

BCA Pool League

AS SOLID
AS IT GETS!

\$700,000*

**30th BCA National
8-Ball Championships
May 12-20, 2006**

*For up-to-date tournament information,
please visit www.playbca.com*

RIVIERA



**Don't Miss
the Deadline!**

On-time entry:

March 27, 2006

Late entry:

April 10, 2006

Entries must be postmarked
by these dates to qualify!!

Welcome BCAPL

RIVIERA



Tournament Newsletter & Singles Entry Form Inside!

*Based on 2005 fields



HOTEL/TRAVEL INFORMATION



**Hotel: Riviera
Hotel & Casino
(800) 634-6753**

\$79 per night (up to four people, taxes & fees additional) This rate is good until April 10, 2006. **Check-in: 4:00pm - Check-out: 11:00am.** If the Riviera room block is sold out, visit the BCAPL website at www.playbca.com for room availability.

Pool explodes worldwide

Pool carries the moniker of Everyone's Game, and for good reasons. Pools worldwide growth resonates throughout the billiard industry. The BCA Pool League (BCAPL) alone has enjoyed a dramatic growth over the 2004/2005 league year. Many events contribute to the success of the BCAPL and the Billiard industry as a whole. New table affiliations for the BCAPL, new International Pool Tour (IPT), new regional and state tournament opportunities and more places for more players to play. The BCAPL is proud to be a part of this exciting trend.

BCA National 8-Ball Championships Affiliates with Diamond Tables


The BCAPL has entered into a long-term agreement with Diamond Billiard Products to provide the Diamond Smart Table as the official table of all BCAPL national events. Beginning 2006 at the BCA National 8-Ball Championships, all 250 competition and exhibitor tables will be the Diamond Smart Table with Super Aramith Pro Balls and Red Circle Cue Balls. This affiliation has met with overwhelming endorsements from players and room owners throughout the BCAPL family worldwide.

Added Money for the 2005/2006 League Year

The BCAPL added \$100,000 to the 2004/2005 league year and pledged to double that figure for the 2005/2006, and we are well on our way in achieving that goal. **For the first time, the BCAPL will add additional monies for prize distribution to the Open Divisions at the 2006 BCA National 8-Ball Championships.** Open players and open divisions are the backbone of the BCAPL player base and should share in added money for their respective divisions. The BCAPL wishes to thank our league players for their commitment to making the BCAPL System ...*As Solid As It Gets!*

Televised Pool... from Cable to Primetime

This explosion of pool is evidenced by its shift from the traditional short segments on cable stations to professional players in celebrity packed arenas competing for the largest purses in the history of pool. The International Pool Tour (IPT), headed by the well known best selling author Kevin Trudeau, has burst onto the pool scene and has pledged over fifty (50) million dollars to be awarded to players selected to participate on this new tour. All IPT tour events will be contested on the best equipment available, Diamond Tables, the official table of the BCAPL.



**Car Rental: Avis
(800) 230-4898**

Use code AWD S007700 and ask for "best possible rate."

Commemorative Chip



Souvenir Chip Given To Participants At The 8-Ball Championships.



BCAPL Adds a Record \$92,250 for 2006

Total Added	Division	Each Division	Balance of Added to Split Based on Participation*
\$20,000	Men's/Mixed Master Teams	\$2,000	Plus \$16,000 remaining for split
	Women's Master Teams	\$2,000	
\$20,000	Men's Master Singles	\$2,000	Plus \$16,000 remaining for split
	Women's Master Singles	\$2,000	
\$10,000	Grand Master Men	\$2,000	Plus \$6,000 remaining for split
	Grand Master Women	\$2,000	
\$10,000	Men's/Mixed Open Teams	\$2,000	Plus \$6,000 remaining for split
	Women's Open Teams	\$2,000	
\$10,000	Men's Player Member	\$2,000	Plus \$6,000 remaining for split
	Women's Player Member	\$2,000	
\$10,000	Men's Open Singles	\$2,000	Plus \$6,000 remaining for split
	Women's Open Singles	\$2,000	
Additional Added Money Events		Each Division	* Each Division will be awarded \$2,000 and split the remaining prize fund based on participation. Example: If the Men's division fields 65 players and the Women's division fields 35 players, the balance of the prize fund will be split 65/35.
	Master Scotch Doubles	\$5,000	
	Open Scotch Doubles	\$2,000	
	Men's Senior Singles	\$2,000	
	Women's Senior Singles	\$1,000	
	Men's Super Singles	\$1,000	
	Men's Artistic Pool Challenge	\$500	
	Women's Artistic Pool Challenge	\$250	
	Men's Speed Pool Challenge	\$400	
	Women's Speed Pool Challenge	\$100	

Divisions, Entry Fees & Postmark Dates

	Standard Entry Fee (3/27/06)	Late Entry Fee (3/28/06 - 4/10/06)	Race To
Grand Master Men's Singles	\$200	\$225	7
Grand Master Women's Singles	\$200	\$225	7
Men's Player Member	\$150	\$175	7
Women's Player Member	\$150	\$175	7
Men's Open Singles	\$125	\$150	5
Women's Open Singles	\$125	\$150	4
Men's Senior Singles	\$125	\$150	5
Women's Senior Singles	\$125	\$150	4
Men's Super Senior Singles	\$125	\$150	5
Men's Master Singles	\$175	\$200	7
Women's Master Singles	\$175	\$200	7
Open Scotch Doubles	\$100	\$125	4/3
Master Scotch Doubles	\$150	\$175	5/4
Men's/Mixed Open Teams	\$250	\$275	13
Women's Open Teams	\$250	\$275	10
Men's/Mixed Master Teams	\$500	\$525	13
Women's Master Teams	\$500	\$525	13
Men's/Mixed Trophy Teams	\$125	\$150	13
Women's Trophy Teams	\$125	\$150	8
M/W Artistic Pool Challenges	\$10 Pay on site	N/A	
M/W Speed Pool Challenges	\$10 Pay on site	N/A	
Second-Chance Team Tournament	\$50 Pay on site	N/A	

BCAPL 8-Ball Seminar Series

All seminars will be held in the Capri Meeting Rooms 111 and 112.

