSR Details** (Coming Soon) All pool players can see their own **CSR** and search for other players. **Premium** users will be able to analyze their own **CSR** with detailed graphs and break down how each game has impacted their **CSR**. Among other things, players will be able to see the variation of their **T-CSR** over time and even for each game played.

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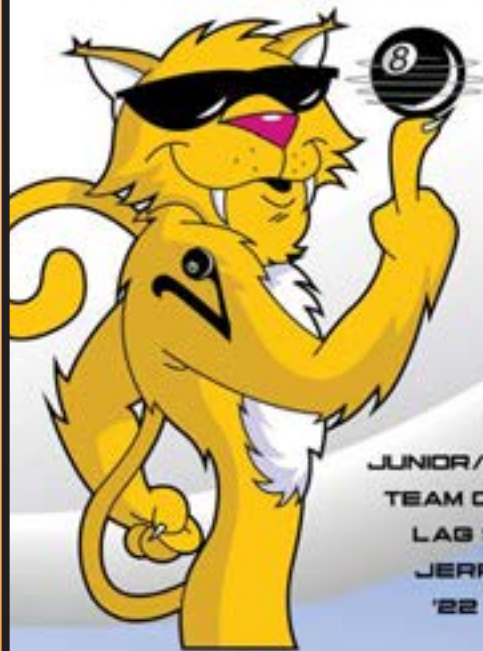
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## 3 SKILL LEVELS FOR A FAIR PLAYING SURFACE FOR ALL

**1) Sports Division...** Established to prove our commitment in creating competition and awards for those not able to effectively compete in the Regular Division.

**2) Redemption Division...** Created to fill the void where players drop off the loser's side of the bracket after it is too late to enter the Sports Division and before they received any awards in the Regular Division.

**3) Regular Division...** Targeted for the everyday, fun-loving league player who dreams of the opportunity to attend an International Championship to experience this pool frenzy with fellow pool players around the World and find a very fair and competitive playing surface.

### SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY:

World Champion Pool Player and VNEA Pro Player Representative - **Shane Van Boening!**

### AGE GROUPS:

Youth Division: **Ages 7-11**

Minor Division: **Ages 12-15**

Major Division: **Ages 16-20**

**AWARDS:** With the recent additional awards in the form of Plaques and Certificates for the Redemption and Sports Divisions, the additional acrylic Charlie Awards for the popular and highly contested Scotch Doubles events, the beautiful ACME Cases for Champions, the 34th Annual event will also present **a nice overall payout of the Singles & Team Awards** from our *Major Sponsor Ozone Billiards* (see enclosed pages). Players will travel home with a meaningful award that they will treasure forever and boast to their friends about the excitement and fun of being in the VNEA Junior Pool League Program!

Team Opening Ceremonies will conclude with a **“Shot Heard Around The World”** as all Teams will commence their opening breaks **“Simultaneously”** for the Whole World To HEAR!



# VNEA JUNIORS SET THEIR SITES ON SIOUX CITY, IOWA FOR THE 2024 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 18-21, 2024 • Sioux City, Iowa

## Sioux City Convention Center

The **World's Largest Junior Pool Tournament** will draw around 400 Sanctioned VNEA Junior League Players from 12+ States, Canadian Provinces, Bahamas and New Zealand. Dozens of Charter Holders will be represented in Sioux City where 80 Beautiful Valley Tables will be set for this Annual Extravaganza! When the doors open at noon on Thursday, all 80 tables will be filled with excited junior shooters playing in the biggest event of their lives! The enthusiasm and sportsmanship that is displayed at this event are truly incredible and demonstrates that the future of the VNEA is in good hands with these young, mannered and talented players! Charlie's, Cues, Cases and Gift e-Certificates will be up for grabs for many of the top finishers! But one thing is for certain... **everyone in attendance will have a blast!**

## Tons of Prizes!

**Plus...** Shane Van Boening, Dave Pearson, Tom Rossman & Jerry Briesath

**Team Shirts are MANDATORY at the "34th Annual" Int'l Junior Championships.**



### THURSDAY, JULY 18 • 2024

Noon	Room Opens for Practice
Noon - 2:00 pm	Singles Check-In
Noon - 11:00 pm	Regular Singles Begins

### FRIDAY, JULY 19 • 2024

TBD <i>(Posted on Thursday Night)</i>	Sports, Redemption & Regular Singles Matches
TBD - 11:00 pm	Mini-Singles Competition
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Team Events Check-In
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Players Reception
7:00 pm	Top Cat Challenge

### SATURDAY, JULY 20 • 2024

8:30 am	Opening Ceremonies - <i>Singles Trophy Presentation</i>
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 21 • 2024

9:00 am	Team Competition Finals
Continual	Awards Presentation

## Team Format

Teams will consist of three playing members who have competed in at least 6 junior league matches with the same Charter Holder. The 9 game round robin format will be used in the 8-ball team events. Each player will play each player from the opposing team once. The team with the most points at the end of the match will be declared the winner.

All divisions will be of the double elimination format with the finals bracket participants starting with zero losses subject to change based on entries.

**The Sports & Redemption Divisions will be Single Elimination.**

## Tie Breaker

If there is a tie in the Total Points at the end of the match, proceed as follows until a winner is decided...

- Play last round again, with the same match-ups, on the scoresheet/computer.
- Each Team will begin with zero points.
- Flip for first break and alternate thereafter.

## Singles Format

**Race** - 4 games/winners and losers

**The Sports & Redemption Divisions will be Single Elimination subject to change based on entries.**

All players must have competed in a minimum of 6 junior league matches. The double elimination format will be used.

## Substitution Rule

A team may substitute players during a match if the following criteria are met:

- The opposing team captain must be notified before the start of the round in which the substitution is being made.
- A substitute player will not be allowed to play any opposing player more than once.
- Once a player has played, he/she must keep that same position unless removed for a round and reinstated in a later round.

## Determining the Break

**Team:** Team captains will flip a coin prior to making the line-up. The winner of the coin toss has a chance of being home or visiting team. The home team will complete their line-up first each round. The teams will then break in accordance with the scoresheet.

**Singles:** Flip a coin to determine the first break and alternate thereafter.

## Official Scoresheet

The Home Scoresheet is the official scoresheet and will be used to settle any disputes. Both captains are responsible for the accuracy of the Home scoresheet after each game.

## 8-On-The-Break

If the 8-ball is pocketed on the break, the breaker may ask for a rerack or have the 8-ball spotted and continue shooting. If the breaker scratches while pocketing the 8-ball on the break, the opposing player has the option of a rerack or having the 8-ball spotted before beginning to shoot.

## Rack Your Own Breaks

- Various Rack Devices will **NOT** be allowed.

## Devices Are Not Allowed For Jump Shots

## Call Pocket

In Call Pocket, obvious balls and pockets do not have to be indicated. It is the opponent's right to ask which ball and pocket if he/she is unsure of the shot. Banks and combinations are not considered obvious and both the object ball and the pocket must be called. When calling the shot, it is NEVER necessary to indicate details such as the number of cushions, banks, kisses, caroms, etc. Any balls pocketed on a foul remain pocketed, regardless of whether they belong to the shooter or the opponent. If a shooter continually refuses to inform his opponent, even when asked, the captains or tournament officials should be informed. Continuous failure to verbally call the pocket can be ruled unsportsmanlike conduct.

