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Van Boening Completes 2012 Atop Billiard Congress of America Points System
-- 2013 BCA Points Calendar Features Seven Events --

As 2012 draws to an end, the Billiard Congress of America is pleased to announce the top three American Players for 2012: Shane Van Boening, Mike Dechaine, and Brandon Shuff. Van Boening ended the 2012 BCA Points Events Calendar ranked first, capping the year off by claiming his second US Open 9-Ball Championship.

“The Billiard Congress of America congratulates Shane, Mike and Brandon for their great success in 2012,” said Billiard Congress of America Chairman Mike Serra. “Their success is the result of hard work, dedication and a love for the game.”

At this time, the Billiard Congress of America is pleased to announce the 2013 BCA Points Events list:

- Turning Stone Classic XX, Jan. 10-13, 2013, \$25,000 added
- 15th Annual Derby City Classic Presented by Horseshoe Casino, Jan. 25-Feb. 2, 2013, \$25,000 added
- Ultimate 10-Ball Championship, June 17-20, 2013, \$50,000 added
- 2nd Annual Southern Classic Presented by Harrah’s Casino, 9-Ball Tournament, June 21-29, 2013, \$25,000 added
- US Open 10-Ball, July 17-27, 2013, \$25,000 added
- US Open 8-Ball, July 17-27, 2013, \$25,000 added
- Turning Stone Classic XXI, Sept. 19-22, 2013, \$25,000 added

The Billiard Congress of America annual points ranking is designed to rank male players competing in American tournaments. The BCA points ranking system is also used to determine the order in which American male players are invited to compete in WPA sanctioned world championship tournaments.

The Women's Professional Billiard Association (WPBA) selects female players to compete in WPA sanctioned world championship tournaments.

The Billiard Congress of America recognizes that not all players can compete in all ranking events. All players will be allowed to 'drop' one event per calendar year from their rankings. In this manner, players may miss one event per year and not suffer penalties to their rankings. Those players who do attend all events will also benefit in that their worst performance of the year will not be counted in their points total. For more information about the BCA points events, or the criteria to become a BCA points event please visit the Billiard Congress of America web site.

In support of professional pool players in America, the Billiard Congress of America has established a North American Professional Pool Player Travel Fund. In order to sustain the professional player travel fund the Billiard Congress of America will contribute 50 percent of all revenue sales from the Official Billiard Rules Mobile Application. The Official Billiard Mobile Rules Application is now available in the iTunes, and the Google Play stores. For more information about the BCA Pro Player Travel Fund visit: tinyurl.com/BCAProPlayerTravelFund.

About Billiard Congress of America

Founded in 1948, the Billiard Congress of America is a non-profit trade organization dedicated to growing a united, prosperous and highly regarded billiard industry through BCA leadership. The BCA seeks to enhance the success of its members and promote the game of billiards through educational, marketing and promotional efforts, annual industry trade shows and other programs designed to encourage billiards as a lifestyle and make pool everybody's game. For more information, visit www.bca-pool.com or call 303.243.5070.

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