

# The 32nd BCAPL 8-Ball Championships Bring an Extravaganza of Events

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The annual BCA Pool League National Championships were held this year at the faithful Riviera Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, NV, May 7-17. These may just be the most highly anticipated ten days of any BCA league member's year. In the past, it has also become the opportunity to catch admired pros live in action and away from the table. When the league players found out that the EnjoyPool.com (now GenerationPool.com) men's and women's pro events would not be held simultaneously with their tournament this year, many were greatly disappointed. However, no one expected there would be even more pool events than before: the World Pool Masters, the Predator 10-Ball Championship, and TAR (TheActionReport.com).



## Edey Sets Takes Home The First Trophy

For the second year in a row, the BCA extravaganza kicked off a couple days early with the Open 9-Ball Challenge. Open to everyone, this event's winner-breaks, race-to-7 format made it anyone's prize to capture.

Of the 172 hopefuls, 32 cashed and 24 returned on day two for more. In the end, Minneapolis's Demitrius Jelatis left Kansas City's star Mike Banks, Jr. with the third-place trophy as he went back for a rematch with Alberta, Canada's, Tyler Edey, who sent him to the one-loss side. Although he was playing a Minnesotan again for the title, Edey, last year's runner-up, was determined not to have déjà vu in this year's finals.

Jelatis won the first two games but came up just short against Edey's smooth precision and confidence. "I'm a better player this year. I've lost so much. I don't want to come in second anymore," said an overjoyed Edey.

### RESULTS

1st Tyler Edey	\$3,000
2nd Demitrius Jelatis	\$2,200
3rd Mike Banks Jr.	
4th Kings Santy	

## 8-Ball Singles and Scotch Doubles saw Countless Thrilling Double-Set Finals

Typically a player feels he or she has the advantage when entering the tournament finals undefeated. This year's BCAPL 8-Ball Championships wrapped up the singles and scotch divisions with a number of nail-biting double-set finals. More than 7,000 players from all over the world rolled in for their shot at the \$750,000 in prize money. The first of the divisions to get underway was the scotch doubles, followed by the singles, then teams.



### masters scotch doubles

The first of all the divisions to wrap up was the Masters Scotch Doubles. Jessica Frideres is no stranger to the finals. Having originally signed up to play with her husband Jerrod, a last-minute switch to fellow league-mate Chad Vilmont proved to be lethal. Vilmont and Frideres stormed through the field without a loss leaving, Oklahoma favorites, John Gabriel and Michelle McDermott in second place.

### RESULTS

1st Chad Vilmont / Jessica Frideres	\$3,200
2nd John Gabriel / Michelle McDermott	\$2,200
3rd Andrew Quinn / Kristen Werner	\$1,550

### open scotch doubles

Meanwhile, the Open Scotch Doubles division was slightly backed up while juniors champion Mary Rakin was fighting her way through the singles brackets. Husband and wife team Mike and Susan Williams from Chandler, AZ, had barn-burning double hill-hill sets against Rakin and her partner, Colin Mazaika. Of the 414 entries, team Williams prevailed in the end.



### RESULTS

1st	Mike Williams / Susan Williams	\$4,300
2nd	Colin Mazaika / Mary Rakin	\$3,250
3rd	LynWechsler / Tammy Brook	\$2,400

### men's grand master singles

Jason Kirkwood of Grand Rapids, MI, is another veteran to the winners' circle. In the Men's Grand Master Singles, Kirkwood delivered near flawless performances. His speedy final matches left Houston's Scott Tollefson in third and Louisiana's Gary Abood runner-up in a single set, 7-5 final score.

### RESULTS

1st	Jason Kirkwood	\$3,500
2nd	Gary Abood	\$2,200
3rd	Scott Tollefson	\$1,500

### women's grand master singles

On the ladies' side of the Grand Masters, Kelly Fisher has played in the finals before, but never in a bar table 8-ball event. Losing to seasoned 8-ball champion Bonnie Plowman for the driver's seat, Fisher came back with 7-1, 7-1 victories in her speedy, "KwikFire" fashion. "I'm so surprised. She had very bad luck. She's a much better eight-ball player than me," said a humble Fisher about her final match with Plowman.