## Calling the 8-Ball

Calling of the 8-ball must be by the disc method in the following manner:

### Disc Placement...

The disc must be completely within the first two diamonds on either side of the intended pocket. (A Referee will make a ruling if the position is protested.)

It is not necessary to move or touch the disc if it is already at the intended pocket. If a player shoots at the 8-ball and commits a legal shot and the 8-ball is not pocketed, the game continues.

## Team Roster

The "Official Team Roster" are the players listed on the Scoresheet/Computer.

## Illegal Team Player

Any Team determined to have listed a Team Member on the Tournament Scoresheet, for any match that has begun, that is not listed on the "Official Team Roster" will be penalized as follows...

- The Team will Forfeit any match in progress or any match completed before their next round begins and eliminated from any further Team competition.
- The Team will Forfeit any Prizes.

## Safeties

A Safety can be played within the definition of a legal shot.

## Start of Match

All matches will start at their posted time if the assigned table is available. If a player/players is absent, the match must still begin and the absent player/players will have until the end of that round to show up. If they are not there by the end of the round, the absent person/persons will lose that game 10-0. This rule is the same for all the rounds.

## Played Wrong Player

In the event that wrong people have played or are playing each other, the following procedure will be followed:

- If the game is completed, that score will be forwarded to the proper place that they are scheduled to play. That score will not count until it falls into the proper place.
- If the game is not completed, the captains will get the proper people to the table and restart the game.
- If a game is played between the same opponents for a second time during the match, the score of the second time does not count as long as the scoresheet is filled out properly prior to the round beginning.
- It is both team captain's responsibility to ensure that the proper players are playing each game before the round starts. Therefore, if one captain listed a player to play the same player a second time, the captains team who listed the wrong player will lose 10-0.

## End of Match

A match is considered over when a team can no longer mathematically win.

## Forfeits

### Team & Singles...

Be sure to read and be aware of the Forfeit Procedures that are posted in the Tournament Room.

## Scoring

If a game ends without a group of balls being legally determined, the winner receives ten points and the opponent receives zero points.

**Junior League players who have played in the VNEA World Championships in Las Vegas will not be eligible to compete in the 34th Annual Int'l Junior Pool Championships.**

**Tournament Referees will be used and decisions will be final.**

# DRESS CODE

**All participants in the Int'l Junior Championships must comply with the following Dress Code:**

1. *No Halter Tops • No Cut-Offs • No Swimwear • No Midriffs • No Tank Tops • No Tube Tops  
No Improper Verbiage • No Droopy Pants*
2. *All shorts must be clean, neat, presentable, hemmed and of proper length to be allowed.  
Rugged cut-offs will not be allowed.*
3. *All players, during their scheduled matches, will present themselves in a neat and clean appearance.*
4. *Tournament officials will have the right to ask any player or spectator not properly attired to leave the playing area.*
5. *Absolutely no alcoholic beverages or smoking in the Tournament Room.*
6. *Ear buds are not allowed during a match.*

## PLEASE NOTE:

There will be absolutely no tournament entries accepted at the Tournament Site.

All participants will be required to submit a Tournament Release Form.

All participants must meet the various age requirements by **January 1, 2024** to compete in that division at the "34th Annual" International Championships.

## "TOP CAT" EVENT (Champions receive Personalized Plaques)

This exciting **TEAM** event will consist of all 1st and 2nd Place Finishers in the Regular Singles. All Regular Division Finalists, both Boys and Girls, will compete in the 9-Game, Single-Elimination, Team format to see who is the **"BEST OF THE BEST"!**

## 2024 JUNIOR TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

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# PRIZES & AWARDS

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4th Place	<b>\$150</b> , 3 Two-Piece Cues & Individual Charlies

### MALE SINGLES

*(Approximately 80% Of Field)*

1st Place	<b>\$250</b> , Charlie & ACME Case
2nd Place	<b>\$175</b> & Charlie
3rd Place	<b>\$125</b> & Charlie
4th Place	<b>\$100</b> & Charlie
5-6th Place	<b>\$75</b>
7-8th Place	<b>\$50</b>

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### FEMALE SINGLES

*(Approximately 20% Of Field)*

1st Place	<b>\$100</b> , Charlie & ACME Case
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4th Place	<b>\$40</b> & Charlie

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# PRIZES & AWARDS

## REDEMPTION DIVISION

### TEAM

#### Finish

#### Award

1st Place

Individual Championship Plaques

2nd Place

Individual Championship Plaques

### MALE SINGLES

1st Place

Championship Plaque

2nd Place

Championship Plaque



### FEMALE SINGLES

1st Place

Championship Plaque

2nd Place

Championship Plaque



## SPORTS DIVISION

### TEAM

#### Finish

#### Award

1st Place

Individual Championship Certificates

2nd Place

Individual Championship Certificates



### MALE SINGLES

1st Place

Championship Certificates

2nd Place

Championship Certificates



### FEMALE SINGLES

1st Place

Championship Certificates

2nd Place

Championship Certificates

# 2024 JUNIOR PREVIEW

VNEA is once again bringing the **34th Annual International Junior Championships** back to the Midwest to Sioux City, Iowa. The Sioux City Convention Center is where all of the exciting Tournament action will take place!

The Host Hotel is the Courtyard by Marriott. Conveniently located in the heart of downtown Sioux City, Iowa, the Courtyard is connected to the Sioux City Convention Center. The Courtyard Sioux City Downtown / Convention Center features a Bistro, comfortable guestrooms, complimentary high-speed WiFi, indoor pool, and a fitness center overlooking Historic 4th Street. The outdoor Patio and Fire Pit overlook the Promenade Theater and several downtown restaurants and shops within walking distance.

**Here's just a glimpse of the surroundings...**

**Photo Tour Of This Property:** <https://tinyurl.com/5eejxz3d>



*Courtyard by Marriott - Host Hotel*



*Courtyard by Marriott - Pool Area*

**Area Information:** <https://exploresiouxcity.org>



*Sioux City Convention Center*

# ON-LINE PLAYER REGISTRATION DETAILS

All Junior Official Entries Summary Report, Official Entry Form Report and Fees must be returned to VNEA Headquarters by **July 1st, 2024** with accompanying statistics. Entries received without proper statistics will be returned.

## Registering **Your Players**

### ON-LINE REGISTRATION IS EASY, FAST & SECURE!

All Tournament Participants will be registered on-line, by Charter Holders, for the upcoming Int'l Junior Championships

- Every Charter will login, create their own password and enter their own secure registration section.
- Once logged in, you will have access to your player base and can enter as many Entries as needed.
- All Stats and Payment will still be required to be mailed to VNEA Headquarters before entries are accepted.
- You will be able to and must print copies of all Entries for yourself and each Team Captain to take to the Tournament.
- Formal, easy, step-by-step instructions will be forwarded to all Charter Holders shortly.

All sanctioned players are eligible for Tournament competition providing they have played in a Junior League for a minimum of 6 league matches and are deemed an active player by their respective Charter Holders.

**Singles:** All Singles Divisions will be separated into female divisions and male divisions.

All participants must meet the various divisions age requirements by January 1, 2024 to compete in that division at the 34th Annual International Championships.

**NOTE:** Please be diligent in checking your players Team Names for appropriateness.

There will be no Entry Forms accepted after **July 1st, 2024** or at the Tournament site.

