

ONTARIO VALLEY NATIONAL 8-BALL ASSOCIATION

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On behalf of the organizing committee for the 2010 Ontario VNEA Championships in London, I would like to thank the charter holders and players for their cooperation during this year's event. The tournament saw many changes take place, including a new venue and city. This year's event moved to the Hilton Hotel in London, Ontario. The facility was awesome as was the food and accommodations. Many great comments were received from the players. There was an increase in participation, including 93 additional singles and 29 teams.

Although works needs to be done to improve and fine-tune the tournament, it was evident that the change was positive. The competition within each division was tougher than ever and many close games were witnessed in both singles and team competition. We are convinced that improvements will continue and that Charter Holders will be reviewing each player's TRS score, making adjustments to some players to create consistency across the Provinces.

We would like to thank Gary Benson, our Tournament Convenor, whose scheduling of games is always outstanding. Also, our Referee-in-charge Ron Laplante and his group of referee's did an awesome job as did all our volunteers who worked many countless hours. From the podium staff to registration and accommodation, the effort was greatly appreciated. The mini tournament volunteers, Stephanie Vezina and Pam Ruel were on hand late into the evenings and did an excellent job organizing the event. Sal Setchell worked long hours again and kept the draw sheets up to date and accurate. Workers who participated in the set up and take down of the pool tables had the toughest job of all. They worked extremely hard and we can not thank them enough for their dedicated service.

We would also like to express our appreciation to The Hilton London. Without their support and cooperation this tournament would not have been possible.

We would like to thank the players for their participation. We heard from many of you and the majority of comments were positive. We will be working hard in the coming months to ensure than next years event will be better than ever. Please visit our Website at ovnea.com to view the 2010 results and photographs as well as information on other upcoming events.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the executive members; John Weloski, Larry Zigras and Barb Landry as well as committee chairs, Bill Landry and Peter Kapsalis for the many countless hours they have spent helping this organization. Their participation only proves they are committed to the future of the OVNEA. We are lucky to have them involved.

Sincerely,

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President