### RESULTS

1st	Kelly Fisher	\$2,600
2nd	Bonnie Plowman	\$1,700
3rd	Rebecca Wagner	\$1,200



### men's masters singles

The Men's Masters Singles was the first of the singles matches to wrap up. In less than an hour, Justin Bergman of Fairview, IL, flew through the finals with a 7-3 triumph over Bozeman, MT's, Jeff Boucher. Tony Sulsar of Sherman, TX, finished third.

### RESULTS

1st	Justin Bergman	\$5,700
2nd	Jeff Boucher	\$4,200
3rd	Tony Sulsar	\$3,200

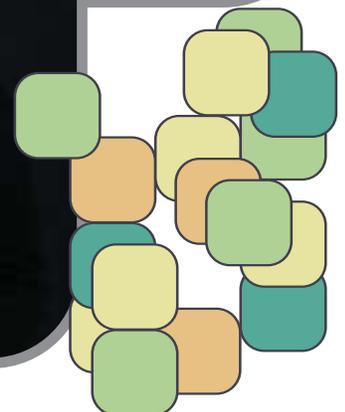
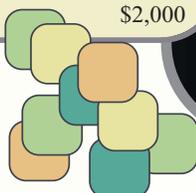


### women's masters singles

The Women's Masters top-three finishers brought an international flavor. In third place, Amalia Matas Heredia traveled all the way from Spain, while Iris Ranola came from the Philippines for a shootout in the finals against Texas's rising star Kyu Yi. In a double-set cliffhanger, Yi took the first set hill-hill, but Ranola came out ahead in the end.

### RESULTS

1st	Iris Ranola	\$4,300
2nd	Kyu Yi	\$3,000
3rd	Amalia Matas Heredia	\$2,000



*kane captures 2008 BCAPL national artistic pool championship*

"We had record entries this year and continue to marvel at the growth and magnetic interest of trick shots...and so much more," said an exuberant Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman. This event, which has been running strong since its first year in 1993, was the first stop of the year for the Dr. Cue Classic Artistic Pool Tour.

Of the 158 participants, Jason Kane of New York had a colossal lead, finishing with a score of 99 out of a possible 108 points. He was able to take it easy during California's Josh Ulrich and Oklahoma's Buddy Eick's second-place tie-breaker review. Both Ulrich and Eick were tied with 92 points, but Ulrich ultimately took second with 9 first attempts, where Eick only had 8 first attempts.

**RESULTS**

1st Jason Kane	\$750
2nd Josh Ulrich	\$500
3rd Buddy Eick	\$350
4th Jamie Moody	\$275

*2008 BCAPL speed pool crowns new champs kane and frideres*

For a mere \$10 entry, you receive three chances at becoming the next BCAPL speed pool champion. Speed pool is racked with all 15 balls and the clock starts as soon as the cue ball is struck. Once the cue ball comes to a complete stop, pocket all balls as quickly as possible, finishing with the 8 ball.

This year's competition yielded a clear winner in the women's division, with Jessica Frideres from Iowa in the lead with a 22-second landslide at 1:23:03. On the men's side, however, it was a much closer road to victory. Jason Kane's success in the in the Artistic Pool Championship may have been clear-cut with his 1:03:18, but in the speed pool, a tenth of a second is all that separated him from Jerrod Frideres, who finished runner-up at 1:03:28.

**RESULTS**

1st Jason Kane	\$168
2nd Jerrod Frideres	\$126
3rd Shayne Morrow	\$84
4th Scotty White	\$42

**women's RESULTS**

1st Jessica Frideres	\$68
2nd Melahat Cag Caliskur	\$48
3rd Vicky Rose	\$32
4th Bernie Store	\$16



*men's open singles*

Newport, MI's, Danny Barnes looked like he was ready for the Masters. Barnes went undefeated through the field of 1,480 players and met up with Muncie, IN's, Sam Kirby in the finals for a 5-2 victory. Both players were competing in the singles division for their first time. Third-place finisher Shayne Morrow of Erie, PA, also finished third in the speed pool competition.