Entry Fees are **NOT** required for Tournament participation... ONLY Green/Admin. Fees.

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2023 WORLD 8-BALL CHAMPION

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## LIVE STREAMING

For the past several years, the VNEA has had the event STREAMING LIVE on the internet and will continue to LIVE STREAM this Tournament so all parent's, family and friends back home get a chance to see the Tournament in "real-time". *Stay tuned for updated details.*

## DICK HAWKINS "ALL-STAR" TEAM

VNEA will recognize its "Best Players Of The Weekend". The Top Girls and Top Boys will be awarded the distinction of "2024 VNEA All-Stars". For all of his contributions to the program, this award has been named to honor original member and founder of D & R Star - **Dick Hawkins**.



## JERRY BRIESATH "SPORTSMANSHIP" AWARD



If you've been to any of our Junior events throughout the years, you will have seen Jerry Briesath at his table helping the kids improve their game. Jerry is one of the leading pool instructors in the world.

This award is given to the Player or Team that shows class and integrity throughout the event through wins and losses, good shots and bad. This award honors our always good sport - **Jerry Briesath**.

## TEAM UNIFORM AWARD COMPETITION



# 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 also recently released 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 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 World Renown “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 (GW 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 is extremely eager to become an integral part of growing our ever-popular Junior Program. He truly understands that the kids are the future of our great sport. Shane will be attending and performing at both the Vegas and Junior Championships this year and he looks forward to meeting all of our players and sharing his knowledge and experiences with the VNEA World!

# NEW

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Many years ago, a person at one of my shows asked me if they could buy my lines – the “funny little” things I was saying during the performance. I knew they were funny since this person was the only one laughing. I was humbled and honored to give my lines away at no extra charge with the hope that this person would make one other person laugh: someday, somewhere, somehow! In over 50 years of entertaining, I have developed a rather lengthy list of “Dr. Cueisms,” which are used to accent points of instruction and / or entertainment shows.

This is the eighth release of many editions, so to speak, that I want to present now and via future VNEA articles. When finished you will have a total of 70 “Dr. Cueisms” that I included in my 2016 mental / heart manual entitled Student of the Game and Life! May each line give you a little bit of “joy” to brighten your day. Please share them with others!

**Note:** You may download a “free” copy of the aforementioned manual at our website – [drcuepromotions.com](http://drcuepromotions.com) (click on the “products” menu tab – then on 1st graphic window).

### **Continued from prior article...**

46) *Flip of coin is skill to the point of release from the hand, then it is in His hands!*

47) *I'll play any game you like... 9-Ball, 8-Ball, Bank Pool, Chess, Checkers, Badminton, Basketball (I can slam dunk from five feet), Ping Pong, Tidily Winks or Marbles – Go ahead, pick one!*



48) *A ball goes off the table and lands on the floor because of: a) friction between the bottom of the ball moving across the table surface, b) creating heat, which makes the ball rise, and then c) the ball falling to the floor because of gravity -- Thank you, Mr. Newton!*

49) *I am a trained professional – right now, that doesn't mean a thing!*

50) *See that chalk on the other side of the table – it has nothing to do with this shot!*

### **To be continued...**

Laugh and enjoy, always...on your personal billiard and life journey to “victory” until next time when...

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Thousands of pool players have displayed their talents in VNEA Leagues throughout the U.S. and abroad since the inception of the VNEA in 1980. Our players are all very important.

However, not all of these players will ever join the ranks of **Shane VanBoening**, Johnny Archer or Allison Fisher. But, a handful of them possess an incomparable desire to accomplish goals that far exceed an average pool players expectations. For these extraordinary players, and also players with other special skills, the VNEA Hall of Fame was created in 1993. With 145 fine members already in place, the Hall promises to be a fraternity of honor and excellence.

If you believe that a player in your league system is deserving of being titled a Hall of Famer, we encourage you to complete this Official Ballot and return it to VNEA Headquarters by January 15th, 2024. Taking into consideration the comments on your ballots, the Awards Committee will choose the most deserving players for the Hall. Those who are chosen will be highlighted in a future issue of "8-Ball News & Views". **Be sure to return "your nomination" TODAY!**

### Take This Opportunity To Nominate!

With nearly 100,000 league players in the VNEA, only 5 new members will forever be etched in our prestigious history books.

**Please attach a Separate Sheet to list Nominee's qualifications!**



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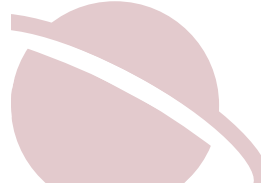
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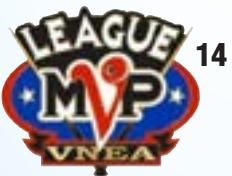


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# Awards



- VNEA Sanction Patch/Pin**
- League Champion Chevron/Pin**  
*This is available for the members of the first place team in each league.*
- Most Improved Player Patch**  
*This award is available for one player in each league who has shown marked improvement over their previous season.*
- Most 10/0 Games Pin**
- Most 10's In A Season Pin**
- Most 10's Consecutively Pin**  
*Those players who accomplish the Most 10's, Most 10/0 Games and Most 10's Consecutively in a season will be awarded these unique Most 10 Pins. These pins are great additions to anyone's award collection.*
- Break Master Pin**  
*It's when a player gets their first, fifth or tenth 8-On-The-Break or maybe you give it to the player who achieved the most on a team... It's up to you!*
- Most 8-On The Break Pin**  
*For the player in your league who has accomplished the most 8-on the breaks.*
- ERO Pin**  
*VNEA offers to its players this very attractive 8-Ball Run-Out pin for their individual effort.*
- Most ERO's Pin**  
*One per league. For the player who achieves the most 8-ball run-outs during the season.*
- Table Run Pin**  
*A players first time at the table and they run out and win but all 15 balls do not need to be on the table when their first turn begins.*
- Perfect Match Pin**  
*When a player holds their opponent scoreless in a league match.*
- Perfect Attendance Pin**  
*To be eligible for this award a player must have played every scheduled night of the league.*
- League MVP Pin**  
*Awarded to the player who has escalated to the top of their league.*
- 9 & 10 Average Pins**  
*Awarded to those players who end the league season with a 9 or 10 Avg.*
- Sportsmanship Pin**  
*Awarded to the player showing the qualities of a true sportsman throughout the league season.*
- Captain's Pin**  
*Available to the Captain of each league team.*
- Most Consecutive 9-Ball Wins**
- Most 9-Ball Wins Pin**
- Most 9-Ball Shut Outs Pin**
- Most 9's On The Break Pin**  
*These 9-Ball awards are available for one player in each league who achieves each of these feats at the end of the season.*
- 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 Year Member Patches**  
*These longevity awards are to thank your players for their continued support and dedication to the VNEA.*
- Charlie Cougar Pin**
- VNEA Pool Leagues Pin**

# 2024 VNEA WORLD POOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

May 23rd - June 1st



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# Recent Tournament Changes & Reminders!