- 8-Ball Rules Class for Players – Friday, May 12, 6-8 p.m.
- Referee Classes - May 14, 16 & 18th 8 a.m. - Noon & 1p.m. - 5p.m.
- Canadian BCA Pool League, Operator Meeting – Wednesday, May 17, 2-3 p.m.
- BCA Pool League Operator Day – Friday, May 19 – 10 a.m. - Noon, Annual League Operator Meeting 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. LeagueSys Seminar, New League Reporting System 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. League Operator Mixer: **Hosted by Diamond Products** Interact with Advisory Board Appointees, LeagueSys Administrator, BCAPL Staff and Diamond Pool Table representatives.

Tournament Rules & Regulations

Tournament Eligibility

- All league players must have played in a minimum of 8 full, regularly scheduled league matches in the same division during a sanctioned session (example: 5 games per night, 40 games per session) and must be deemed an active player by the League Operator in order to participate in this competition.
- Sanctioned player membership (non-league player) must be current for the entire month of May 2006. Sanctioned player member dues are \$25 annually.
- All players must meet amateur status requirements. For the 2006 BCA National 8-Ball Championships, any player not participating in the EnjoyPool.com 9-Ball Championships is qualified to play in the BCA Pool League Grand Master Divisions.
- Players must be able to show picture ID and a valid U.S. Social Security Number or Canadian Social Insurance Number (see detailed non-U.S. payout procedures on page 6)
- Only BCAPL players and sanctioned player members may participate in Singles events.
- Only qualified league players may participate in Scotch Doubles and Team events.

Tournament Rules & Format

- Rules governing play are detailed in the latest edition of *Billiards: The Official Rules and Records Book*, published annually by the Billiard Congress of America.
- Check in prior to competition for Scotch Doubles and Singles is not required. Check in ONLY if there are changes.
- ALL TEAMS MUST CHECK IN (League Operator or Team Captain preferred.)
- The only exception to this rule are the Artistic, Speed Pool and Second Chance competitions. Competitors in these events may sign up on site and may re-enter (excluding Second Chance tournaments) as often as they would like for \$10 per entry.
- Players will flip a coin prior to the starting match, and the winner will have a choice of whether or not to break. Captains will flip a coin for their respective teams.
- Most divisions feature a double-elimination format.

Singles Events

- No player may play in more than one Singles division; scheduling logistics make this impossible.
- Men's Open, Senior and Super Senior divisions will feature a race to 5; the Men's Master division, a race to 7; the Women's Open and Senior divisions, a race to 4; the Women's Master division, a race to 7. Grand Masters and **New Player Member**

Divisions race to 7.

- Competitors in all Singles divisions will alternate breaks.

Age Requirements - Singles

- All entrants must reach the designated age as of May 12, 2006: Women's Seniors: 50; Men's Seniors: 55; Super Seniors: 65.

New! 2006 Player Member Division – Men & Women

This new division for 2006 distinctly separates player members from league players. For the first time, league players will compete exclusively against other league players around the world and player members will compete against one another. This new division is designed to level the playing field and help eliminate the possibility player members entering events that are not of their skill level. This new division will host events for both Men and Women. Men and Women Divisions both race to 7

Master Singles

Any player who meets any of the following criteria will automatically be placed in the Master division:

- Was deemed to be a Master-level player at the 2005 BCA National 8-Ball Championships and has played less than two years in the division or has finished "in the money" in either of the last two years in which the player has competed. Any player considered a VNEA Master in 2005/2006.
- At the 2005 BCA National 8-Ball Championships, placed:
 - Top 64 in Men's Open Singles
 - Top 16 in Women's Open Singles
- At the 2005 BCA Canadian 8-Ball Championships, placed:
 - Top 6 in "A" Men's Singles
 - Top 2 in "A" Women's Singles
- At the discretion of the Tournament Committee, any player may be placed in the Master or Grand Master division based on known ability. Any player desiring to play in the Master division may be placed in that division at his/her request. Voluntary entry in the Master division by a non-Master player does not necessarily create future Master status for that player.

Scotch Doubles Events

- Open Scotch Doubles teams consist of one male and one female player, both of whom are eligible to play in the Open Singles division. Master Scotch Doubles teams consist of one male and one female player, either or both of whom would be eligible to compete only in the Master Singles division. A play-

er may compete on only one Scotch Doubles team.

