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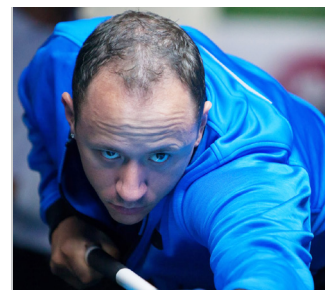
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Season Is Off To A Great Start!

Welcome to all of the Players, League Managers and Charter Holders who provide the backbone of the VNEA Team across the globe.

By now, all your leagues should be well underway. The beginning of the season is always filled with excitement. Players are happy to get back to play-

ing and seeing old friends. League Managers are organizing the players and teams to have the season run successfully.

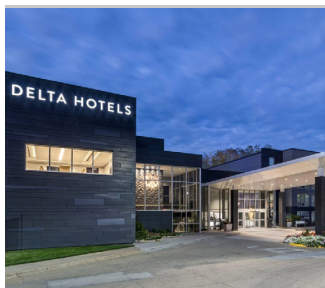
We have now reached December. For some of us there is snow on the ground and cold temperatures. The cold temperatures make me long for warmer temperatures! Like Las Vegas in May! There is no better time than now to start planning your trip

to Las Vegas for the 2023 VNEA World Pool Championships.

If you didn't attend last years event, then make plans to attend in 2023. The Westgate offers many great amenities for the VNEA players to enjoy. The 3rd floor pool, the Sportsbook and many dining choices that will please all appetites to name a few, all at a room rate starting as low as \$75 per

night. The pool table set up was beyond belief. The Westgate offers the most event space that the VNEA has ever had which means more tables for smoother tournament scheduling. To book your room at the Westgate, go to VNEA.com and follow on the link.

VNEA Hall of Fame nominations are being accepted for the 2023 Class. If you feel you have a league member worthy of



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VNEA HALL of FAME

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However, not all of these players will ever join the ranks of those VNEA Hall of Fame. Only a select few will. But a handful of these players are recognized for their accomplishments that far exceed an average pool player's expectations. For these extraordinary players, and also players with other special skills, the VNEA Hall of Fame was created in 1995. With 155 fine members already in place, the Hall promises to be a testament of honor and excellence.

If you believe that a player in your league system is deserving of being listed in Hall of Fame, we encourage you to complete this Official Ballot and return it to VNEA Headquarters by January 15th, 2023. Taking you consideration the committee on your ballot, 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! (VNEA-2023)

Take This Opportunity To Nominates!

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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this honor, please submit a nomination to the VNEA by January 16th. Ballots can be found on the VNEA website or in this magazine.

A very good source of information about the VNEA can be found at VNEA.com or by following on Facebook. By clicking the "LIKE" button you stay up to date on everything VNEA.

A minimum of 12 league nights is required to be qualified for the 2023 VNEA World Championships. There are some exceptions. To learn more, read over the 2023 VNEA World Championships Information Booklet.

Don't forget to support your local and State/Provincial Tournaments. A great deal of work gets put into organizing and running

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Scott Morgan





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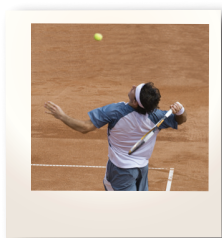


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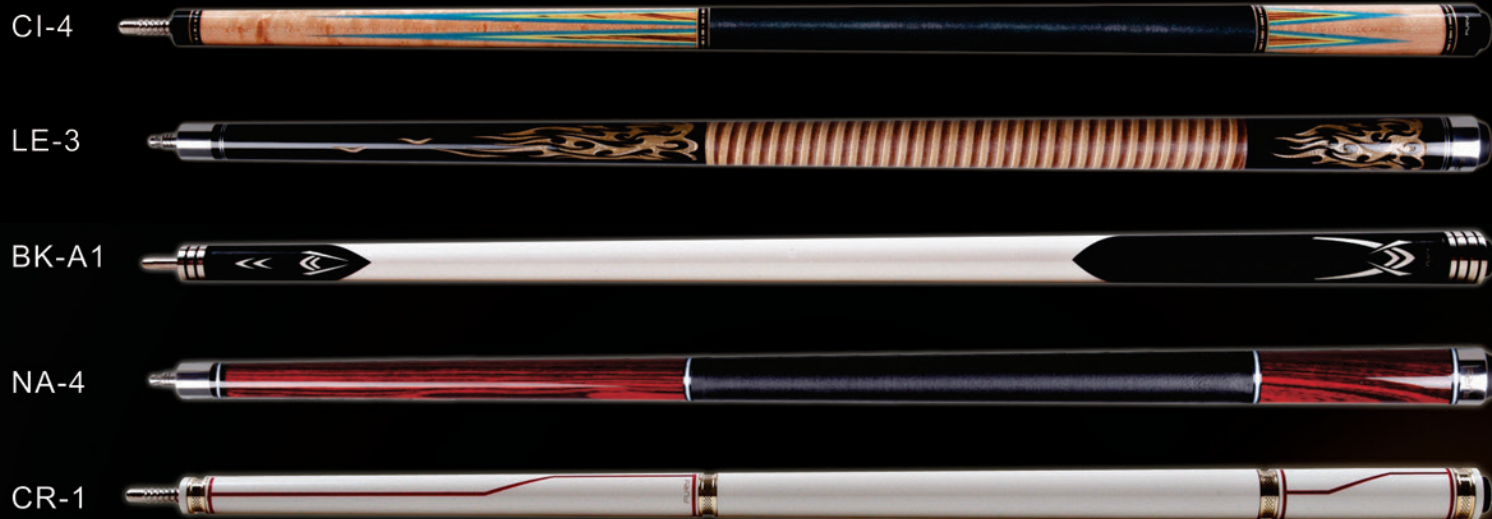
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2nd Adam King	Entertainment Experts
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1st Geoff Rice	Entertainment Experts
2nd Jeremiah Gage	Entertainment Experts
3rd JJ Martell	Entertainment Experts
4th Floyd Farr	Entertainment Experts
5-6th Greg Dutton	Entertainment Experts
Jon Goodman	Paradise Pinball
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1st Drew Cruz	Entertainment Experts
2nd David Jaramillo	Entertainment Experts
3rd Mike Hansen	BMW Billiards
4th Travis Klein	BMW Billiards
5-6th Mike Myers	Entertainment Experts
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Owen Crispin	Entertainment Experts
9-12th Andy Stange	Entertainment Experts
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James Reid	Entertainment Experts
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Vince Ivey	Entertainment Experts