*A minimum of 12 separate league nights must have been played to participate in the Team and Singles events. See exceptions on page 10 for Seniors and Team members.*

*Many players have been dropped from Masters to Intermediate or dropped off the Intermediate list, so be sure to review these lists closely prior to your league season, local Tournaments or World's registration.*

**SCOTCH DOUBLES: Start Time for ALL Scotch Doubles - Thursday, 5/23 @ 10a. Money will be added to ALL Divisions.**

**Senior Singles participants can qualify with a minimum of 8 separate league nights played.**

Various "Rack Devices" will NOT be allowed. • **DEVICES ARE NOT ALLOWED FOR JUMP SHOTS.**

**REGULAR DIVISION MEN'S CLASSIC & OPEN SENIORS WHO QUALIFY FOR THE SPORTS DIVISION WILL COMPETE IN A SEPARATE 8-BALL MEN'S CLASSIC/OPEN SENIOR SPORTS DIVISION AND A SEPARATE 9-BALL MEN'S CLASSIC/OPEN SENIOR SPORTS DIVISION.**

A separate, **Classic 8-Ball Singles Division** is available for Intermediate & Master Tournament Entrants who are of proper age in addition to their normal 8-Ball Singles event. All participants must be out of all other events and the sign-up will be on-site. Cost is \$80 which includes a \$5 Admin. Fee and \$15 Green Fee.

**A 3-Person Classic Division will be conducted as a MINI with Registration On-Site. No Masters and only (1) Intermediate per team. Players do not have to be from the same Charter Holder.**

**One (1) Intermediate FEMALE will be allowed to play on an Open Regular Team.**

**Open Master Team & Women's Master Team Divisions** must consist of at least (2) Teams to qualify for participation and payout.

**3-Person Open Team Events** will be conducted as Mini's with registration on-site. Any combination of males and females from ANY Charter. No Masters and only (1) Intermediate per team.

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## Scotch Doubles... *(consists of One Male & One Female)* **Money will be ADDED to Scotch Doubles.**

The "Official Scotch Doubles" competition will start on Thursday, May 23rd at 10:00am. Sign-ups for Regular, Intermediate and Master Scotch Doubles will take place on Wednesday, May 22nd from 3pm-10pm and Thursday, May 23rd from 8am-9am. Additional Scotch Doubles will take place, only in the mini format, during the rest of the week. **(including Open Doubles)**

## FEES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS...

**\$100 / Team • Race: 3 Games (Regular), ~~\$15 NEW~~ • Race: 4 Games (IM), ~~\$15 NEW~~ • Race: 5 Games (Master)**  
**Format: DOUBLE Elimination**

**Fees Include A \$25 GREEN FEE And A \$10 ADMIN FEE • TEAM MUST PLAY IN THE HIGHER RANKED PLAYERS DIVISION**  
*(Participants must be sanctioned and can be from the same or different Charter Holders.)*

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## Professional Player Rule...

**Any player determined to have "Pro Status" is not eligible to play in any VNEA competition at the World Championships.**

**Women & Men:** Tournament Committee discretion will be used to determine Pro status for all prospective participants. Ample notice is required by the Tournament Committee for all players of potential Pro ability in your league system.

*The VNEA thru the Tournament Committee reserves the right to disqualify any player or team, before or during the tournament or refuse any entry prior to the tournament.*

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**Be sure to contact your Charter Holder for all other World's pertinent information and local sign-up dates and procedures.**

# General Information For You & Your Players

**CHAMPIONSHIP DATES:** May 23rd - June 1st, 2024

**EVENT SITE:** Westgate Resort & Casino • Las Vegas, NV

**WESTGATE RESERVATIONS:** Visit [VNEA.com](http://VNEA.com) to book a discounted room or Call **800.635.7711** And Mention VNEA

## General Tournament Information

### All participants in International Competition:

- must be deemed an active player by his/her Charter Holder.
- must be able to show a pictured I.D. for positive identification and prize money disbursements.
- are subject to random I.D. checks for eligibility purposes.

**There will be absolutely no tournament entries accepted at Tournament Site.**

**Exception:** Mini-Tournaments, Scotch Doubles and IM/Master Classic Singles.

*Players may be listed on more than one teams roster, for precautionary purposes. However, the first team that any player shoots for, in any division, is the only team that player is allowed to play for.*

### Tournament Dress Code

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

**No Halter Tops • 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.*

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

### Age Requirement

All players must be of legal drinking age to play in the licensed establishment where the qualifying league is played **AND** are at least 18 years of age.

**All prize money winners must be 21 years old to cash their winnings at the Westgate Casino Cage.**

## Featured Events

### Sports Divisions

Open 8-Ball Teams  
Women's 8-Ball Teams  
Men's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles  
Women's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles  
8-Ball Men's Classic/Open Senior Singles  
9-Ball Men's Classic/Open Senior Singles

### Redemption Divisions

Open 8-Ball Teams  
Women's 8-Ball Teams  
Men's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles  
Women's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles

### Regular Divisions

Open 8-Ball Teams  
Women's 8-Ball Teams  
Men's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles  
Women's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles  
Men's Classic 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles  
Women's Classic 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles  
Open Senior 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles  
Scotch Doubles

### Resurrection Divisions

\*Open 8-Ball Teams  
\*Women's 8-Ball Teams  
Men's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles  
Women's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles

### Intermediate Divisions

Open 8-Ball Teams  
Women's 8-Ball Teams  
Men's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles  
Women's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles  
Open Classic 8-Ball Singles  
Scotch Doubles

### Masters Divisions

\*Open 8-Ball Teams  
\*Women's 8-Ball Teams  
Men's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles  
Women's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles  
Open Classic 8-Ball Singles  
Scotch Doubles

*\* Two or more Teams required for participation.*

# 44th Annual Schedule of Events

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

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024

3:00 pm - 10:00 pm Mini Tournaments

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

## THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024

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

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

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

**10:00 am Intern. & Master Scotch Doubles 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 Scotch Doubles Finals

## FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2024

8:00 am - 8:30 am 9-Ball Singles questions, concerns, etc.

**9:00 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 Begin

TBA 9-Ball Redemption Singles Begins

## SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024

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

**9:00 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 Available

TBA 8-Ball Sports Singles Begins

## SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024

TBA 3-Person Classic Event

9:00 am 8-Ball Singles Competition Continues  
*(includes Sports)*

TBA IM/Master Classic Singles Begins

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

Times Posted On-Site: Daily Raffle

TBA 8-Ball Redemption Singles Begins

TBA 8-Ball Resurrection Singles Begin

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Prize Money Available

TBA Masters Singles Finals

TBA Regular Scotch Doubles Finals

## MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024

TBA 8-Ball & 9-Ball Finals

TBA World Team Competition

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

10:00 am - 2:30 pm Artistic Finals Shootout #1

11:00 am - 1:00 pm Prize Money Available

2:00 pm Certified Referee School

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Prize Money 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)*

7:45 pm Opening Ceremonies  
*Suds & Chips Mixer  
Parade Of Flags  
Hall Of Fame Induction  
Singles Awards Presentation*

8:30 pm Free Beer, Pop & Chips *(limited quantity)*  
*Cash Bar til midnight & Entertainment*

## TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024

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 Available

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

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2024

9:00 am Team Competition Continues

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

Times Posted On-Site: Daily Raffle

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Prize Money Available

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

TBA Sports Divisions Competition Begins

## THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2024

9:00 am Team Competition Continues

9:00 am Executive Committee Meeting

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 Available  
*(includes Team)*

7:00 pm President's Reception  
*Meritorious Service Award*

## FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024

9:00 am Team Competition Continues

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

TBA Hardluck Competition

10:00 am - 2:30 pm Artistic Finals VNEA World Shootout

Noon Charter Holders Meeting

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Prize Money Available

5:00 pm Cues for Kids Giveaways @ VNEA Booth

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

TBA Team Finals

## SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024

9:00 am Team Competition Continues

10:00 am - Final Match Prize Money Available

5:00 pm - 8:30 pm Cocktails, Banquet, Awards, Constant Giveaways & Entertainment

8:31 pm Curtain Call & Goodbye's



# Vegas Rules, Format, etc.

The governing rules of play are detailed in the 2023-2024 VNEA Rules Booklet and will be strictly adhered to along with the following:

## Team Format

The 25 game round robin format will be used in the Open Regular 8-Ball team events. The 16 game round robin format will be used in the Women's Regular 8-Ball team events. Each player will play each player from the opposing team once. The team with the most points at the end of the match will be declared the winner.