- Both members of any Scotch Doubles team must come from within the same League Operator's system.
- Open Scotch Doubles teams race to 4 in the winner's bracket and to 3 in the loser's bracket. Master Scotch Doubles teams race to 5 in the winner's bracket and to 4 in the loser's bracket.
- Players on a team alternate each shot. The alternating team breaks; either team member may break.
- Teams may alternate shooting rotation after each game. Failure to stay in rotation once the game has started will result in a **FOUL**. The original rotation must be restored on their next turn. Note: It is permissible to inquire as to whose shot it is at anytime without fear of a coaching foul. Any further discussion when the team is deemed to be "at the table" will result in a **FOUL**.
- **NO COACHING:** When a team is not "at the table", they may quietly discuss anything they please. No time outs or coaching allowed. Any assistance (verbal or non-verbal) by a team during their turn at the table is a **FOUL**.
- When the table is turned over to the incoming team, one of the partners must immediately approach the table.
- Any of the four players involved with the matches can call a **FOUL**.
- All other rules pertaining to 8-Ball apply.
- All **FOULS** are cue ball in hand **FOULS**.

Team Events

- Format in each division is a five-person team in a race to 13 for Men's/Mixed Teams and to 10 for Women's Teams. Competition may be either round robin or double elimination, depending upon the number of entries in the division. A player may compete on only one team in only one division.
- Men's/Mixed Open and Master Teams may be made up of any combination of male and female players. Women's Open and Women's Master Teams will be composed exclusively of female players.
- Team rosters, including players and substitutes, are set once the team begins its first match.
- The winner of the coin toss has the choice of being home or visiting team. Teams will break according to the score sheet, with home breaking the first round and the visiting team breaking the second. Teams alternate breaks in the final round.
- Team Captains will sign score sheets for the entire team.
- Substitutions: The Team Captain may substitute any player in the line-up for any

other player on the roster prior to the start of each round only. The opposing Team Captain must be notified of any change in the line-up. All players must stay in their same numbered position in each successive round unless they sit out one round. A regular or substitute player may not play the same opponent twice. Should this occur, it will be a forfeit of that particular game only by the team causing the double play to occur. Once a round has begun, no line-up changes may be made.

Open Teams

- Each five-person team must consist of at least three original players from their local league team. At least three original players from the local league team must compete in each round as well.
- All additions to the roster must come from within the League Operator's system. Five alternates may be added to the roster for a total of 10 players. All players and alternates must have played in a minimum of eight full regularly scheduled league matches played over a minimum of eight weeks during a sanctioned session with the same league.
- Teams with more than one Master Singles division caliber player will automatically be placed in the Master Teams division. Teams with less than two Master Singles division players may also be placed in the Master Teams division at the discretion of the Tournament Committee, based on known ability.
- Men's/Mixed Teams race to 13; Women's Open Teams race to 10.

Master Teams

- A Master Team must be composed of any five players within their League Operator's system, as long as they meet the eight league-night requirement. Men's/Mixed Master and Women's Master Teams race to 13 in double-elimination format.
- If any of the following criteria are met, a team will automatically be placed in the Master Teams division:
 - Any team required to play in a Master Teams division at the previous year's BCA National 8-Ball Championships and based on past high finishes in Open or Master divisions.
 - At the 2005 BCA National 8-Ball Championships, placed:
 - Top 16 in Open Men's/Mixed Teams
 - Top 4 in Open Women's Teams
 - At the 2005 or 2006 BCA Canadian 8-Ball Championships, placed:
 - Top 4 in Men's/Mixed Teams
 - Top 2 in Open Women's Teams.
- Any team deemed a VNEA Master Team as of 2005/2006.
- Any current Master Team that has played in the Master division for less than two years or has finished in the money in either of the past

two Master Teams Championships.

- Any team with two or more Master Singles division caliber players.
- A team not meeting the above guidelines may still be placed in the Master Teams division by the Tournament Committee, based on known ability. Any team may request placement in the Master Teams division.

Trophy Teams

- Men's/Mixed Trophy Teams race to 13. Women's Trophy Teams race to 10.
- Each five-person team must meet Open Team requirements. Any player on a Trophy Team may not play in any other Teams division at the 2005 BCA National 8-Ball Championships. Trophy Teams may consist of:
 - Any team that has three or more original players who never finished in the money at the BCA National 8-Ball Championships and has never finished in the top 1/4 of the field in the Trophy Teams competition.
 - NO MASTER PLAYERS
 - Any team that enters the tournament for the first time and prefers not to enter in the Open division and meets the above qualifications may enter a Trophy Teams division.
 - Top eight places in the Men's/Mixed competition and the top three places in the Women's competition will receive plaques. The top 1/4 of the field will be required to play in the Open division in future tournaments.
 - First-place teams receive commemorative plaques and free entry into the 2007 Open Teams division. Second-place teams receive commemorative plaques and free entry into the 2007 Open Teams division.
 - Maximum six (6) plaques per team.

Second Chance Tournaments

- Any Open or Trophy Team that exits early from the tournament is eligible to participate in Second Chance Tournaments on Friday, May 19, 2006.
- Teams eliminated from the Open division without winning any matches will be eligible for the "No Wins" division.
- Teams eliminated from the Open division that won at least one match, but did not finish in the money, are eligible for the "Out of the Money" division.
- The event will consist of single-elimination races to 8. **New for 2006, all Second Chance Tournament teams will consist of four (4) players who must come from the original team roster.**

Artistic and Speed Pool

Dates of Competition

Speed #1: Fri., May 12 - Tues., May 16

Speed #2: Wed., May 17 - Sat., May 20

Artistic: Tues., May 16 - Sat., May 20

- Any player may enter on site for \$10. A player may enter as often as time and conditions permit. Artistic Pool diagrams, shot descrip-

tions and hints for success are available on the BCAPL website (www.playbca.com) or from your League Operator.