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1st Billy Scharf	Paradise Pinball
2nd Keith Pulley	Entertainment Experts
3rd Cruz Garcia	Entertainment Experts
4th Alan Fermi	Paradise Pinball
5-6th Josh Smith	BMW Billiards
Robert Tague	Entertainment Experts
7-8th Danny Denman Jr.	Entertainment Experts
Victor Moyte	Paradise Pinball
9-12th Francisco Herrera	Entertainment Experts
Josh Sanchez	BMW Billiards
Robert Esquibel	Paradise Pinball
Robert Northam	Entertainment Experts
13-16th Brandon Romero	Entertainment Experts
Cory Shortridge	BMW Billiards
Joel Morrisette	BMW Billiards
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1st Lino Morales	BMW Billiards
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4th Terry Jones	BMW Billiards
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13-16th Bobby Gevara	Paradise Pinball
Mark Hargrove	BMW Billiards
Michael Picarillo	Entertainment Experts
Randy Schroeder	BMW Billiards

WOMENS AA/A SINGLES

1st Penny McBride	BMW Billiards
2nd Lynn Ziegler	BMW Billiards
3rd Lorrie Lanham	Dano's Games
4th Midori Spatz	Capitol City Pool Players
5-6th Amie Mangaoang	BMW Billiards
Rose Ramos	Entertainment Experts
7-8th Deb May	BMW Billiards
Denise Tenorio	BMW Billiards

WOMENS B SINGLES

1st Seena Kim	Entertainment Experts
2nd Amanda Mackey	Entertainment Experts
3rd Isabel Gutierrez	Entertainment Experts
4th Jessica Cales	Entertainment Experts
5-6th Lora Jimenez	Paradise Pinball
Lorie Glapion	BMW Billiards
7-8th Cyndie Cramer	Paradise Pinball
Sarah Dobler	Entertainment Experts

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1st Amber Alderete	Entertainment Experts
2nd Bridgett Raub	Entertainment Experts
3rd Kari Kenny	Entertainment Experts
4th Tressa McKee	Capitol City Pool Players
5-6th Kathy Chane	Entertainment Experts
Tami Savolainen	Dano's Games
7-8th Chrissy Grannis	Entertainment Experts
Gina Trujillo	Entertainment Experts

JUNIOR EVENT...

For the juniors there was an event held on Sunday.

YOUTH (Ages 11 & under)

1st Noel Montana	Colorado Springs, CO
2nd Able Kuhns	Cheyenne, WY
3rd Drake Laine	Dacono, CO

MINORS FEMALE (Ages 12-15)

1st Maria Crispin	Colorado Springs, CO
2nd Layla Munoz	Cheyenne, WY
3rd Kyleah Martinez	Cheyenne, WY

MINORS MALE (Ages 12-15)

1st Issac Garcia	Denver, CO
2nd Hunter Johnson	Hudson, CO
3rd Connor Kermode	Broomfield, CO

MAJORS (Ages 16-20)

1st Zach Bryan	Littleton, CO
2nd Damien Smith	Colorado Springs, CO
3rd Marissa Campos	Denver, CO



Open AAA: 1st - Jackie Yang (r), 2nd - Adam King (l)



Open AAA: 3rd - Joe Richards



Open AA: 1st - Geoff Rice



Open AA: 2nd - Jeremiah Gage



Open AA: 3rd - JJ Martell



Open A: 1st - Drew Cruz

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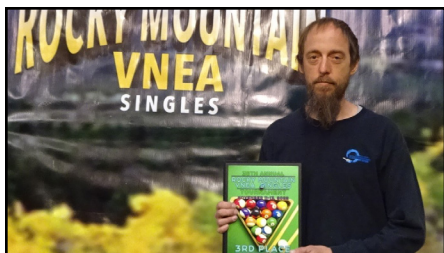
Open A: 2nd - David Jaramillo



Open C: 2nd - Craig Barnes



Women's B: 2nd - Amanda Mackey



Open A: 3rd - Mike Hansen



Open C: 3rd - Alfonso Figueroa



Women's B: 3rd - Isabel Gutierrez



Open B: 1st - Billy Scharf



Women's AA/A: 1st - Penny McBride



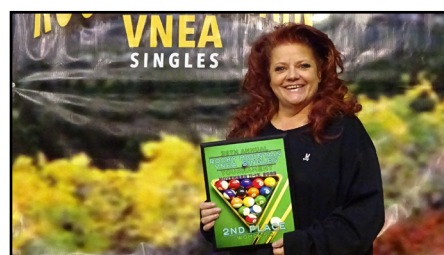
Women's C: 1st - Amber Alderete



Open B: 2nd - Keith Pulley



Women's AA/A: 2nd - Lynn Liegra



Women's C: 2nd - Bridgett Raub



Open B: 3rd - Cruz Garcia



Women's AA/A: 3rd - Lorrie Lanham



Women's C: 3rd - Kari Kenny



Open C: 1st - Lino Morales



Women's B: 1st - Seena Kim



Youth: 1st - Noel Montana

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SINGLES



Youth: 2nd - Able Kuhns



Minor Male: 2nd - Hunter Johnson



Tournament Staff Members



Youth 3rd: 3rd - Drake Laine



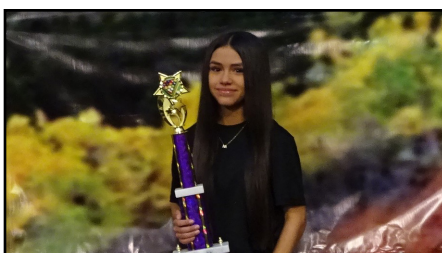
Minor Male: 3rd - Connor Kermode



Minor Female: 1st - Maria Crispin



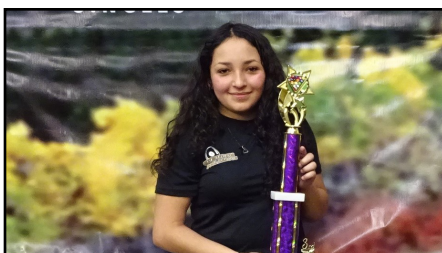
Majors: 1st - Zach Bryan



Minor Female: 2nd - Layla Munoz



Majors: 2nd - Damien Smith



Minor Female: 3rd - Kyleah Martinez



Majors: 3rd - Marissa Campos



Minor Male: 1st - Issac Garcia



Tournament Referees

1-ON-1 WITH THE WIZARD



MEET BERNIE ENDRES MASSÉ, INC. – NEW ZEALAND

VNEA Charter Holder in New Zealand running pool leagues and sending players to the Adult and Junior World Championships for over a decade.

I have known Bernie for nearly two years now and what he has done with their Junior and Adult Pool Leagues is INCREDIBLE! Their company is more like a family and all they want to do is promote pool with the kids.