- All Regular team events will be played using a Double Elimination format in the qualifying brackets. Finals brackets will be re-drawn with participants starting with no losses and will also be Double Elimination.

- **The Sports Division will be Double Elimination and will consist of 5-Person Open Teams (25 Game Format) and 4-Person Women's Teams (16 Game Format).**

- **The Redemption Division will be Single Elimination and will consist of 4-Person Open Teams (16 Game Format) and 3-Person Women's Teams (9 Game Format).**

- **The Resurrection Division will be Single Elimination and will consist of 4-Person Open Teams (16 Game Format) and 3-Person Women's Teams (9 Game Format).**

- For Sports, Redemption and Resurrection Teams, all players MUST be listed on the **Original "Official Team Roster"**.

- Master and Intermediate team events will be using the **Triple Elimination** format. The Finals will be **Double Elimination**.

## Tie Breaker

If there is a tie in the Total Points at the end of the match, proceed as follows until a winner is decided...

- *Play last round again, with the same match-ups, on the scoresheet.*
- *Each Team will begin with zero points.*
- *Flip for first break and alternate thereafter.*

## Singles Format

(exception: Redemption & Resurrection Divisions)

All Singles events will be played using a Double Elimination format in the qualifying brackets. Finals brackets will be re-drawn with participants starting with no losses and will also be Double Elimination. **See pg. 10 for all Division Races.**

## Substitution Rule

A team may substitute players during a match if the following criteria are met:

The opposing team captain must be notified before the start of the round in which the substitution is being made.

A substitute player will not be allowed to play any opposing player more than once.

Once a player has played, he/she must keep that same position unless removed for a round and reinstated in a later round.

## Determining the Break

### Teams...

Team captains will flip a coin prior to making the line-up. The winner of the coin toss has a choice of being home or visiting team. The home team will complete their line-up first each round. The teams will then break in accordance with the scoresheet.

### Singles...

Flip a coin to determine the first break and alternate thereafter.

## Table Use

Teams will play on two tables at all times, until the 25th game (25 game format) or 16th game (16 game format). It will be the Tournament Director's discretion to play matches on more than 2 tables if time is a factor.

## Official Scoresheet

The Home Scoresheet is the official scoresheet and will be used to settle any disputes. Both captains are responsible for the accuracy of the Home scoresheet after each game.

## Devices Are Not Allowed For Jump Shots

## 8-On the Break

If the 8-Ball is pocketed on the break, the breaker may ask for a re-rack or have the 8-Ball spotted and continue shooting. If the breaker scratches while pocketing the 8-Ball on the break, the opposing player has the option of a re-rack or having the 8-Ball spotted before beginning to shoot.

## Rack Your Own Breaks

(Various Rack Devices will NOT be allowed)

## Call Pocket

In Call Pocket, obvious balls and pockets do not have to be indicated. It is the opponent's right to ask which ball and pocket if he is unsure of the shot. Banks and combinations are not considered obvious and both the object ball and pocket must be called. When calling the shot, it is NEVER necessary to indicate details such as the number of cushions, banks, kisses, caroms, etc. Any balls pocketed on a foul remain pocketed, regardless of whether they belong to the shooter or the opponent. If a shooter continually refuses to inform his opponent, even when asked, the captains or tournament officials should be informed. Continuous failure to verbally call the pocket can be ruled unsportsmanlike conduct.

## Calling the 8-Ball

Calling of the 8-Ball must be by the disc method in the following manner:

### Disc Placement

The disc must be completely within the first two diamonds on either side of the intended pocket. (A Referee will make a ruling if the disc position is protested)

It is not necessary to move or touch the disc if it is already at the intended pocket. If a player shoots at the 8-Ball and commits a legal shot and the 8-Ball is not pocketed, the game continues.

## Team Roster

**The "Official Team Roster" are the players listed on the scoresheet/computer.**

## Illegal Team Player

Any Team determined to have listed a Team Member on the Tournament Scoresheet, for any match that has begun, that is not listed on the "Official Team Roster" will be penalized as follows...

- *The Team will Forfeit any match in progress or any match completed before their next round begins and eliminated from any further Team competition.*
- *The Team will Forfeit any Prize Money.*

## Safeties

A Safety can be played within the definition of a legal shot.

## Start of Match

All matches will start at their posted time if the assigned table is available. If a player/players is absent, the match must still begin and the absent player/players will have until the end of that round to show up. If they are not there by the end of the round, the absent person/persons will lose that game 10-0. This rule is the same for all the rounds.

## Played Wrong Player

In the event that wrong people have played or are playing each other, the following procedure will be followed:

- *If the game is completed, that score will be forwarded to the proper place that they are scheduled to play. That score will not count until it falls into the proper place.*
- *If the game is not completed, the captains will get the proper people to the table and restart the game.*
- *If a game is played between the same opponents for a second time during the match, the score of the second time does not count as long as the scoresheet is filled out properly prior to the round beginning.*

*It is both team captain's responsibility to ensure that the proper players are playing each game before the round starts. Therefore, if one captain listed a player to play the same player a second time, the captains team who listed the wrong player will lose 10-0.*

## End of Match

A match is considered over when a team can no longer mathematically win.

## Forfeits

**Singles:** Be sure to read the updated Forfeit Procedure posted on-site regarding CompuSport App notification.

**Team:** If no team members are available within 15 minutes after their posted match time, the team will be forfeited. Tournament Committee will decide forfeits.

However, in the event that enough team members, but less than the full team, are available when the match is called, then those present must begin shooting.

## Protest Procedure

In the event a person or team wishes to protest a player's or a team's eligibility, the protesting team or person will be required to deposit \$100 with tournament officials. If protesters are correct in their protest, they will be refunded their deposit and the tournament officials will take proper measures in dealing with the situation. If protesters are incorrect in their protest, they will forfeit their deposit. Deposits will go into the general funds of the VNEA.

## Classics & Seniors

Entrants in the 8-Ball Classics or Seniors Singles cannot play in any other 8-Ball singles and entrants in the 9-Ball Classics or Seniors Singles cannot play in any other 9-Ball Singles.

Seniors can play in either Classics or Seniors - **not both**.