- Total purse for this competition will be all entry fees + \$500 added by the BCAPL for Speed Pool and \$750 for Artistic Pool.
- Final-round shootouts in this competition will be held among the top eight scorers from the preliminary rounds.

Entry Forms

All League Operators should determine the number of Singles, Scotch Doubles and Team entry forms required for their league. Entry forms will be available for League Operators to download at www.playbca.com. League Operators requesting forms to be mailed may email their request or call the national office of the BCAPL. All entry forms must be filled out completely and legibly. An entry form not filled out properly will be returned.

Singles Events

A Singles entry form is part of this booklet. If additional forms are needed, they may be copied or downloaded from the BCAPL website (www.playbca.com).

Scotch Doubles Events

The League Operator, not the participating players, must submit Scotch Doubles entries.

Team Events

The League Operator, not the participating players, must submit Team entries. If a team wants to make a substitution on site, the Team Captain must have complete information (name, address, stats, etc.) on each added player.

Special Events

- Artistic/Speed Pool: Players will register and pay on site; cash only.
- Second Chance Teams: Teams will register and pay on site; cash only.

Equipment

- 250 – 7-foot Diamond Smart Tables.
- Super Aramith Pro Balls & Red Circle Cue Balls
- Simonis 860 Tour Blue cloth
- Cues less than 40" in length are illegal.
- Chalk and mechanical bridges are provided. No break cues will be provided.
- Coin boxes are closed during tournament play and practice. \$1.00 (USD) per game.
- Change machines are provided in the tournament room and dispenses \$1.00 tokens for use in all tournament tables.
- Any individual caught stealing or damaging any equipment will be prosecuted to the fullest extent.
- **Diamond Smart Tables are the preferred table for all BCAPL National and Regional tournaments for 2006 and beyond.**

Tournament Qualification Committee:

Mark Griffin, CEO; Bill Stock, Rules and Referee Program Administrator; Tournament Director: Gary Benson, High Country Promotions, BCA Pool League Staff.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted in the tournament competition rooms. This includes all practice sessions, Second Chance Tournament, Mini Tournaments and EnjoyPool.com 9-Ball Championships. Smoking areas will be designated. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dress Code

Dress code requirements are established to add to the prestige and respect associated with the world's most prominent amateur pool tournament. Your cooperation in wearing neat, clean apparel at all times during competition for the betterment of the sport is appreciated.

Singles Competition

- Men must wear sleeved shirts of polo/golf style or button-down style with a **conventional fold-over collar**. Women must wear sleeved shirts or blouses of polo/golf style or button-down style with a conventional fold-over collar. Absolutely no T-shirts allowed. Absolutely no sweats, warm-up suits or jogging suits are allowed. Absolutely no headgear allowed with one exception: regulation baseball caps or billed hats will be allowed during competition providing they are neat, clean and un-torn

and are worn with the bill facing forward.

- Men must wear long pants, either dress pants or neat, clean, un-torn jeans. Women may wear dress pants, Capri-style pants or neat, clean, un-torn jeans. Women may also wear culottes, skirts or sleeved dresses of conservative length.
- Men and women must wear clean, neat, close-toed shoes at all times. Should a player require a footwear exception for medical reasons, the player must provide a letter on official letterhead from the player's health care provider before the tournament (and keep a copy of this letter in his/her possession at all times, available for review by a referee, if requested).

Scotch Doubles Competition

Same requirement as Singles competition. Matching shirts worn by Scotch Doubles teams are preferred, but not mandatory.

Teams Competition

- Team shirts are required for all teams during Teams competition.
- Dress code must meet the Singles competition requirements.
- Color and style of team shirts must be matching (except for the players' names) for all team members. This includes front and back of shirts, if they have a logo or monogram.
- Each member of a team must have their own team shirt/blouse. "Borrowing" the shirt of a teammate is not permitted.
- Teams competing in the Second Chance Tournament are required to meet the

"matching shirts" criteria.

General

- The dress code will be in effect and enforced at all times when on the main tournament floor.
- Any player found in violation of the dress code during match play will be given 15 minutes to correct the violation and return to the match site. If not back in 15 minutes, the player will lose one game of the match and will lose one additional game for each additional 5 minutes until he/she returns. A Team Captain may not substitute another player for a player found in violation of the dress code until after the player returns in proper attire.
- Players or teams may protest an opponent's dress code **ONLY** before the match begins.
- Referees are the final authority on dress code.
- Relaxed dress code for mini tournaments and practice will be in effect when tournament match play concludes in main tournament rooms. Clean and neat apparel is required at all times.

It's easy to enter

All entry forms and eligibility information (for the 8-Ball amateur event only) is available for download at www.playbca.com. Simply locate the forms you need and follow the instructions on the forms to enter the Championships.

*Have a great trip ...
and good luck at the Championships!*

Payout Procedures

- Winners without a U.S. Social Security Number, see "**NO U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**" information below.
- In order to receive your check, you must have the following:
 1. Photo ID
 2. Payout Control Voucher
 3. Completed IRS form
- The check will be made out exactly as your name appears on your photo ID. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- You are encouraged to cash your checks at the Riviera Hotel & Casino cashier's cage at no service charge. Riviera guests under age 21 may cash prize checks at the hotel's main desk. Non-Riviera guests under age 21 should cash their checks at their home bank.