**RESULTS**

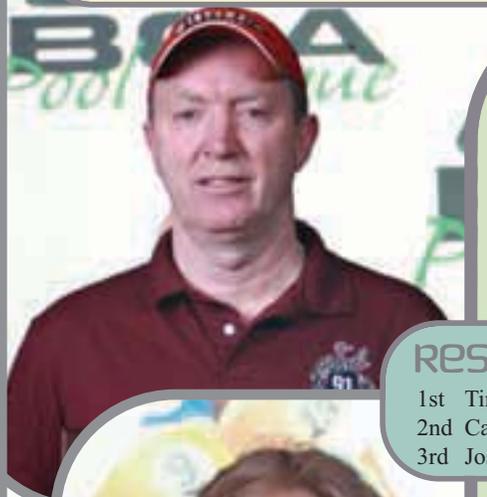
1st Danny Barnes	\$11,000
2nd Sam Kirby	\$8,000
3rd Shayne Morrow	\$6,000

*women's open singles*

The most dramatic finals match came in the Women's Open Singles where an emotional 20-year-old Mary Rakin lost on the hill of the second set to fellow Californian Noel Campos. An overjoyed Campos was a pleasure to watch as she wheeled her way to victory from the field of 410. She's been competing in the BCA singles for seven years now and attributes her success to her new table. "I'm so thrilled!" she exclaimed.

**RESULTS**

1st Noel Campos	\$6,000
2nd Mary Rakin	\$4,000
3rd Serena Copenance	\$3,000



*men's senior singles*

"I'm pretty darn excited. It doesn't happen too often," said Tim Joseph of Pocatello, ID, after he defeated Canada's Carl Sampson in a 5-2 finals match. Both were still cheery as they collected their payout vouchers. Jose Zaragoza of Fort Worth, TX, finished third after a 5-1 loss to Sampson.

**RESULTS**

1st Tim Joseph	\$4,600
2nd Carl Sampson	\$3,300
3rd Jose Zaragoza	\$2,400

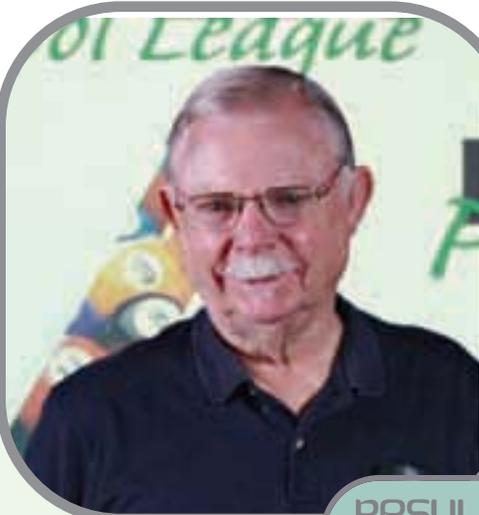


*women's senior singles*

The Women's Senior Singles also saw a double set showdown as North Carolina's Cheryl Pritchard fought her way back to earn a spot in the finals. Pritchard knocked out Idaho's own Kim Anderson 4-3 after being down 3-0. She continued her fight against Holly Robinson of Concord, CA, taking the first set 4-3 only to suffer a loss in the second set 4-1.

**RESULTS**

1st Holly Robinson	\$2,500
2nd Cheryl Pritchard	\$1,700
3rd Kim Anderson	\$1,200



### super senior singles

BCA Master Instructor Randy Goettlicher was proud to be in the finals. "My new hip, man! I can bend over the table!" he exclaimed. After losing the driver's seat match to California's Donald Harp, Goettlicher sent Colorado's Angel Garcia home with a 5-2 walloping before getting his rematch with Harp. Goettlicher took the first set 5-3 but came up short in the second set 5-1. "My opponent is an excellent player. I feel proud," said a humble Harp.

