

ONTARIO VALLEY NATIONAL 8-BALL ASSOCIATION

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On behalf of the organizing committee for the 2011 Ontario VNEA Championships in London, I would like to thank the charter holders and players for their cooperation during this year's event. It was another successful tournament with 146 teams and 371 singles participating. There was plenty of excitement on both Friday and Saturday night when draws were made for 42" LCD televisions, compliments of the OVNEA. As well, Dave Pearson was on hand to keep the players entertained with his trick shots and humorous displays of billiards. Dave raised a lot of money for the VNEA Junior program during his demonstrations. Also on hand was Gregg Elliot, executive director for the VNEA.

The competition within each division was tougher than ever and many close games were witnessed in both singles and team competition. There were new faces accepting trophies for the first time in all divisions. The charter holders that participated were G & G Enterprises and Western Automatic from London, Town & Country and Tally Ho from Windsor, DMD from Sarnia, Ontario Skill Games from Toronto, Northshore Vending from Sault Ste. Marie, New Crown Music from Sudbury and Partners Billiards & Bowling from North Bay.

We would like to thank Gary Benson, our Tournament Director, whose scheduling of games is always outstanding. 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 Grimshaw and Michelle were on hand late into the evenings and did an excellent job organizing the event. Mike and Chris Carrier along with Greg Sinclair worked long hours to keep the draw sheets up to date and accurate. The workers who participated in the set up and take down of the pool tables had one of the toughest jobs. The tables were late arriving but under the direction of John Weloski they still managed to get the job done.

Thank you to Valley-Dynamo who sent 20 brand new Valley Panther ZD-X Pool Tables for us to use. They also donated 10 awesome cues which were raffled off to raise funds for Ontario's junior league program. We would like to express our appreciation to Dave Pearson and Gregg Elliot for participating in our event.

To the players from the various charter holders, thank you for your participation. 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 2011 results and photographs as well as information on other upcoming events.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the hard working executive members; John Weloski – Vice President, Larry Zigras – Treasurer and Barb Landrey – Secretary as well as committee chairs, Bill Landrey and Peter Kapsalis for the many countless hours they have spent helping this organization. We are lucky to have them involved.

Sincerely,

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President