Listed Master & Intermediate Classic or Senior players are ineligible for Regular, Classic or Senior events. *However, a Classic Division is available for them, sign-up on site, in addition to their Singles events.*

**Classics:** (age as of event day)

**Age:** Men - 50 yrs. old minimum  
Women - 45 yrs. old minimum

**Seniors:** (age as of event day)

**Age:** Men & Women - 60 yrs. old minimum

## Scoring

**If a game ends without a group of balls being legally determined, the winner receives ten points and the opponent receives zero points.**



**Room Reservations:** 3000 Paradise Road • Las Vegas, NV 89109

Go to **VNEA.com** and click on the **Westgate Room Reserv.** button to avoid any Daily Resort charges or Offline charges or call **800.635.7711**.

Be sure to mention "VNEA" when making your Room Reservations.

**Special Player Daily Rate Including  
Resort Fee Benefits & Up To Quad Occupancy**

**As Low As \$75!**

**Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino** is the host of the Annual VNEA World Championships. Please make your reservations as soon as possible.

**Please note:** Upon booking your reservation, your credit card will be charged a deposit equal to one night's room and tax. **To avoid forfeiture of deposit, please ensure all changes and cancellations are made at least 3 days prior to scheduled arrival date.** Payment will be accepted by check or major credit card. We recommend immediately contacting Westgate as we anticipate our room block to fill up quickly.

**Check-In:** 3 pm • **Check-Out:** 11 am

All reservations subject to 13.38% room tax.

*(The Daily Resort Fee and Amenities are included in the nightly room rate)*

Discounted Room Rates will continue to be available until 5.2.24 or until room block is full and must be accompanied by a one-night room and tax deposit.

# WESTGATE

## "44th Annual" VNEA World Pool Championships

May 23rd - June 1st, 2024  
Westgate Las Vegas



## A Great Resort For Your Favorite Sport! *Here's A Sneak Peek At What Is Awaiting YOU...*

- **300+ Valley Pool Tables** at our Largest Tournament Venue EVER!
- **Opening Ceremonies Featuring:** Worldwide Parade of Flags, Complimentary Beer, Pop & Chips, Entertainment & Giveaways
- **Awards Banquet Celebration Finale:** Loads of Giveaways including... 2025 Worlds Singles Entries, Tons of CA\$H, a Valley Home Pool Table, Cuesticks, Entertainment and much, much more.
- **VNEA Pro Player Representative - Shane VanBoening** (Tr. Schedule Permitting)
- **Daily Giveaways:** Poolside Cabana's, Show Tickets, Aramith Ball Sets, Buckets of Beer AND MORE!
- **Valley Home Pool Table Giveaways**

## Special Player Daily Room Rate *including Resort Fee Benefits & Up To Quad Occupancy*



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**Westgate Room Reservations**  
or call **800.635.7711**



# WESTGATE

## The Westgate Experience...

### *So Many Benefits For Our Players*

The Westgate offers 100,000 square feet of event space! This allows us to set up 300+ Tables including an entire separate room for **Practice** throughout the week **AND...**

### **A MINI-TOURNAMENT OASIS!**

Unlimited Mini-Tournaments will now be conducted **EVERYDAY... ALL DAY** during the event!

*Check This Out: A Fully Stocked Players Lounge **INSIDE** The Tournament Room! Yep, our own private Lounge & Bartender featuring great drink prices, giveaways and Entertainment!*

**Also**, there are several Shops available for everyday items to Souvenirs to one-of-a-kind items to a Tattoo of Charlie or your preferred body art!

### *And Have You Seen The Sportsbook?!*



*The Westgate is also a primary stop on the popular Monorail which provides affordable transportation up and down the Strip! There is also a Complimentary Shuttle service which goes to the Strip or Downtown which is only a few minutes away. The resort also provides Complimentary Parking, Fitness Center and Wireless Internet to its guests.*



## The Pool...

*The 3rd Story "Pool Paradise" has everything our players could ever ask for... including a **BAR & GRILLE!***

## The Dining...



Westgate features some of the best eateries in the city from their famous Benihana Village to the Edge Steakhouse, Rikki Tiki Sushi, Sid's Cafe and Fresco Italiana! There really is something for everyone's appetite in this beautiful casino.

# Vegas Event Specifics

**Notes:** The Tournament Committee retains final discretion in placing players or teams in the proper Division.

## All Team Division Fees Include Green Fee & Administrative Fee

### REGULAR DIVISION

(Double Elimination)

#### 8-Ball Open Teams

To Be Played With 5 Player Teams

##### Team Fee - \$535

(Includes Entry Fee, Green Fee & Admin. Fee)  
(\$275) (\$225) (\$35)

An Open Regular Team must be comprised of at least **2** original players from the same league team and **both** original members must play every round. The 3rd, 4th and 5th players may come from any team within the same Charter Holder's League System. Four members of the team must have played a minimum of 12 separate league nights and the fifth member must have played a minimum of 8 separate league nights.

- A Regular Division Open Team may not have any Intermediate Men or any Master players.
- One (1) Intermediate FEMALE will be allowed to play on an Open Regular Team.

#### 8-Ball Women's Teams

To Be Played With 4 Player Teams

##### Team Fee - \$410

(Includes Entry Fee, Green Fee & Admin. Fee)  
(\$220) (\$160) (\$30)

A Women's Regular Team must be comprised of at least **2** original female players from the same league team and **both** original members must play every round. The 3rd and 4th female players may come from any team within the same Charter Holder's League System. Three members of the team must have played a minimum of 12 separate league nights and the fourth member must have played a minimum of 8 separate league nights.

- A Regular Division Women's Team may not have any Intermediate or Master players.

**Team Note:** Players may be listed on more than one teams roster, for precautionary purposes. However, the first team that any player shoots for, in any division, is the only team that player is allowed to play for.

### INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

#### 8-Ball Open Teams

To Be Played With 5 Player Teams

##### Team Fee - \$635

(Includes Entry Fee, Green Fee & Admin. Fee)  
(\$375) (\$225) (\$35)

An Open Intermediate Team must be comprised of at least **2** original players from the same league team and **both** original members must play every round. The 3rd, 4th and 5th players may come from any team within the same Charter Holder's League System. Four members of the team must have played a minimum of 12 separate league nights and the fifth member must have played a minimum of 8 separate league nights.

An Open Intermediate Division Team may have one (1) Master player.

#### 8-Ball Women's Teams

To Be Played With 4 Player Teams

##### Team Fee - \$490

(Includes Entry Fee, Green Fee & Admin. Fee)  
(\$300) (\$160) (\$30)

A Women's Intermediate Team must be comprised of at least **2** original female players from the same league team and **both** original members must play every round. The 3rd and 4th female players may come from any team within the same Charter Holder's League System. Three members of the team must have played a minimum of 12 separate league nights and the fourth member must have played a minimum of 8 separate league nights.

- A Women's Intermediate Division Team may have one (1) Female Master player.

**Team Note:** Players may be listed on more than one teams roster, for precautionary purposes. However, the first team that any player shoots for, in any division, is the only team that player is allowed to play for.

### \* MASTERS DIVISION

#### 8-Ball Open Teams

To Be Played With 5 Player Teams

##### Team Fee - \$760

(Includes Entry Fee, Green Fee & Admin. Fee)  
(\$500) (\$225) (\$35)

An Open Masters Team may be comprised of any 5 players from within their Charter Holder's League System so long as they meet the 12 separate league night requirement.

- *Two (2) or more Teams required for participation and payouts.*

#### 8-Ball Women's Teams

To Be Played With 4 Player Teams

##### Team Fee - \$590

(Includes Entry Fee, Green Fee & Admin. Fee)  
(\$400) (\$160) (\$30)

A Women's Masters Team may be comprised of any 4 female players from within their Charter Holder's League System so long as they meet the 12 separate league night requirement.