NO U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

The United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires that foreign winners have a U.S. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) or a completed application for a U.S. TIN in order for them to receive a prize check from the BCAPL.

If foreign players do not have a U.S. TIN, they may apply for one at any time, directly with the IRS of the United States Department of the Treasury. The BCAPL will also have TIN applications available in Las Vegas; winners should bring their payout voucher to the BCAPL payout desk to request an application.

The applicant is required to provide supporting documentation to establish identity, citizenship and alien status. Examples of documentary evidence supporting alien status (i.e. non-U.S. citizenship or nationality) are a foreign passport, a foreign birth record or a current document issued by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) or a Social Insurance Card. Examples of documentary evidence supporting identity include a driver's license, ID card, school record, medical record, marriage license, voter registration card, military card, passport or a current document issued by the INS. One of the documents presented needs to include a photograph of the applicant. Please note that a passport and visa provide evidence both of identity and country of citizenship.

When a foreign winner has either a TIN, or a completed application for a TIN, the BCAPL can issue a prize check to them. The IRS requires the BCAPL to withhold 30% of winnings and forward the withholdings to the IRS unless the recipient is from a country that has a tax treaty with the United States. If your country has a tax treaty with the United States, there is a form from the United States Department of the Treasury by which you may claim exemption from withholding. The BCAPL will have this IRS Form 8233 available in Las Vegas. When the winner completes this form, the BCAPL will be able to pay 100% of the prize money in accordance with the terms of the respective country's tax treaty with the United States. If your country does not have a tax treaty with the United States, the BCAPL is required to withhold 30% of the winnings. The BCAPL must remit the 30% to the U.S. IRS, and the player may file a tax return with the U.S. IRS (using their TIN) and may be eligible for a refund of the 30% withholding.

BCA Pool League Referee Program

A Trusted Tradition

The BCA Pool League Referee Program is indeed a trusted tradition and remains the benchmark for referee programs throughout the world. Its reputation precedes itself and never more evident than in recent months. The newly formed International Pool Tour (IPT) held their inaugural event in Florida and found themselves in need of a professional group of referees to administer this high-profile event.

Six of the finest referees in the world were called upon to insure a consistent, well-officiated contest. Of course, the six were all BCA Pool League distinguished referees, all National Senior Referee or National Referee status. They are Mark Avlon, Marilyn Smith, Don Mokrauer, John Leyman, Joe Destro and Genaro Vasquez. All were praised for their

professionalism and manner in which they represented the BCA Pool League. The BCAPL applauds their efforts. You made us proud!

Speaking of pride, it is our pleasure to announce that Don Mokrauer has been named "Referee of the Year" by the BCA Pool League Administrator Bill Stock. Bill said, "Don has exceeded all expectations and has handled himself and a multitude of situations with professionalism and dignity. We are elated to award this distinction to such an accomplished referee." Don has been committed and involved in the referee program since January 2001.



Front row (L-R): Don Mokrauer, John Leyman, Joe Destro. Back row (L-R): Mark Avlon, Deno Andrews - Tournament Director, Kevin Trudeau - IPT Founder, Genaro Vasquez, Marilyn Smith

Congratulations Don!

For more information on how to become involved in such a great program, contact Bill Stock, Program Administrator at the BCA Pool League or email bill@playbca.com.

Meet the BCAPL staff

The following BCAPL staff is available to assist our League Operators, league and player members and anyone who may have questions about the BCA Pool League.

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A complete biographical profile for the BCAPL staff may be viewed at www.playbca.com under contacts on our home page. You may contact the BCAPL staff by phone at 702-719-7665. Hope to see you in Vegas!

Special Events

Amateur Artistic Pool Challenge

Get in on the action for as little as \$10 per entry! Try your hand at six different artistic shots, ranging in difficulty from 2.0 to 7.0. **Shot diagrams available on the BCAPL website: www.playbca.com**

Tom Rossman

Artistic Pool Exhibition

Enjoy the artistry and showmanship of Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman, as he demonstrates a wide variety of artistic pool shots.

Speed Pool Challenges

Ready, Set, Go! How fast can you pocket all 15 balls? Here's your chance to find out. For a \$10 entry fee you will have three attempts at running all 15 object balls in normal play in the fastest time. All entry money goes toward the prize fund. Competition starts Friday, May 12, 2006.

Second Chance Tournaments

Qualified teams that exit early from the tournament will be eligible to participate in one of two Second Chance Tournaments on Friday, May 19, 2006. The divisions are "No Wins" or "Out of the Money." The entry fee is \$50 per team and paid on site. **CASH ONLY!**

NEW FOR 2006, ALL SECOND CHANCE TOURNAMENTS WILL BE 4 PERSON TEAMS! ALL PLAYERS MUST BE FROM ORIGINAL TEAM ROSTER.

Mini Tournaments

In between matches, keep your game in shape in the Mini Tournament room; entry fees vary. These events will be announced

over the P.A. system. It's a great way to keep the competitive juices flowing, have fun and win extra cash!

Best-Dressed Awards

Plaques will be awarded to the Men's/Mixed, Women's and Scotch Doubles teams displaying the most originality and pizzazz. Entry into the competition is FREE. Scotch Doubles photos will be taken on Friday, May 12, **ONLY**. Team photos will be taken on Wednesday, May 17, and Thursday, May 18, **ONLY**.