Q: How long have you been playing pool? **A:** My mother used to play squash before I was old enough to go to school. There was a pool table at the clubrooms and I'd get a couple of twenty cent pieces to have a couple of games. I was just tall enough to see over the table so I would try and roll the balls in as I wasn't tall enough to use a cue. That got me hooked, but the problem was that back in those days you had to be a certain age to legally go into a snooker room in New Zealand, even if they didn't sell alcohol (we didn't have pool rooms back then). That changed when I was around 12 years old. I still remember walking into a snooker room for the first time after school one day with a group of mates from my class. It was a smoke filled old room with around a dozen snooker tables in it, nearly all occupied by either grizzly old timers or some pretty undesirable looking characters. We went to a catholic boy's school so we walked through the doors in our school uniforms, and like in a movie, everyone stopped playing and gave us a death stare. It didn't stop us, we got the last free table and we were away. We thought we were pretty cool that day! Pool came a bit later when I was old enough to get into bars but that was English pool. By the time American pool was introduced into New Zealand in the mid 1990's I only played pool occasionally by then. As is often the case, life gets in the way. Now I play in our leagues, and unfortunately not very well. It's still fun though and pool is still the greatest game on earth!

Q: How many kids do you think have come through the Massé Junior Program? **A:** Over the last 10 years we've probably had a few hundred kids come through our leagues. For the last couple of years we've also run the New Zealand Secondary Schools 8-Ball Championships. This goes for a few months in the middle of the year and they use the same VNEA Junior League format. There's probably been a few hundred kids go through that program as well. We also have schools come into some of our clubs to get coaching during school time as part of their physical education courses. We've been doing that for around 5 years and we usually see around a thousand kids come through each year.

Q: How do you compete with all the electronics and smart phone boom? **A:** It's hard, I'm hooked on my phone like everyone else. When I was a kid, Space Invaders and video games were just coming out so it was a little similar although the internet makes a major difference. I still think it's pretty simple though. You've just got to get the kids on a table, get them sinking balls and hearing the click of balls. There is nothing like it and we still see it today. Once most of them start playing they get hooked.

Q: What do we need to do to make more people like pool? **A:** Marketing is the key. New events, keeping things fresh, even if it's still fundamentally the same product, a little change is important. Streaming events is important but it has got to be done right. We're still learning in this area, but one thing we've realized is that you have to present a slick professional product if you're going to sell it to anyone new.

Q: VNEA does the best job with their kids program, but we are still tied with lack of funds? Any thoughts, Bernie? **A:** It would be good to get more International Charters involved with the juniors. The annual VNEA Junior Tournament has got to be the best junior tournament on the planet! I would love to see an annual Junior Challenge between USA and New Zealand. Something along the lines of the Mosconi Cup format would be great, and it would be a great product to promote the junior leagues.

Q: How long have you been involved with the kids program? **A:** We've been running the VNEA Junior Program in New Zealand for nearly 10 years now.

Q: Were you born in Hamilton? **A:** Yes, born and bred in Hamilton. I've moved away a couple of times for study and work but have always come back.

Q: How many months of the year do you think you donate your time to help promote and teach the kids? **A:** It's almost a year round thing. We run our junior leagues (usually 5 seasons) between February and October. We select a development squad around August/September and they meet each month for a training camp until the squad is cut to make up the New Zealand junior team in December. They then have training camps once a month until they go to the VNEA Juniors in June/July. Between April and September we also have the New Zealand High School 8-Ball Championship program which consists mainly of coaching, regional competitions, then the national finals. We also have free weekly coaching for kids at all our clubs along with school holiday programs. We've got a great team of coaches who all put in a lot of time. Jimmy Henry is our full-time coach. Cole Hoggart has also been our junior team coach when we travel to the USA. Marco Teutscher, who has won the US Open 10-Ball Championships does a lot of work with our more experienced juniors as does Wayne Carey. Wayne is 75 years old and still plays English billiards at the highest level. He has won 127 titles, with the latest being the 2019 Oceania Billiards Championships. He's built up an amazing amount of knowledge over the years and generously passes it down to our juniors to help with areas such as their technique and stroke. We've also got Logan Walsh, Miguel Raman and Manfield Kwong doing a lot of work with juniors, especially Logan and Miguel who do a lot of coaching with schools. Michael Lumsden has recently come on board and helps out a lot with management of the squads as well as coaching.

Q: Bernie, would you like to add anything? **A:** The VNEA is a great organization to be involved with. The Tournaments are so professionally run, the Junior Program is the best by far. The people are great and we're all playing the greatest game on earth!

8-BALL RUMBLE TITLES DECLARED

November 17-20, 2022

Partners Billiards & Bowling - North Bay, Ontario

The 19th Annual 8-Ball Rumble was held at Partners Billiards & Bowling in North Bay, Ontario, Canada on November 17-20. 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 53 Teams and 160 Singles took part in this four-day event and is a major event starting the tournament year off. Once again, the CompuSport Software Program along with the scoring app. was used and kept all matches ahead of schedule. Players were also introduced to CompuSport's new ranking system (CSR) during the event which was used to determine teams and singles placement and it was amazing. Along with the ability for teams and players to receive instant messages on their cell phones letting them know when their tables were available is a tremendous help to both the tournament as well as the players.

A huge thanks to all those that were involved in making sure things ran smoothly. Kim Tipler, who did an amazing job on the podium looking after the CompuSport program and being available to answer players questions and help where ever she could. She did an outstanding job and her dedication to the players was amazing. Our Referee-In-Chief, Derick Girard and Referee Shannon Allhusen were as usual, there to handle all the ref calls or help with any confusion with line ups etc. These refs are two of the best. 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 EO/VNEA Provincials, February 23-26 at the Best Western in North Bay!

SINGLES EVENTS

Women's Copper Division Singles:

Sharon Cameron of North Bay began the tournament winning her first match against Lauri Mercer from Sault Ste. Marie 3 games to 2 and then went on to defeat Karen Hnatuk from Sudbury and Shannah Bushey also from Sudbury to advance to the finals. Coming from the loser's side of the bracket was North Bay's Kelsey Nixon. After opening the tournament with a loss to Hnatuk, Nixon bounced back and went on to win her next four matches to make it to the semi-final against third place finisher Bushey. Nixon defeated Bushey 3-1 to make it to the final against Cameron. It only took the first set for Cameron to take the title by winning 3-1.

Copper # 2 Division Singles:

In this 19-player bracket, it was Sault Ste. Marie's Sarah Kelly who took the championship. Kelly won her first four outings then sat and waited for an opponent in the final. Emerging from the loser's side of the bracket was Lee Simpson from Sudbury. Simpson had defeated Julie Perron from Rouyn-Noranda, Ron Van Tassell from North Bay before losing to Nat Dagg from Sault Ste. Marie, sending him to the B side of the bracket. From there, Simpson picked up four straight wins to make it to the semi-final where he got revenge on third place finisher, Nat Dagg by beating her 3 games to 1 and earned a trip to the final. It only took the first set of the final for Sarah Kelly to win a tough match by a score of 3-2 and claimed the title.

Copper # 1 Division Singles:

Sudbury's Nathan Shawanda had a pretty easy road to the final. After his opening round bye, he went on to defeat Natalie Gauthier of Sault Ste. Marie, teammate Ed Simon, North Bay's Mike Polson and in the quarter final, defeated Darcy Champayne from Ville Marie. Champayne went to the B side of the bracket where, in the semi-final, defeated third place finisher Robert Edwards from North Bay in a close match of 3-2. Champayne now had another shot at Shawanda but it was not to be with Shawanda winning in the first set of the final 3-2 to take the title. Champayne finished in second place.