**Team Note:** Players may be listed on more than one teams roster, for precautionary purposes. However, the first team that any player shoots for, in any division, is the only team that player is allowed to play for.

- *Two (2) or more Teams required for participation and payouts.*

## IM & Master Teams Will Be Via The Triple Elimination Format

**SPORTS DIVISIONS (Double Elimination)** All Teams or Singles players eliminated in TBD rounds or less from the Regular Team or Singles Divisions, upon confirmation, will automatically be placed in the Sports Singles (Races TBD) or Team Division, pay no additional entry fee and share in the overall prize money. Classic & Senior participants, who qualify, will be eligible for the Sports Singles Divisions. Open Teams will consist of 5 players (25-game format) and Women's Teams will consist of 4 players (16-game format).

**REDEMPTION DIVISIONS (Single Elimination)** All Teams or Singles players eliminated in more than TBD rounds (and not yet in the money) from the Regular Team or Singles Divisions, upon confirmation, will automatically be placed in the Redemption Singles (Races TBD) or Team Division, pay no additional entry fee and share in the overall prize money. Also, any Teams or Singles players eliminated from the Sports Division by the posting of the "Redemption" Division will qualify if they confirm. Open Teams will consist of 4 players (16-game format) and Women's Teams will consist of 3 players (9-game format).

**RESURRECTION DIVISIONS (Single Elimination)** All Teams or Singles players eliminated before the money rounds from the Master or Intermediate Team or Singles Divisions, upon confirmation, will automatically be placed in the Resurrection Singles (Races TBD) or Team Division, pay no additional entry fee and share in the overall prize money. Open Teams will consist of 4 players (16-game format) and Women's Teams will consist of 3 players (9-game format). **Minimum Teams:** 2 Teams per Division and match must be played.

 **ALL Sports, Redemption & Resurrection team members MUST be listed on the Original "Official Team Roster".**

## Singles Division Fees Include A \$40 Men & \$35 Women Green Fee & A \$15 Admin. Fee

### 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles

Race: Men - 5, Women - 4  
(DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

All players must have completed the 12 separate league night requirement (exception: Seniors may have 8 weeks) and are subject to Tournament Committee approval as Regular Division players.

**Singles Fees**  
**Men - \$155 Women - \$130**  
(Includes Entry Fee, Green Fee & Admin. Fee)

### 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles

Race: Men - 6, Women - 5  
(DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

All players must have completed the 12 separate league night requirement and are subject to Tournament Committee approval as Intermediate Division players.

**Singles Fees**  
**Men - \$180 Women - \$150**  
(Includes Entry Fee, Green Fee & Admin. Fee)

### 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles

Race: Men - 7, Women - 6  
(DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

All players must have completed the 12 separate league night requirement. Participants need not be recognized Master players to participate in this event.

**Singles Fees**  
**Men - \$205 Women - \$170**  
(Includes Entry Fee, Green Fee & Admin. Fee)

# 44th Annual Vegas Championships

For the World Championships, the following criteria will be used to place individuals in the proper Divisions for the 45th Anniversary Championships...

## **REGULAR DIVISION**

At the 44th Annual World Championships, participants finishing in the **Top 4 Open 8-Ball Teams, Top 2 Women's 8-Ball Teams, Top 8 Men's 8-Ball Singles, Top 4 Women's 8-Ball Singles, Top 4 Men's 9-Ball Singles** and **Top 2 Women's 9-Ball Singles** will be Intermediate for the 45th Anniversary Championships

*\* Players that win a Classic or Senior Division two consecutive years will be moved to the Regular Singles or appropriate Division.*

## **INTERMEDIATE DIVISION**

At the 44th Annual World Championships, participants finishing in the **Top 2 Open 8-Ball Teams, Top 1 Women's 8-Ball Teams, Top 4 Men's 8-Ball Singles, Top 2 Women's 8-Ball Singles, Top 4 Men's 9-Ball Singles**, and **Top 2 Women's 9-Ball Singles** will be Masters for the 45th Anniversary Championships

*\* Regular Division participants on the 1st or 2nd place Open Teams will become Intermediate.*

*\*\* Regular Division participants on the 1st place Women's Team will become Intermediate.*

## **MASTERS DIVISION**

At the 44th Annual World Championships, participants finishing in the **Prize Money in Open 8-Ball Teams** and in the **Prize Money in Women's 8-Ball Teams** and anyone finishing in the prize money in **Men's and Women's 8-Ball Singles** and **Men's and Women's 9-Ball Singles** will remain/become Masters for the 45th Anniv. Champ.

*\* Regular Division participants in the money will become Intermediate.*

- If you are a listed Intermediate player (see listings at VNEA.com), you are ineligible to play on a Regular Team. You can play on an Intermediate or Master Team. **(EXCEPTION: One (1) Intermediate FEMALE will be allowed to play on an Open Regular Team.)**
- If you are a listed Master player (see listings at VNEA.com), you are ineligible to play on a Regular Team. You can play on a Master Team or you can play on an Intermediate Team if you are the only Master on that Intermediate Team.
- All players have the option of competing in a higher division than they are listed.
- After an individual has been moved up to a higher division, if they do not win any prize money (exception Mini's, Scotch Doubles & Sr./Classic Divisions) for the next 3 years, they may have the opportunity of returning to the next lower division.

*It is very difficult to foresee every possible situation that can arise. Therefore, any player who hasn't played in the World Championships in the last 3 years, or entries of known Intermediate or Masters ability may be placed in a higher Division at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.*



**Visit [VNEA.com](http://VNEA.com) for the most up-to-date list of Master & Intermediate Players.**

## **2024 VNEA All-Star Information**

**All individuals participating at this years Vegas Championships are eligible to earn points towards selection to the VNEA All-Star Team.**

The Tournament will be broken down into four categories: **8-Ball Singles, 9-Ball Singles, Scotch Doubles & Team.**

*The Tournament Committee will be selecting the elite few to be called "All-Stars" from all of the participants based on a performance criteria.*

*Those individuals accumulating the most points during the course of the Tournament Week will be selected to either the 1st Team, 2nd Team or as Honorable Mention.*

*The 1st & 2nd Team All-Stars will receive very memorable awards. All players chosen, including those earning an Honorable Mention, will be presented a well deserved Official All-Star Team Certificate.*

# 2024 Las Vegas Master & IM Players...

- If you are a listed **INTERMEDIATE PLAYER**, you are ineligible to play on a Regular Team. You can play on an Intermediate or Master Team. (**EXCEPTION:** One (1) Intermediate **FEMALE** will be allowed to play on an Open Regular Team.)
- If you are a listed **MASTER PLAYER**, you are ineligible to play on a Regular Team. You can play on a Master Team or you can play on an Intermediate Team if you are the only Master on that Intermediate Team.
- All players have the option of competing in a higher division than they are listed.
- Regular Classic Singles and Regular Senior Singles are only available for Regular Division players of proper age. There is a separate Classic 8-Ball Division for Master & Intermediate players of proper age.