### RESULTS

1st Donald Harp	\$3,000
2nd Randy Goettlicher	\$2,150
3rd Angel Garcia	\$1,500

### men's player member singles

Of all the double-set finals, only in the Player Member divisions did the player from the back side come out ahead. The Player Member divisions were created for non-league members to participate in the BCA nationals. In the Men's Player Member Singles, London, England's Ramesh Gokhul came back through the B-side to defeat Michael Couvrette of Newport Beach, CA, 7-2 and 7-1, while Donald Helbig of Oakland, MD, finished third.



### RESULTS

1st Ramesh Gokhul	\$4,900
2nd Michael Couvrette	
3rd Donald Helbig	

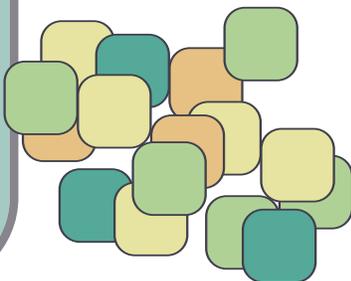
### women's player member singles

At nearly 2 a.m., the very last singles match wrapped up with the Women's Player Member division. Also, triumphing from the B-side was Indiana's Chinim "Sunny" Griffin, newly wedded wife of league owner Mark Griffin, over Michigan's Mary Ann Marr. It came down to the final game of the second set when Griffin made a brilliant run at hill-hill, leaving herself a challenging cut on the 8 ball that she fired in. Her only response after the match was, "I feel relieved."

### RESULTS

1st Chinim Griffin	\$1,800
2nd Mary Ann Marr	\$1,100
3rd Keitha Belin	\$700

Significant rule changes were strictly enforced this year. Some rules included: players must rack for themselves when breaking; players must call all bank shots, combinations, and carom shots; if a player accidentally move more than one ball, it is a foul; and players must use an open break. More details on the official BCAPL rules can be found at BCAPL.com. ♦



### appleton and pagulayan escape the TAR PIT

### challenge #1: "dynamite" defrosted "the freezer"

Thursday night, May 8, began the first of a three-day Bar Table All-Around Challenge series between England's Darren "Dynamite" Appleton and the U.S.'s Scott "The Freezer" Frost.

**Format:** The showdown included one match per day, beginning with 8-ball and then moving on to 10-ball and then 9-ball. Each discipline was a race to 11, winner breaks, best 3 out of 5 sets on a 7-foot Diamond Smart Table in the OB Cues TAR (TheActionReport.com) Pit.

**Stakes:** Each day's match up was played for a total of \$5,000.

**Highlights:** In the event that the players split the first two matches, the final day of 9-ball would've been worth the entire \$15,000 pot. However, Appleton prevailed in the first two days of 8-ball and 9-ball. He won 3-2 sets in the 8-ball match with a nail-biting score of 11-9 in the final hill-hill set. He then took the 10-ball match 3-1, stating that was his choice of the three games. By the time 9-ball rolled around, Frost was clearly the favorite. In the rack-your-own-break style, Appleton admitted to not having much experience playing bar table 9-ball. Meanwhile, Frost figured out the break and was consistently pocketing the wing ball. Though Appleton had dominated the 10-ball match, Frost stole the show with a 3 to nil sweep in 9-ball.

**Final Scores:** Appleton, 3-2 disciplines (8-ball – Appleton, 3-2; 10-ball – Appleton, 3-1; 9-ball – Frost, 3-0)

### challenge #2 – "the kid" got too close to "the lion"

This was the third official "Action Challenge" for The Action Report team. A pumped-up Alex "The Lion" Pagulayan came straight from his high of becoming the new World Pool Masters champion down the hall into the TAR Pit for a three-day face off with Shane "The South Dakota Kid" Van Boening.

**Format:** Race to 100 games of 10-ball on a 9-foot Diamond table in the OB Cues TAR (TheActionReport.com) Pit. Winner breaks.