Bronze # 2 Division Singles:

This division saw 42 players with many of them able to claim victory. However, in the end, after a long hard battle to get to the final, it was Sudbury's Trevor Brady who faced Real Fournier from Rouyn-Noranda for the championship title. And a battle it was with Fournier taking the first match with an easy 4-1 win over Brady. In the second match, it was all Brady, defeating Fournier 4-2 to take the title.

Brady picked up six straight wins to get to the final where he waited patiently for an opponent. After a close 4-3 win over North Bay's Lucien McLean, Fournier kept up his winning ways for the next five matches before facing Trevor Brady for the first time in the bracket. Fournier lost to Brady 4-2 and was bumped to the loser's bracket. Once there, Fournier bounced back to defeat third place finisher, Duncan Price from North Bay 3 games to 2. Fournier's result in the final was the same with Brady taking the title.

Bronze # 1 Division Singles:

Long-time North Bay player, John Murphy, played his heart out in this bracket. After an opening round bye, Murphy went on to win his next four matches. In the fourth match, Murphy defeated another North Bay player, Rob Barr 4-2 to advance to the finals. Coming from the B side of the bracket to face Murphy in the final was Michel Lucas from Rouyn-Noranda who had

a much longer road. Lucas picked up three straight matches on his road to the final but was halted in the semi-final match where he lost to Barr by a score of 4-1, and a trip to the B bracket. Once on the loser's side of the bracket, Lucas defeated Dan Marcotte from North Bay and Donald Bouchard from Rouyn-Noranda to make it to the semi-final where he defeated third place finisher Rob Barr. Once in the final, it was close as Lucas won the first set 4-2 and Murphy won the sudden death match by a score of 4-2 to be claimed the champion.

Silver Division Singles:

In the second highest caliber division, it was Sudbury's Leon Trudeau who breezed through the A side of the bracket by winning four straight matches. Meanwhile, Freida Nassas, also from Sudbury, was working her own magic winning four matches before facing Trudeau in the quarter final. That match went to Trudeau 4-2, putting Nassas on the B side and advancing himself into the final match. Once Nassas was on the loser's side of the bracket she got back on track by defeating third place finisher Mike Mallette with an easy 4-1 match. Now Nassas had a rematch against Trudeau but he only needed the first set, defeating Nassas by a score of 4-1.

Open Division Singles:

This division has highly skilled players that are a treat for spectators to watch. The wizardry of their shots makes for interesting games and the lead changes hands quickly. The two players that advanced to the final were North Bay's Ray Seguin and Rouyn-Noranda's Steve Bureau. Seguin picked up three straight matches in his quest for the title but in his fourth match faced a strong player, Mike Mallette who sent Seguin to the loser's bracket. Meanwhile, Bureau went about his winning ways, picking up four straight wins to get to the finals. On the B side of the bracket, Seguin gathered himself together and went on to win in his next two matches before a rematch against Mallette. It was a hard-fought battle but Seguin defeated third place finisher Mallette 5-4 to advance to the final against Bureau. The championship was declared after Bureau won the first set by winning 5-4 and the title.

Hard Luck Bronze Singles

1st Place - Catherine Royer from Rouyn-Noranda
2nd Place - Anne Sinclair from Oshawa

8-BALL RUMBLE TITLES DECLARED

TEAM EVENTS

Copper Division:

In this 20 Team Division the final came down to an all-North Bay affair. The Thrown Together team with players Chris McDonald, Peggy Mandigo, Donna Strain and Alice McLeod advanced to the final eight bracket with three wins in the round-robin bracket. Their counterparts, Just The Team with Micheal Dubie, Rick Lemay, Danny Morin and Brian Nelles came out of their round-robin bracket with four consecutive wins to get to the single elimination bracket as well.

Just The Team defeated the Mudhens from Sudbury in their first match then defeated Poor Dean, also from Sudbury to get a shot at the title against Thrown Together who defeated 4 Non- Blondes from Sault Ste. Marie in their first outing. Next, they beat Kelly's Auto Glass to make it to the final. Thrown Together wasted little time taking the Copper Division title with an easy 111 to 89 score of Just The teams. Tied for third place was Kelly's Auto Glass and Poor Dean.

Bronze Division:

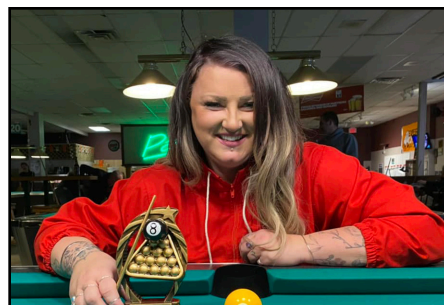
There were 22 teams competing in four round-robin brackets in the bronze division with the top two in each bracket advancing to the 8-team single elimination bracket on Sunday, and they did not disappoint. I'll Take That 10 with Nathan Shawanda, Chris Assiniwe, Harvey Bell and Ryan Baxter from Sudbury went through the round-robin bracket picking up four straight wins to make it to the finals brackets. Once there, they defeated NCM's Best from Sudbury and Balls Out from Sault Ste. Marie. The other team in the final was 8-Ball Kings, also from Sudbury with players Mark Kingsbury, Claude Marcotte, Dan Lebreton, Darrel Squires and Rick Guindon. The Kings went through the round-robin bracket with three wins and one loss. In the finals, they defeated F & B's from Oshawa and Sidewalk Chalk, also from Sudbury to get a shot at I'll Take That 10. The final match was close but I'll Take That 10 won over 8-Ball Kings by a close score of 158 to 147.

Silver Division:

The Silver Division played an 11 team round-robin with two brackets. The top 4 teams in each bracket advanced to the final eight. Tops Always Better from Sudbury with teammates Kevin Jeanveau, Mike Taus, Frank Servant and Ashley Charlebois, opened up the finals bracket with a win over North Bay's Shoulda Coulda and then defeated Centre Pocket from Rouyn-Noranda to advance to the finals. The other team to make it to the final was Kami K'Ozzy's with Jeff Donaldson, Freida Nassas, Fern Dominelli and Ozzy Chiasson. They had wins over Les Sponges from Rouyn-Noranda and Tommy Knockin' Kangaroos from Sudbury. The all-Sudbury final came down to an exciting overtime match with Tops Always Better coming out the victor with a score of 140 to 139.



Women's Copper Singles Champion: Sharon Cameron



Copper #2 Singles Champion: Sarah Kelly



Copper #1 Singles Champion: Nathan Shawanda



Bronze #2 Singles Champion: Trevor Brady



Bronze #1 Singles Champion: John Murphy



Silver Singles Champion: Leon Trudeau



Open Singles Champion: Steve Bureau



Copper Team Champion: Thrown Together



Bronze Team Champion: I'll Take That 10



Silver Team Champion: Tops Always Better

MICHIGAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

August 17-21, 2022

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What An Event! So great to see all those that were able to attend the Michigan State Pool Tournament that started on August 17th at the Soaring Eagle Resort.