It is very difficult to foresee every possible situation that can arise. Therefore, any player who hasn't played in the World Championships in the last 3 years, or entries of known Intermediate or Masters ability may be placed in a higher Division at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

The lists are not all-inclusive as the Tournament Committee retains final discretion, in all cases, in placement of individuals and teams in the various Divisions. Also, those wishing to voluntarily move up to a higher Division are welcome.

## Many VNEA Sanctioned Players have earned higher rankings for their participation in the Las Vegas World Pool Championships. CONGRATULATIONS!

*After an individual has been moved up to a higher division, if they do not win any prize money (exception: Mini's, Scotch Doubles & Senior/Classic Divisions) for the next 3 years, they may have the opportunity of returning to the next lower division.*

**PLEASE REVIEW THE LINK AS MANY NAMES HAVE BEEN DROPPED FROM M TO IM OR REMOVED FROM IM LIST**

<http://www.vnea.com/Data/Sites/12/media/im-master-lists-8.14.23.pdf>



**Cue Specifications:** Width of Tip: Not to exceed 15mm. • Length of Cue: 40 inches min.

### Certified Instructor Recertification Class:

This class is for those individuals who passed the Certified Instructor Seminar and would like to remain an active Certified Instructor and update their knowledge and skills.

### Certified Instructor Seminar:

This seminar was created to educate players on developing their own skills in order to use these teaching techniques to further promote the game of pool in their local area by instructing beginners and lesser skilled players as well as upper level shooters.

### Certified Referee School:

This school teaches players the proper way to conduct themselves as a referee at the local, regional and state levels. Many tested and true officiating techniques are shared with the members of this class.

# 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 also recently released 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 World Renown "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 is extremely eager to become 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!

# 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.

## MINI-REQUIREMENTS...

- *You must be a current VNEA Member to enter.*
- *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.*
- *All Tournaments are Single Elimination.*
- *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.*
- *All VNEA Rules are in effect at all times.* • *3 Person Open*
- *Dress Code will be enforced.* • *No refunds of entry fees. **Play Mini's... It's Fun!***

## Special Events Throughout The Week!

- **Valley Pool Table Giveaways**
- **Incredible Opening Ceremonies**
- **Mini-Tournaments Galore**
- **Fun-Filled Awards Banquet**
- **40 Year History Pictorial Display**
- **11th Annual World Team Event**
- **Team Hardlucks**
- **VNEA Tournament Booth Specials**
- **Gary Benson "Opening Worldwide Break"**
- **Hundreds of Beautiful New Valley Pool Tables**
- **Special Appearance by Worlds #1 Pro Player "Shane Van Boening"** (Tr. Schedule Permitting)
- **Charlie's Lounge Constant Contests & Events**
- **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**

# Suds & Chips Mixer Band

## Westgate Parking Pavilion

**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 & SCOTCH DOUBLES AWARDS PRESENTATIONS**. Once all of the Charlie's have been handed out for the evening, the annual **HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES** are introduced. Shortly thereafter, the evening's entertainment kicks into gear and the **ICE COLD BEER** and good times begin! The players dance the evening away enjoying the time together with their teammates and making many new friends in the process. What a great night and wonderful tradition for the VNEA and its players!

*VIVA LAS VEGAS!*



# 6 Skill Levels For A Fair Playing Surface For ALL

**1) Sports Division...** Established to prove our commitment in creating competition and prize money for those not able to effectively compete in the Regular Division.

**2) Redemption Division...** Created to fill the void where players drop off the loser's side of the bracket after it is too late to enter the Sports Division and before they make any money in the Regular Division.

**3) Regular Division...** Targeted for the everyday, fun-loving league player who dreams of the opportunity to attend an International Championship to experience this pool frenzy with fellow pool players around the World and find a very fair and competitive playing surface. **(Intermediate & Master players will not be allowed to participate in the Regular Division)** *(Exception: One (1) Intermediate FEMALE will be allowed to play on an Open Regular Team)*

**4) Resurrection Division...** A second chance for Master & Intermediate players to take home some cash in this highly competitive division.

**5) Intermediate Division...** Targeted for the average to above average league player who may have some Tournament level experience. Players looking for an awesome week of pool camaraderie with avid players around the World and an excellent opportunity, second to none, to compete against similar talented teams in an effort to earn great prize money, titles and incredible memories.

This awesome field and super payouts filled with spectacular matches right out of the gate eliminates those Regular Division early round scares and losses to less talented teams. **(With only one Master player allowed on a team, all teams will be equally favored.)**

**6) Masters Division...** Targeted at the accomplished pool players who want to test their skills against the best in the World and to gain valuable experience that is nearly impossible to obtain elsewhere.



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**VNEA Pool Leagues**

- WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 300+ VALLEY TABLES
- 8-BALL & 9-BALL SINGLES TEAM, SCOTCH & OPEN DOUBLES
- SUDS & CHIPS SINGLES PARTY
- CHARLIE'S ENTERTAINMENT LOUNGE
- ANNUAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION
- MINI'S EVERY DAY... ALL DAY
- DAILY COVETED GIVEAWAYS
- BILLIARD LEGENDS: VAN BOENING, ROSSMAN, PEARSON & BRIESATH
- AWARDS BANQUET FINALE



Suds & Chips, Team Opening Ceremonies



Annual VNEA Hall of Famers Reception



Awards Banquet Finale



**THE VNEA VEGAS EXPERIENCE**  
 WESTGATE RESORTS • 4,000 PLAYERS • 60 UNIQUE EVENTS

# SVB Represents The USA And VNEA At The 2023 Mosconi Cup In Las Vegas!

The VNEA is extremely proud of its association with **Shane Van Boening** (VNEA Pro Player Representative) on his 17th year representing the United States in the prestigious 2023 Mosconi Cup. Since August of 2019, Shane has been promoting VNEA Pool Leagues throughout his vast travels around the country and abroad. Shane adorns the VNEA Logo on all of his Tournament Apparel and also attends the Annual Vegas World Championships and World Junior Championships. As a young player, Shane participated in the VNEA Junior League Program and attended several VNEA World Junior Championship events. He transitioned seamlessly into the VNEA Adult Program and was able to not only participate in the VNEA World Championships in Las Vegas, but capture back-to-back titles in the Men's Master Singles Division in 2004 and 2005! In 2007, at the age of 24, Shane's ambition for greatness had reached the next level when he decided to join the Pro Billiards Tour! Shortly thereafter he was tagged with another monicker, "World's #1 Pool Player"! Shane's title run as a professional, while touring 59 countries, has made him one of the most popular and admired players on the planet. **Good Luck, Shane and TEAM USA - December 6-9, 2023!**

Be sure to watch **DAZN** or keep posted on Shane's progress through the event at VNEA's and Shane's Facebook Pages. **LIVE ACTION BEGINS DECEMBER 6TH AT 1:30P** at Alexandra Palace, London, England!

## Pro Titles:

5X US Open 9-Ball Champion  
2X World Masters Champion  
2X Derby City "Master Of The Table"  
17X Team USA "Mosconi Cup" Member  
Billiards Digest "Player Of The Decade"  
**2022 World 9-Ball Champion**  
**2023 World 8-Ball Champion** →

## Sponsors:

Valley National 8-Ball League Association (VNEA)  
- Professional Pool Player Representative  
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## VNEA Titles:

2004 World 8-Ball Masters Singles  
2005 World 8-Ball Masters Singles



*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!

**PLUS: Drawings for 2025 FREE Singles Entries!**

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Saturday, June 1st





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