Challenge the Stars

Challenge your favorite Pro to a game of 9-Ball on Tuesday May 16, 2006 in the Grande Ballroom. Invited pros such as Jeanette Lee, Allison Fischer, Karen Corr, Vivial Villareal, Tony Robles, Mike Massey, Jasmin Ouschan, Ewa Laurence, Laura Smith, Julie Kelly and a host of other professional players will take a break from the EnjoyPool.com 9-Ball Championships to help raise funds for the Billiard Education Foundation. Admission is free and the Challenges are \$10/\$20/\$40.

A look to the future... New! for 2006

Money Added to all Divisions in 2006

The BCA Pool League's (BCAPL) march to introduce new and innovative refinements to our league system and world-class tournament standards has taken yet another step in this evolution for 2006. For the first time ever money will be added to Open Divisions events at the 2006 BCA National 8-Ball Championships (Trophy Divisions excluded).

The 2005 BCA National 8-Ball Championships awarded added money of \$60,250, a modest increase over the Billiard Congress of Americas event in 2004. **The BCAPL will add a record \$92,250 to the 2006 BCA National 8-Ball Championships, with \$36,000 being allocated to previously non-funded Open Divisions.**

These changes are in response to player requests and our desire to support the BCAPL core membership, our league player. League players are the backbone of the BCAPL and deserve to participate in added monies for all national events. In past years, Master Divisions were the only divisions who were awarded added money.

The expansion of added money to open divi-

sion players is long overdue and is just one of the changes made to accommodate our growing BCAPL player base. More and more emphasis is placed on how to separate divisions and make level playing fields for all. This policy will allow everyone an opportunity to share in added money.

Expanded Grand Master Division for 2006

In 2005, we added a new Grand Master Division that became the buzz of the 2005 BCA National 8-Ball Championships. In recognition of the appeal of the 2005 event,

Our Goal... To create and improve opportunities for pool players of all abilities through fair governance and equitable policies.

the 2006 Grand Master field is now expanded to 64 world-class players. Any player in the world not invited to the EnjoyPool.com 9-Ball Championships (the pro event side-formally BCA Open 9-Ball Championships held in conjunction with our event) are eligible to participate in the Grand Masters Divisions. If Grand Master fields are not full, entries will be accepted onsite. This allows players eliminated from other events an opportunity to participate in the Grand Master Division. **ONLY GRAND MASTER DIVISIONS WILL ALLOW ONSITE ENTRIES!**

Player Member Division - New 2006

The BCAPL adopted policies from the Billiard Congress of America defining divisions and player classifications. Two membership classifications are available within the BCAPL, League Member and Player Member. A Player Member does not play in a local BCA Pool League and purchases a \$25 yearly membership that allows the member to participate in singles competition at the National Championships. Although this policy broadens our membership base, it also detracts from our ability to maintain level playing fields for all when player members participate in Open Division events.

Therefore, a new Player Member Division is born.

Men and Women's Player Member Divisions will become part of the BCA National 8-Ball Championships in May 2006. Player Members no longer are allowed to play in Open Divisions at national events. This new division will have a total added of \$10,000 to be shared proportionately between the Men and Women's Divisions.

Prize Fund Distribution Beginning 2006 for all Divisions

Historically, the BCAPL provided added money to Master Divisions at the BCA National 8-Ball



New! Added Money to All Divisions \$32,000 Increase!
New! Player Member Division/Men and Women's
New! Added Money Allocations
New! Member Store is Born



\$200,000 added to BCA Pool League events!

Mark Griffin pledged he would double the added money for the 2005/2006 league year from \$100,000 to a resounding \$200,000, which includes \$32,000 for the BCA National 8-Ball Championships.

\$92,250	BCA National 8-Ball Championships (an increase of \$32,000)
\$40,000	Canadian 8-Ball Championships (open to U.S. players)
\$25,000	BCA National 9-Ball Championships
\$10,000	Midwest Regional Championships
\$5,000	Ohio Valley Regional 8-Ball Championships
\$5,300	Texas State BCA Championships
\$3,000	Wisconsin BCA State Championships
\$3,000	Western BCA Championships
\$1,450	Arizona State BCA Championships
\$1,250	Michigan State BCA Championships

And numerous other events \$1,000 and under!

Movin' Up to Masters!

The following top finishers of the 2005 Open divisions will be required to play in the Master divisions of future BCA National 8-Ball Championships:

Men's Open Singles	Top 64
Women's Open Singles	Top 16
Men's Open Teams	Top 16
Women's Open Teams	Top 4

Movin' Up to Money!

The following Trophy Teams will be required to play in the Open divisions of future BCA National 8-Ball Championships:

Men's Trophy Teams	Top 16
Women's Trophy Teams	Top 4

Championships and will continue to do so in the future. The money awarded to Master Divisions and future added monies to all divisions must undergo a transformation on how added monies are dispersed within divisions. In our quest to provide level playing fields for all players, it is also necessary to provide a formula to allocate well-balanced prize funds within divisions.

We determined that using proportionate distribution would achieve the goal of properly distributing prize funds within different divisions. For illustration purposes, look back at the 2005 Men and Women's Master Singles Division where each division received \$10,000 (\$20,000 total) for supporting the division with 169 men and 58 women. Last year the women's division received the same amount of added funds as did the men but the men supported the event with approximately 3 times as many players.