Our event started on Wednesday afternoon with the double-elimination Scotch Doubles events for both the Master and Open Divisions.

Thursday morning began with the double-elimination 9-Ball Singles Open Division. 8-Ball Open Singles also started on Thursday with all other Divisions coming in on Friday morning before Team events kicked off on Friday afternoon. Saturday morning all Team Divisions came in for a full day of play.

Thanks to John Stich, there were plenty of Mini-Tournaments throughout the event as tables came available. Our Referees all returned from Canada. Thank you Bob Glen for your return and for all of your hours. Also, Amy Harrison and Billie Sue Lengacher helped run the control desk and keep the players moving smoothly throughout the weekend and surprising Ricky-Bobby Massa with a birthday celebration.

We're looking forward to returning April 19th-23rd, 2023

Singles Champions:

Ladies 8-Ball

1st	Laurie Eckhout	Union Music
2nd	Mary Litt	Union Music
3rd	Shelly Deford	Pioneer Vending
4th	Nicole Sullivan	Union Music
5-6th	Kristin Larabee	Union Music
	Mary Tyler	Pioneer Vending

Ladies 9-Ball

1st	Donna Jenkins	American Amusement
2nd	Casey Mendyk	American Amusement
3rd	Melanie Hinman	American Amusement

Ladies Master 8-Ball

1st	Barbie Black	Union Music
2nd	Mary Ann Marr	Pioneer Vending
3rd	Sarah Church	Pioneer Vending

Ladies Master 9-Ball

1st	Susan Nightingale	Union Music
2nd	Shelly Crosby	Pioneer Vending
3rd	Barbie Black	Union Music

Ladies Senior 8-Ball

1st	Donna Jenkins	American Amusement
2nd	Julie Solomon	All American Amusement

Men's 8-Ball Seniors

1st	Ken Johnson	Pioneer Vending
2nd	Marc Tyler	Pioneer Vending
3rd	Les McCleary	Gregory Amusements
4th	Alvin Taylor	Gregory Amusements
5-6th	Benny Alvarado	Pioneer Vending
	Benny Mata	Pioneer Vending
7-8th	Bob Moore	Union Music
	Dan McMaken	Gregory Amusements

Men's Master 8-Ball

1st	Lonnie Fox-Raymond	Pioneer Vend.
2nd	Ramiro Sanchez	Pioneer Vending
3rd	Chad Risner	Pioneer Vending

Men's Master 9-Ball

1st	Lonnie Fox-Raymond	Pioneer Vend.
2nd	Dave Drake	Union Music
3rd	Pedro Aranda	Diltz & Sons

Open 8-Ball

1st	Gilbert Nieto	Pioneer Vending
2nd	Frank Lonero	Pioneer Vending
3rd	Scott Litt	Union Music
4th	Mike Archibald	Union Music
5-6th	Brian Barker	Pioneer Vending
	Jordan Burnham	Diltz & Sons
7-8th	Mike Mannino	Diltz & Sons
	Owen Ross	Gregory Amusements
9-12th	Bob Bailey	All American Amusement
	John Sullivan	Union Music
	Scott Burton	Pioneer Vending
	Thumper Kimble	Gregory Amusements
13-16th	Jeff Baker	Gregory Amusements
	Jeff Ciuzicki	Union Music
	Jeremy Bates	Pioneer Vending
	Robert Wells	Diltz & Sons

Open 9-Ball

1st	Scott Garrett	Pioneer Vending
2nd	Mark Velasquez	Pioneer Vending
3rd	Rodney Cooper	Union Music
4th	Tyson Greer	Pioneer Vending
5-6th	Jeff Ciuzicki	Union Music
	Kevin Lupo	Union Music
7-8th	Ben Crisp	All American Amusement
	Dave Hartel	Pioneer Vending
9-12th	Benny Alvarado	Pioneer Vending
	Damion Jordan	Gregory Amusements
	Mike Dennis	Gregory Amusements
	Mike Huff	Pioneer Vending

Master Scotch Doubles

1st	Fox-Raymond/Lonero	Pioneer Vend.
2nd	Crosby/Anderson	Pioneer Vending

Open Scotch Doubles

1st	Melville/Olmstead	Pioneer Vend.
2nd	Hinman/Williams	American Amusements
3rd	Baker/Clark	Gregory Amusements
4th	Eckhout/Litt	Union Music

Team Champions:

Ladies Master

1st	3 Gems & A Diamond	Union Music
2nd	Jabs	Pioneer Vending
3rd	Chets Angels	American Amusement

Ladies Open

1st	It's A D Thing	Union Music
2nd	Eat Sleep Pool Repeat	All American Amuse.

Men's Master

1st	Heavy Hitters From LA	Pioneer Vend.
2nd	Run Like Hell	Pioneer Vending

Men's Open

1st	Just The Tip	Union Music
2nd	Silent Assassins	Pioneer Vending
3rd	Johnny B Goods S & J Auto	Union Music
4th	Team Michigan	Pioneer Vending
5-6th	We Teach Ya	Union Music
	Wolfpack	Union Music
7-8th	109 B	Pioneer Vending
	Those Guys	Diltz & Sons
9-12th	Game On	Pioneer Vending
	Hustlers	Pioneer Vending
	In A Trap	Pioneer Vending
	Southsiders	Gregory Amusements

Sportsman's #1

1st	He's Out Smoking	Gregory Amuse.
2nd	Hell No	All American Amusement
3rd	Balls On Ya	Gregory Amusements
4th	Last Minute	All American Amusement

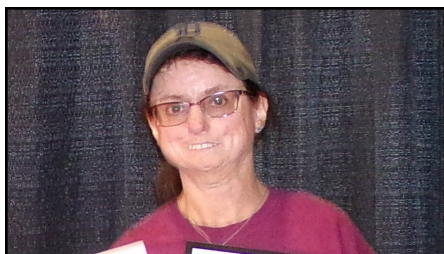


Ladies 8-Ball Singles Champ: Laurie Eckhout



Ladies 9-Ball Singles Champ: Donna Jenkins

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Ladies Master 8-Ball Singles Champ: Barbie Black



Ladies Master 9-Ball Singles Champ: Susan Nightingale



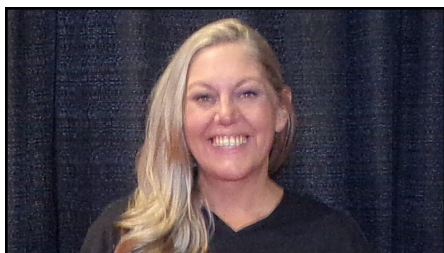
Ladies Senior 8-Ball Singles Champ: Donna Jenkins



