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*Tropicana Las Vegas – May 13-20*

## **Omega Billiards 2017 ACS National Championships Showcases the Nation's Top Amateur League Talent Once Again**

The tantalizing allure of many events in which to play throughout a week of pool camaraderie and great dates convenient to most independent leagues at the end of their seasonal league play fueled an 8% jump in entries at the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the Omega Billiards ACS National Championships, produced by the American CueSports Alliance (ACS), May 13-20, 2017.

Action began with 9-ball and 8-ball Singles and Scotch Doubles play, as **Frank DeCastecker (Moline, IL)** outpaced the **Men's 9-Ball Singles** field in this handicapped format to march undefeated to the title match – outdueling his final's higher-rated opponent Dustin Gunia (Omaha, NE) 7-8 for the crown. On the **Women's 9-Ball Singles** side, Connie Eddins (Portsmouth, VA) claimed the hot seat but could not take advantage of the two-game spot/set against the powerful game of **Gail Eaton (Bourne, TX)**, as Gail grabbed the laurels 7-4/ 7-1. The **Advanced 8-Ball Scotch Doubles** championship was claimed by the once-defeated power duo of **Dustin Gunia & Jessica Frideres (NE/IA)** over finalists Larry Eans & Bernie Store (AZ) 2-5/1-5. **Carrie Williams & Robert Webb (OK)** double-dipped Edward & Levona Lowe (VA) 2-4/3-0 in the finals for the top **Open 8-Ball Scotch Doubles** award! In the new and well-attended **Standard 8-Ball Scotch Doubles** division, **Joey & Santana Chavez (OK)** recovered from a first-set 4-5 loss to Will Joe/Crissie Winn (UT) to snatch the title in the deciding set – 4-3.

Awards were claimed in nine different divisions of 8-Ball Singles. Among the top skill brackets, undefeated **Dustin Gunia (Omaha, NE)** dominated veteran David Boone (Bedford, NS) 7-0 for the **Men's Advanced 8-Ball Singles** title; defending champ **Bernie Store (Phoenix, AZ)** claimed the title once again over Christina Gonzalez (Las Vegas, NV) 7-1 for the **Women's Advanced 8-Ball Singles** crown; while **Richard Robles (San Antonio, TX)** defeated Clint Bearspaw (Morley, AB) 5-1 in the finals for the **Men's Open 8-Ball Singles** laurels, and **Shaundra Norquay (Victoria, BC)** remained undefeated in outpointing her final's opponent Carrie Williams (Catoosa, OK) 4-1 for the **Women's Open 8-Ball Singles** title. In the **Men's Standard 8-Ball Singles** undefeated **David Martinez (San Antonio, TX)** made short work of Peter Bidne (Crystal, MN) 4-1 in the finals, while **Lisa Bailey (San Antonio, TX)** absconded with a two-set finals win over Patty Sangster (Hamilton, ON) 4-2/4-1 in the **Women's Standard 8-Ball Singles** division. In the aged divisions, **Kim Bohnet (Medicine Hat, AB)** only took one set to upend Amos Bush (Plano, TX) 5-2 for the **Men's Senior 8-Ball Singles (55+)** crown; three-time

champion Shawn Modelo (Antioch, CA) fell short of another title with a two-set loss to Valerie Porter (Los Angeles, CA) 2-4/4-1 for the **Women's Senior 8-Ball Singles (50+)** crown! Undefeated **Randy Kukla (Las Vegas, NV)** was liberally outpointed in the first set by Dave Dattilo (Henderson, NV) 1-5, but he recovered in the second set by a 5-4 margin for the top **Super Senior 8-Ball Singles (65+)** award!