In 2006, the Master Singles Division will share the \$20,000 added to their respective divisions beginning with a minimum of \$2,000 added to each division. The remaining \$16,000 will be pro-rated according to the numbers of participants who actually support each division. Hypothetically, if 65 men and 35

women play in the division, then the remaining \$16,000 will be proportionately split 65/35.

This proportionate distribution of prize funds will be in effect for all divisions beginning in 2006 at the BCA National 8-Ball Championships.

“A Store is Born”

As you are aware, the BCAPL Member's Store has been delayed but it is finally just around the corner. Our best explanation of this delay is something all of you have experienced or know someone who has. Just prior to the new league year, the BCAPL determined we were expecting a new baby girl. As proud parents to be, we told everyone about our new upcoming pride and joy. In the following months, normal check-ups were conducted by our IT Physicians who found a few unhealthy characteristics in her development. As concerned parents, we brought in specialists who cautioned everyone involved to stay the course of treatment and we would birth a fine healthy girl. We are proud to declare that the health of our baby girl is excellent and our nine-month ordeal will be finalized soon. The birth of our Member Store will be March 1, 2006.



BCA Pool League Midwest Regional Championships – March 23-26, 2006

Regional events are part of the nationwide landscape for the BCAPL. The 2nd Annual BCA Pool League Midwest Regional Championships will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Downtown Minneapolis, Minnesota March 23-26, 2006. This \$10,000 added regional event will be played on Diamond Smart Tables and open to all BCAPL members.

This Regional is the direct result of the player's and League Operator's desire to continue to support the efforts of the BCAPL in Minnesota and the upper mid-west. We are extremely encouraged by the enthusiasm displayed by the Minnesota players and League Operators and we at the BCAPL will continue to pursue every opportunity available to serve the needs of our members.

Roaming Photographer set for National Championships

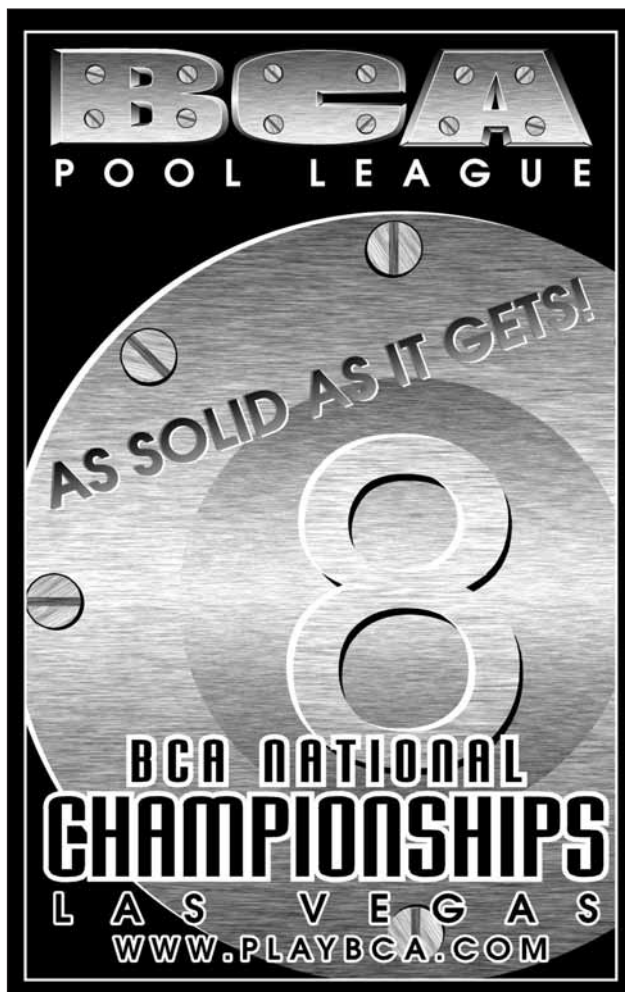
Rick Schmitz of Oro Valley, Arizona will introduce innovations in Photo-Art technology to the BCA National 8-Ball Championships. Those of you who attended the BCA National 9-Ball Championships saw this process unfold using regular photographs. Scott Frost won the U S Open One Pocket Championship and the trophy presented to him depicted this technology.

Rick found a way about 5 years ago to merge his two passions, photography and pool, by perfecting this Pool-Art process. Rick studied Photoshop under Dennis McSorley in New York where he learned of this technological process.

Rick said, “Few times in life do we have the opportunity to converse with a true legend. I spoke to a man many years ago at the Hermitage Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee who suggested I combine my two passions and I thank him to this day for his encouragement”. That man was Rudolph Wanderone, the legendary Minnesota Fats!

Rick will be roaming the ballrooms at the *Riv* providing his services to all. Whether it's a team photo, singles or even just you and your honey, Rick will provide you with a truly awesome memento from the Championships.

A sample of Rick's work may be viewed at www.playbca.com such as the US Open One Pocket Champion, Scott Frost, whose picture is featured on his Championship plaque.



Canadian BCA Pool League

Our Canadian neighbors have had a huge impact on the BCAPL. And, their numbers are staggering! They finished the 2004/2005 league year with over 10,000 members—more than a 50% increase over 2003/2004.