Men's 8-Ball Senior Singles Champ: Ken Johnson



Men's Master 8-Ball Singles Champ: Lonnie Fox-Raymond



Men's Master 9-Ball Singles Champ: Lonnie Fox-Raymond



Open 8-Ball Singles Champ: Gilbert Nieto



Open 9-Ball Singles Champ: Scott Garrett



Master Scotch Doubles Champs: Fox-Raymond/Lonero



Open Scotch Doubles Champs: Melville/Olmstead



Ladies Master Team Champs: 3 Gems & A Diamond



Ladies Open Team Champs: It's A D Thing



Men's Master Team Champs: Heavy Hitters From LA

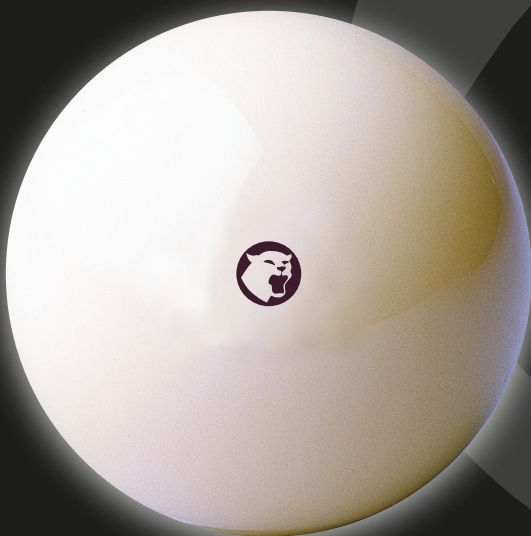


Sportsman's #1 Team Champs: He's Out Smoking



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FOCUS ON THE RULES

RULE CHANGE! RULE CHANGE!

By Fred Johnson *Veteran VNEA Referee*



Changes in the Rules do not occur often, but they do occur. Such is the case with the 9-Ball Rules effective July 1, 2022. Snooker and Carom, two old dogs who play each other often, are in a 9-Ball game. Snooker is at the table shooting. There are only two object balls left: the 8-Ball and the 9-Ball. As Snooker shoots at the 8-Ball, he pockets the 8-Ball, he pockets the 9-Ball, and he scratches on the shot. After he finishes his shot, there are not any balls left on the table. Carom comes to the table, retrieves the 9-Ball, spots the 9-Ball, retrieves the cue ball, and is about to shoot the 9-Ball into a pocket when Snooker jumps to his paws and says that the 8-Ball must also be spotted. Carom says no, that only the 9-Ball should be spotted. Since they cannot agree on what balls should be spotted under these circumstances, you are the referee called to the table. **YOU MAKE THE CALL!** Snooker has his (Pre 2022-23) Rulebook out and is quoting the third paragraph of Rule H, page 17, which provides as follows:

When there are only two object balls on the table and a player scratches while pocketing the ball before the nine - it shall be brought up and placed on the footspot (using another ball from the tray.)

Snooker says that is exactly what has happened here since both the 8-Ball and the 9-Ball were on the table when he pocketed both and scratched. Carom, on the other hand, begins to chide Snooker as being behind the times. Carom says that effective July 1, 2022, the 9-Ball Rules were modified and that the language that Snooker was quoting has now been deleted. Carom says that Rule H, page 17, third paragraph now provides as follow:

If the nine ball is pocketed on a foul or push out or driven off the table, it is spotted. No other object ball is ever spotted.

Carom claims that the new Rule should apply since it is post July 1, 2022. Snooker scratched, which is a foul, and he pocketed the 9-Ball. Therefore, the only ball that is to be spotted is the 9-Ball. **Carom is correct!** The New Rule eliminates the need to spot the ball before the 9-Ball if it is pocketed and the shooter has scratched. The incoming shooter will have ball in hand and may shoot the 9-Ball. Under the above facts, it is immaterial that all of the balls were pocketed (the 8-Ball, 9-Ball and Cueball). The ball before the nine is NOT to be spotted and will remain down. The incoming shooter, Carom, will have ball in hand and Carom can shoot the 9-Ball.

Shane Van Boening

VNEA Pro Player Representative

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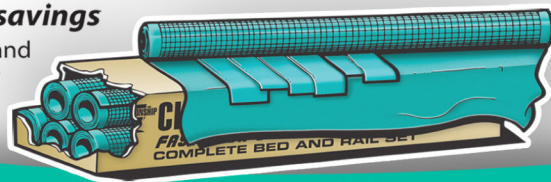
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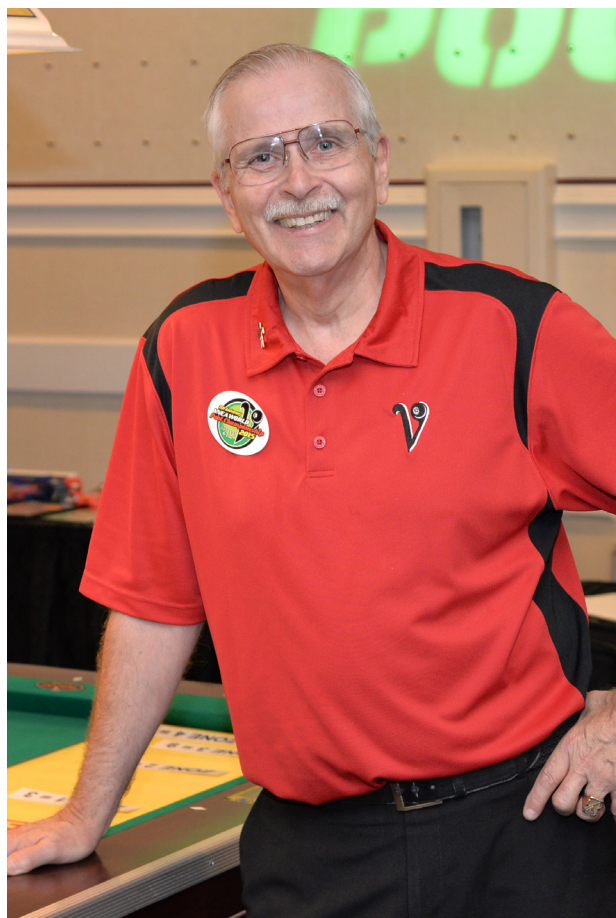
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21) *I remember a cue stick one time valued at over \$100,000 – it had diamond chips, ruby chips, emerald chips, computer chips, and potato chips stuffed in a Pringles can.*

22) *This is my favorite shot – you can't leave me this one!*

23) *There are five basic types of English for cue stick application: a) bottom stick English; b) backwards stick English;*



c) bank stick English; d) push stick English; and e) side stick English.