**Stakes:** \$20,000 total, winner-takes-all.

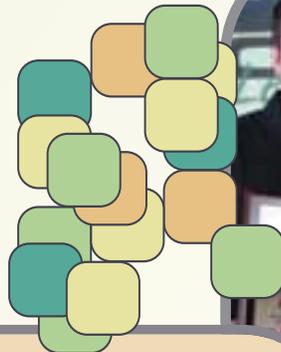
**Highlights:** After more than 23 hours of pool over three days, the Lion's slow cookin' method prepared himself a South Dakota Kid roast. Not ahead once until the score was 93 to 92, Pagulayan never gave up. In fact, as each night got later, Pagulayan's game got stronger. "I want to play a race to one hundred straight up, to tell you the truth. I don't like to play it in three days just because I'm a very, very slow starter," said Pagulayan about his own late-blooming style. He overcame deficits of 13 in day one, 23 in day two, and 15 in day three. On the last night, neither player missed a ball for hours, giving the packed room and online viewers the match of a lifetime. Van Boening attempted to regain his lead, but some fatal errors in the end cost him the century mark. Ultimately, Pagulayan's patience and tenacity paid off. When asked if we could anticipate a rematch? "Of course!"

**Final Scores:** Day 1 – Van Boening, 30-24; Day 2 – Van Boening, 70-63; Day 3 – Pagulayan, 100-94

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## -BALL Teams wrap up with Minnesota and Texas in the Lead

Keeping with the theme, there were more double-set finals action in the team events, with the Minnesota and Texas teams dominating the divisions.



### men's / mixed masters teams

Minnesota's "Metro" included veterans Ty Wilson, Brian Brekke, Josh Burbul, Richie Cunningham, and Kim Stigall. They came out of their round robin bracket unscathed and marched through the field undefeated to take the title of Men's Masters Team champions. Texas's "Big Tymers" Billy Sharp, Mark Avery, Lanny Herrin, Andy Jethwa, and Chris White put up a good fight in the end but proved to be no match for the Minnesota masters.

### RESULTS

1st Metro	\$6,000
2nd Big Tymers	\$4,500
3rd Stokers	\$3,000

### men's / mixed open teams

Out of 709 team entries, having Men's Open Singles champion, Danny Barnes on their team proved to be lucky. Minnesota's "Slight Breeze No Gust" led by Rob Mattson, included heavy hitters Jared Bailey, Shane Jackson, Sean Johnson, Dave Eckert, and 9-Ball Challenge runner-up Demitrius Jelatis. But they may have found it breezy as Michigan's "Hustlin" with Barnes, John Binion, Chris Flavin, Kenny Massicotte, Craig McPartlin, and Billy Pinion II left them in the cold with a double-set defeat in the end.

### RESULTS

1st Hustlin'	\$12,000
2nd Slight Breeze No Gust	\$9,200
3rd Rather Be Golfing	\$7,200

### women's open teams

Atlanta ladies' team "Redrum" (named from "The Shining") was no match for Dallas's "Dammit Dolls" (named for a stuffed green mascot they would beat up on after missed shots). The Dammit Dolls included OB Cues Tour players Monica Anderson, Melinda Bailey, Kathy Knuth, Tara McCracken, Alicia Teskey, and Tracy Voelkerling. They might be looking for a new mascot after losing in the finals to Phoenix's "Kitty's Bad Cats" with Cathy Kelley, Kitty Carroll, Debbie Compton, Sonia Flores, and Leandrea Gaff, who started off each match with a team huddle while chanting kitty sounds. ♦

### RESULTS

1st Kitty's Bad Cats	\$5,500
2nd Dammit Dolls	\$4,000
3rd Redrum	\$2,900

### women's masters teams

Chicago's "Never Mistresses" Women's Masters Team included Jacqui Schroeder, Pam Patton, Debbie Tasharski, Kassy Werner, and third-place Women's Grand Masters finisher Rebecca Wagner. Although this was their first time playing together in the masters team event, they were able to come through the B-side to take a double-set victory against the "NPL Chix" of Longview, WA, with Cindy Doty, Liz Cole, Jackie Fitchner, Mary Hopkin, and Andrea Asenz-Maes.

### RESULTS

1st Never Mistresses	\$5,000
2nd NPL Chix	\$3,000
3rd NY Dolls	\$1,500