One of the most exciting changes to take place in the Canadian BCAPL is the total overhaul and revamping of the *Canadian BCAPL Championships*—with prize money increased from \$15,000 to \$40,000 guaranteed added for 2005—a first rate facility secured in downtown Winnipeg at the Convention Center—and a four division format (Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, & Vegas Master teams), each with their own prize fund!

The *10th Annual (2005) Canadian BCA Pool League Championships* were staged July 6-10, 2005 at the Winnipeg Convention Center in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The event

featured an \$86,500 prize fund, with a guaranteed \$40,000 added. 92 total teams and 650 individual players attended from across Canada. The main events featured Gary Benson as Tournament Director conducting a full slate of 28 distinct events—18 Singles & 10 Team—and a committee of Canadian BCA Pool League Operators pitched in to stage a relentless slate of mini tournaments.

“We are pleased that our members finally have a true Canadian B C A P L c h a m p i - o n s h i p s , and it is especially good to know that player attendance came from provinces all across Canada.” said

Mark Griffin, CEO of BCA Pool League. “*The 10th Annual Canadian BCAPL Championships* was the largest and finest BCA event ever held outside of the U.S. We had more of everything in Winnipeg than at any past Canadian BCA Championships—more added, more tables, more entries, more teams, and more fun!” said Shaun Pilfold, Director of Canadian BCA Pool Leagues.

Americans are welcome in 2006! – That’s right! All sanctioned BCA Pool League members from both sides of the border are invited to play in the 11th Annual (2006) Canadian BCAPL Championships, July 26-30, 2006.

Canadian & American BCA Pool League members who are eligible to participate in the *BCA National 8-Ball Championships* in May, or who qualify during the 2005/2006 league year, will be eligible to compete in the 8-Ball Singles and Scotch Doubles events, as well as 8-Ball Team competition. The Team and Singles will offer Women’s and Men’s events with multiple skill divisions in each. Pre-registration will be through your local BCA Pool League Operator.

BCA Pool League members in Canada will continue to be governed from the BCA Pool League national headquarters located in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Canadian BCA Pool League special representative is Shaun Pilfold, who also serves on the BCA Pool League Advisory Committee.

For more information on the Canadian BCA Pool Leagues, please go to www.playbca.ca, or contact Shaun at (250) 764-9414 or shaun@playbca.ca

These are exciting times for the Canadian BCAPL and we look forward to their overwhelming participation in the *30th Annual (2006) BCA National 8-Ball Championships!*



New Name for 9-Ball: EnjoyPool.com 9-Ball Championships

Take a break from your 8-Ball matches to attend the newly named EnjoyPool.com 9-Ball Championships that will take place May 14 – 20 in the Royale Pavilion of the Riviera Hotel & Casino. Still sponsored by the Billiard Congress of America (BCA), the tournament will continue to feature the top-64 men and top-64 women profes-

sionals from around the world in a double-elimination format. In 2005, Allison Fisher defeated Karen Corr, and Thorsten Hohmann defeated Johnny Archer in the televised finals. These players, plus all your favorites will be back to battle for \$160,000 in prize money. Don’t miss a single session! VIP seating will sell out!

For additional information, visit www.EnjoyPool.com. **Tickets go on sale Monday, January 30 at 9:00 a.m. CST.** To purchase tickets, contact Peg Ledman at 615-822-3779 or PLPromotions@aol.com.

Event Schedule & Pricing

Date	Day Session	Evening Session
Sunday, May 14	None	3:00 – 11:30 p.m.
Monday, May 15	11 a.m. – 6 p.m.	7 p.m. – midnight
Tuesday, May 16	11 a.m. – 6 p.m.	7 p.m. – midnight
Wednesday, May 17	11 a.m. – 6 p.m.	7 p.m. – midnight
Thursday, May 18	11 a.m. – 5 p.m.	7 p.m. – midnight
Friday, May 19	2 semi-final matches	7 p.m. & 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 20	2 championship matches	1 pm. & 3 p.m.

Ticket prices are per session

Gen. Adm.	VIP
\$10	\$25
\$10	\$25
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\$10	\$25
\$15/both	\$35/both
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Ticket Packages
(all sessions)

\$100

Save \$20!

\$235

Save \$60!



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BCA Pool League

30th BCA National 8-Ball Championships

May 12-20, 2006

On-time entry deadline is **March 27, 2006!**
Late entry deadline is **April 10, 2006!**
Entries must be postmarked by these dates.

Event	Check-In Begins	Competition Starts	Competition Ends
Scotch Doubles	May 11, noon	May 12, 9 a.m.	May 16
Singles Event	May 12, 9 a.m.	May 13, 9 a.m.	May 16
Grand Master Singles	May 13, noon	May 15, noon	May 16
Open Teams	May 14, noon	May 17, 9 a.m.	May 20
Master Teams	May 17, noon	May 18, 9 a.m.	May 20
Trophy Teams	May 17, noon	May 18, 9 a.m.	May 20
Speed Pool #1	May 12, 10 a.m.	May 12, 10 a.m.	May 16
Speed Pool #2	May 17, 10 a.m.	May 17, 10 a.m.	May 20
Artistic Pool	May 17, 10 a.m.	May 17, 10 a.m.	May 20
Second Chance	May 19, 9 a.m.	May 19, 2 p.m.	May 20

Singles and Scotch Doubles check-in required **ONLY** if there are roster changes.
ALL Teams **MUST** check in! (League Operator or Team Captain preferred)

To enter, contact your BCA Pool League Operator, or go to the BCAPL website – www.playbca.com.