24) *Learn to use your whole cue and nothing but the cue, especially if you're going to be a lawyer.*

25) *I love making the “impossible possible and possible impossible”. (Content inside quotation marks created and used during a show introduction of me long ago by Merle Humphreys)*

26) *Chalking the butt end of the cue stick is for refills, just in case you run out of chalk!*

27) *If you see three 8-Balls or three 9-Balls for the winning shot, aim for the middle one.*

To be continued...

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Noon - 2:00 pm	Singles Check-In & Charter Holder Packets
2:00 - 11:00 pm	Regular Singles Begins

FRIDAY, JULY 21 • 2023

9:00 am - 11:00 pm	Sports, Redemption & Regular Singles continues
2:00 pm - 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 22 • 2023

8:30 am	Opening Ceremonies - <i>Singles Trophy Presentation</i>
9:00 am	Regular Team Competition Begins
11:00 am	Charter Holder Reception
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Scotch Doubles Sign-Up
5:00 pm	Parent's Reception
6:30 pm	E ² P Challenge
7:00 pm	Jr. Scotch Doubles Begins
TBA	Sports Team Competition
TBA	Redemption Team Competition

SUNDAY, JULY 23 • 2023

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 Systems will **NOT** be allowed.

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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 33rd Annual World Junior Pool Championships.

Tournament Referees will be used and decisions will be final.

DRESS CODE

All participants in the World 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.*

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, 2023** to compete in that division at the “33rd Annual” World 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”!**

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(All Dollar Amounts Are OZONE Gift e-Certificates)

TEAM

<u>Finish</u>	<u>Award</u>
1st Place	\$750 , 3 Two-Piece Cues & Individual Charlies
2nd Place	\$525 , 3 Two-Piece Cues & Individual Charlies
3rd Place	\$300 , 3 Two-Piece Cues & Individual Charlies
4th Place	\$150 , 3 Two-Piece Cues & Individual Charlies

MALE SINGLES

(Approximately 80% Of Field)

1st Place	\$250 & Charlie
2nd Place	\$175 & Charlie
3rd Place	\$125 & Charlie
4th Place	\$100 & Charlie
5-6th Place	\$75
7-8th Place	\$50

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2nd Place	\$75 & Charlie
3rd Place	\$50 & Charlie
4th Place	\$40 & Charlie

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2nd Place	Individual Charlies

PRIZES & AWARDS

REDEMPTION DIVISION

TEAM

Finish

1st Place
2nd Place

Award

Individual Championship Plaques
Individual Championship Plaques

MALE SINGLES

1st Place
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FEMALE SINGLES

1st Place
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SPORTS DIVISION

TEAM

Finish

1st Place
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Award

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MALE SINGLES

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2nd Place

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FEMALE SINGLES

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2023 JUNIOR PREVIEW

VNEA is bringing the **33rd Annual International Junior Championships** back to the Midwest to S. South Sioux City, Nebraska. The Marriott Center is where all of the exciting Tournament action will take place!

The Host Hotel is the Marriott Riverfront in S. Sioux City and is located on the banks of the Missouri River overlooking the Downtown Sioux City skyline.

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

Photo Tour Of This Property: <https://bit.ly/3qHaVBB>



Marriott Riverfront - Host Hotel



Marriott Center - Tournament Room

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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, 2023** 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 World 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, 2023 to compete in that division at the 33rd Annual World Championships.

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

There will be no Entry Forms accepted after **July 1st, 2023** or at the Tournament site.

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

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Room Reservation Link (see below)

MARRIOTT RIVERFRONT: <https://bit.ly/3BvdKEi> (Rate \$134 - Deadline 6.28.23)

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 3 Girls and Top 3 Boys will be awarded the distinction of "**2023 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**.



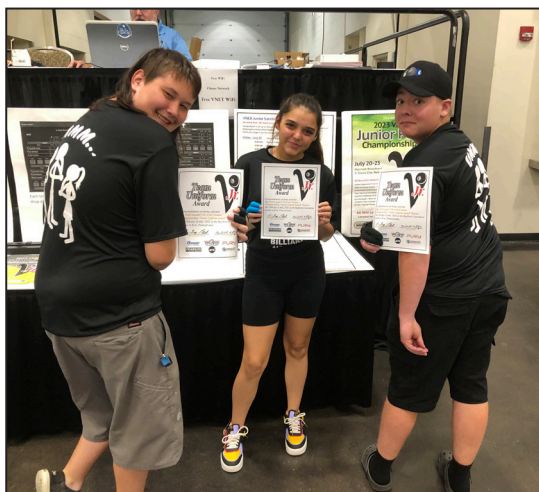
JERRY BRIESATH "SPORTSMANSHIP" AWARD



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

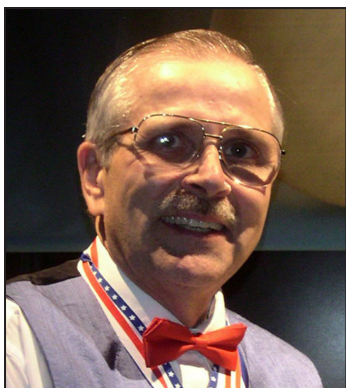


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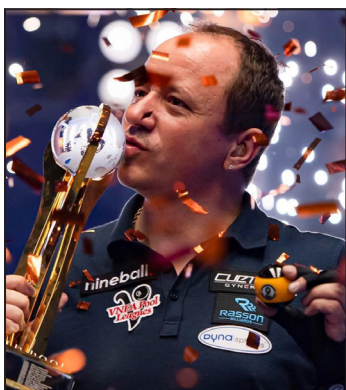
JERRY BRIESATH has long been considered the very best Billiards Instructor in the business. His decades of experience make Jerry one of the most sought after teachers in our sport today. Jerry has also recently released a “3 DVD Set” which contains 4.5 hours of priceless pool lessons which he shares 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 (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!

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State, Provincial & Affiliated Tournaments as well as meetings and deadlines.

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Helpful material for Charter Holders to more efficiently operate their leagues.

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Enlightening biographies and photos of VNEA's illustrious Hall members.

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OFFICIAL HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM



NAME OF VNEA HALL OF FAME "NOMINEE"

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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 140 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 16th, 2023. 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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3. **Most Improved Player Patch**
This award is available for one player in each league who has shown marked improvement over their previous season.
4. **Most 10/0 Games Pin**
5. **Most 10's In A Season Pin**
6. **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.
7. **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!
8. **Most 8-On The Break Pin**
For the player in your league who has accomplished the most 8-on the breaks.
9. **ERO Pin**
VNEA offers to its players this very attractive 8-Ball Run-Out pin for their individual effort.
10. **Most ERO's Pin**
One per league. For the player who achieves the most 8-ball run-outs during the season.
11. **Perfect Match Pin**
When a player holds their opponent scoreless in a league match.
12. **Perfect Attendance Pin**
To be eligible for this award a player must have played every scheduled night of the league.
13. **League MVP Pin**
Awarded to the player who has escalated to the top of their league.
14. **9 & 10 Average Pins**
Awarded to those players who end the league season with a 9 or 10 average.
15. **Sportsmanship Pin**
Awarded to the player showing the qualities of a true sportsperson throughout the league season.
16. **Captain's Pin**
Available to the Captain of each league team.
17. **Most Consecutive 9-Ball Wins**
18. **Most 9-Ball Wins Pin**
19. **Most 9-Ball Shut Outs Pin**
20. **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.
21. **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.
22. **Charlie Cougar Pin**
23. **VNEA Pool Leagues Pin**

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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, 5/25 @ 10a. *Money will be added to ALL Divisions.*

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

Various "Rack Systems" 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.