The latter portions of the week showcased 3-person 9-ball Team divisions each morning and 4/5-person 8-ball Team competitions each afternoon and evening. Five 9-ball divisions – each based on team skill levels assigned to their respective division - featured: 1). **Men's/Mixed Advanced 9-Ball Team** play ending with undefeated **Leisure Time 1 (IL)** [**Jamey Bowman, Dwaine Bowman and Frank DeCastecker**] outpointing **Las Vegas Cue Club #1 (NV)** [Lyn Wechsler, Jason Kane and Greg Kuhl] 14-12 for the Championship; 2). **Women's Advanced 9-Ball Team** finals having once-defeated **Poke-N-Hope (TX)** [Gail Eaton, Jennifer Dooley, Megan Hardin, Helen Hayes and Renee Benton] claim a two-set 14-12/10-8 victory over **Lady Bull Shooters (OK)** [Carrie Williams, Rachel Petersen, Michelle McDermott and Brittany Maynard]; 3). **Footers 2 (VA)** [John Mitcheltree, Seum Kantaluky and Rob Leeper] double-dipping **Boardwalk (IL)** [Duke Shaw, Josh Franklin, Scott Franklin, Josh Suits and Don Lawson] 14-13/10-5 for the **Men's/Mixed Open 9-Ball Team** title; 4). **Boom Shaka Laka (TX)** [**Tara Williams, Monica Anderson and Corina Campbell**] taking out **Kolby's Cathy (AZ)** [Cathy Kelley, Rebecca Onnembo, Leandrea Gaff and Tami Hathcock] in one set 10-6 for the **Women's Open 9-Ball Team** crown; and 5). **Schooners Spoilers (AB)** [**Gord Gee, Ron Meier, Mario LaFond and Garry Hambley**] overcoming **Screaming Pterodactyls (NM)** [Miguel Arredondo, Rick Ramirez, Isaac Madrigal and Tom Riccobene] 14-10 for the **Men's/Mixed Standard 9-Ball Team** honors!

Six 8-ball divisions – each based on team skill levels assigned to their respective division - showcased: 1). **Dick's Picks (NV)** [Donny Branson, Lyn Wechsler, Ronnie Allen, Dick Pickle, Greg Kuhl, Dave Dattilo and Chris Akey] remaining undefeated in the triple-elimination format to eclipse **Las Vegas Cue Club (NV)** [Mike Hutcheson, Jason Kane, Tony Rapone, Jim Carmona, Jimmy Moore and Jason Osborne] 13-11 for the **Men's/Mixed Advanced 8-Ball Teams** championship; 2). defending champion **Al's Hideout (WI)** [Judy Ninke, Katrina Lyman, Chris Holl and Kelly Nickl] taking the hot seat again, but falling to **Lady Bull Shooters (OK)** [Carrie Williams, Rachel Petersen, Michelle McDermott and Brittany Maynard] in a two-set finals 5-13/11-13, allowing the Oklahoma team to claim its first **Women's Advanced 8-Ball Teams** title; 3). **Kickin' Chicken (OK)** [**Kenny Romash, Paul James, Kevin Barnicoat, Kevin Price, David Weaver and Marcus Shelton**] outpointing **Fresh Off The Boat (VA)** 13-9 for the **Men's/Mixed Open 8-Ball Teams** laurels; 4). undefeated **Snap Shotz (CA)** [**Lauren Ward, Sonja Coleman, Tonya Green, Valerie Porter and Dolly Thomas**] being stretched to two sets in the finals 2-10/10-7 to capture the **Women's Open 8-Ball Teams** crown over **Purple Reign (MT)** [Linda Asleson, Susan Miller, Jonella Staus and Linda Harper]; 5). once-defeated **Bank Shots (IL)** [**Brandon Boren, Joe Ruff, Jerry Ruff, Leon DeRouin, Zack Hamilton, Jim Hanus and Russ Labue**] grasping the **Men's/Mixed Standard 8-Ball Teams** honors from **It Is What It Is (VA)** [Eddie Vidal, Shane Ulfing, Joshua Craig, Jacob Palmer and Geoff Shriver] in two sets 13-8/13-6; and 6). **Scott & Ar's (MN)** [**Michelle Morrison, Debra Rospotnik, Betty North and Amy Rice**] needing two sets 6-10/10-6 over **Main Street Estrogen Rocks (NE)** [Laurel Newlon, Chris Roster, Christi Scribner and Debra Thompson] for the **Women's Standard 8-Ball Teams** title.

The ACS wishes to thank its main sponsor, Omega Billiards, and its very popular host venue, the Tropicana Las Vegas, and we look forward to hosting the **Omega Billiards 2018 ACS Nationals at the Tropicana Las Vegas, in May 12-19!** Any pool league may sanction with ACS by simply paying a \$10/player annual sanction fee. For more information on sanctioning or dual-sanctioning your league with the ACS, contact the ACS at [info@americancuesports.org](mailto:info@americancuesports.org) or 920-662-1705.

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*American CueSports Alliance: Staying true to old traditions  
while embracing new beginnings!*

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- **MEN'S ADVANCED 8-BALL SINGLES** [PHOTO 1337]  
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- **WOMEN'S ADVANCED 8-BALL SINGLES** [PHOTO 1361]  
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[L-R] Will Joe/Crissie Winn (2<sup>nd</sup>), Joey & Santana Chavez [1<sup>st</sup>] and Amanda Salinas/David Cantu (3<sup>rd</sup>)

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Champion "Scott & Ar's": Michelle Morrison, Debra Rospotnik, Betty North and Amy Rice