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 25th at 10:00am. Sign-ups for Regular, Intermediate and Master Scotch Doubles will take place on Wednesday, May 24th from 6pm-10pm and Thursday, May 25th 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), 4 Games (IM & M) • 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.)

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.

General Information For You & Your Players

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES: May 25th - June 3rd, 2023

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

WESTGATE RESERVATIONS: Visit **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.*

43rd Annual Schedule of Events

NOTE... All times are approximate times only.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023

3:00 pm - 10:00 pm Mini Tournaments

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

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023

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 Interm. & Master Scotch Doubles Begins

1:00 pm - 10:00 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 26, 2023

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 27, 2023

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 28, 2023

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 29, 2023

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 - 4:00 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 & Snacks *(limited quantity)*
Cash Bar til midnight & Entertainment

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023

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 31, 2023

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, JUNE 1, 2023

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 Team 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, JUNE 2, 2023

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 3, 2023

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 2022-2023 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 / computer.
- 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 Systems 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

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.

Singles: All players must be at their assigned table at their assigned match time. If a player is not at their assigned table **5 minutes** after their posted start time, the opponent will call a referee to the table and the missing player will be given **10 minutes** to show up at the table. At the end of **10 minutes**, the player who is present will recall the referee and the match will be forfeited if the missing player is not present. **If the table is not available, you must report to the control desk.**

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.



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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)

43rd Annual Vegas Championships

For the World Championships, the following criteria will be used to place individuals in the proper Divisions for the 44th Annual Championships...

REGULAR DIVISION

At the 43rd 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 44th Annual 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 43rd 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 44th Annual 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 43rd 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 Masters for the 44th Annual 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 International 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 for the most up-to-date list of Master & Intermediate Players.

2023 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.

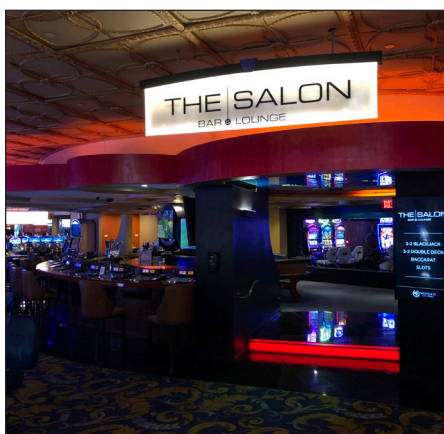
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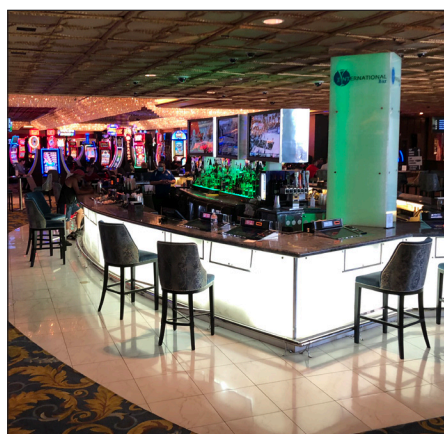
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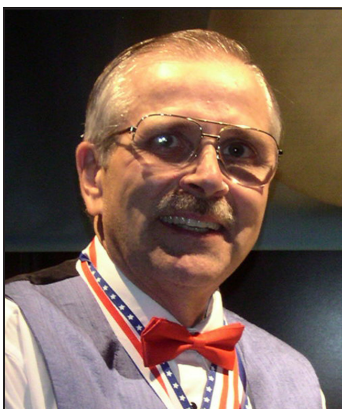


VNEA Professionals...

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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 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!

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!

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**
- **10th Annual World Team Event**
- **Team Hardlucks**
- **VNEA Tournament Booth Specials**
- **Gary Benson "Opening Worldwide Break"**
- **Players Slot Tournament**
- **Special Appearance by Worlds #1 Pro Player "Shane Van Boening"**
- **Exciting Daily Sponsor Giveaways**
- **Weekly Entertainment**
- **Artistic Pool Competition - Dr. Cue**
- **Instructional Pool School - Jerry Briesath**
- **Trick Shots / Instruction - Dave Pearson**
- **CompuSport Software Innovation**
- **Charter Holder Treasure Chest Giveaways**
- **Custom Valley Pool Table Raffle**
- **Memorabilia Giveaways & Daily Contests**
- **Charlie's Lounge Constant Contests & Events**

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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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**.

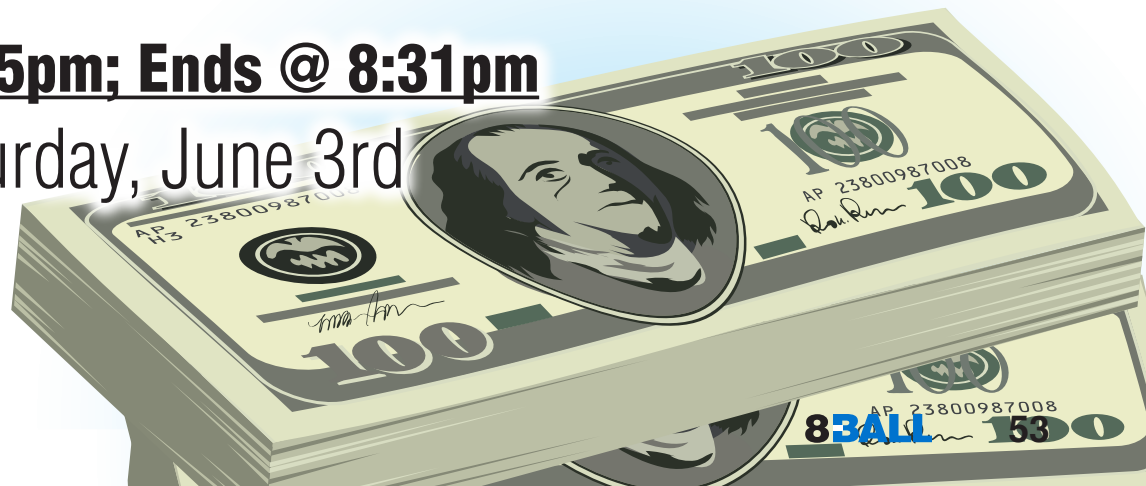
What makes this Banquet different than most...

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!

Starts @ 5pm; Ends @ 8:31pm

Saturday, June 3rd





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