

Diablo Valley Pool League

The Diablo valley pool league again, successfully finished the summer session for the women's league. May I remind you all that this is one of the toughest group of women pool players, who take the game of billiards very seriously. It is all about money and sure, having a little fun while we make our money.

The league summer session had twelve teams participate this season with a total payout of \$5868.00. The new recruits and new teams caused excitement up to the very last match of the session. August 26, 2009 was the last night of league play with all teams rallying for wins. It was an exciting and a nerve racking night for all the Diablo Valley Pool League women members. Every team had the possibility to move up a position or two as well as be taken down a position or two. The Outsiders, whom is sponsored by Vinnie's and captained by Sally Harvey, took great advantage of the last night of play to edge out Junior Mints, captained by Erin McKibben for second place.

This session's champs are a combination of the veterans and some of the new talent that has joined our league in the recent sessions. This top team consisted of this session's Most Improved Player, Lauren Rutkovitch, Holly Robinson our second Master and Champ of BCA senior category two years ago, Darnell and Denise Domingo relatively new to our 8' bar table game, have made their name known in our local scene. They both have game and are a delight to have in our women's league.

Summer 2009 Women Champs - Vinnies



**Holly Robinson, Darnell Domingo, Denise Domingo, Kacie Ragen &
Lauren Rutkovitch (Captain)**

2nd Place - The Outsiders

This team is all veterans with many years of shooting pool. Their calmness, skills, and smart play carry them far in vital times of competition. They were in competition for third or fourth place but due to their domination during the last night of play they were able to move up to second.



Stephanie Guinn, Cary Wolcott, Sally Harvey (Captain), & BJ Johnson

(Missing from photo Angie Nelson)

3rd Place – Junior Mints

This group of players is well known in our women's league because of their dominance and skill. They are one of our previous winners in the past. This particular mix made their debut this past May at the BCA Nationals. They dominated top spots most of the season, but at the end a combination of handicap and a few bad matches kept them from winning the needed rounds to win the title.



Shawn Modelo, Deanna Spomer, Cathy Reeves, Erin McKibben (Captain) & Leslie Bernardi

4th Place – Cony's Mix

Cony brought a combination of 6's and 8' averages utilizing strategy and finding the strength of each different player for a successful mix. They had veterans and a brand new player to the league. They were driven by skill, defensive play, experience and determination. This mix made their way up the trail of 12 all the way up to fourth. They as well came from being on 6th to take forth on the very last nite of play when they dominated their opponent and were just hoping their scores will be enough to allow them to move up on standings as it did.



Jess Quinata, Joni Smith, Mili Chin, Cony Mendoza (Captain)

& Teresa Teague (Missing from photo)

5th Place – Sharp Shootin Divas

This team joined our league this summer for fun and to show that they can shoot. They are certainly a tough group of players who enjoy the competition but still managed to shot well. They challenged all the regular teams and from the beginning placed themselves in the middle of the pack. These girls not only had game but were challenging and determined to take no victims. We loved having that kind of motivation to play our best.



Dana Sanders, Miriam Hudson (Captain), Lelani Ching, Vivian Showers

6th Place – The Tight Racks

This group of ladies has a blast shooting, socializing, competing and striving to improve. They continue to better their standings each session. BB the captains, has brought her game up to very high levels, as well as Carol Prescott and Jenny McCary. Trust me when I say, u can't trust none of them, they will beat you silly then smile. Good going ladies.



Jenny McCary, Elizabeth Baum, Diane Friedman, Brenda Clark (Captain), & Carol Prescott

7th Place – Lady 8 Ballers

This team was also a new addition to our summer league. They dressed as a team; they shot as a team and made their presence felt this summer to all the other regular teams. This was another excellent group from the Oakland hills, who also had game, attitude and passion for the game. They came to our DVPOOL to check the women's scene, and hope to take the money. They did well , got some money, but the top prize money. We hope that they will come back and try again, in the competitive winter session, where all the sharks come out to prepare for the Vegas session of winter 09. It is all about money, on this side we play for money, pride, and respect. We hope to see them again.



Gwen Prosser, Wendy Lockhart, Mary Jackson & Anita Lee

8th Place – Right On Cue

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Annette Wood (Captain), Darla Decker, Tina Lux, Dez Valdez & Kristen Eisen

This crew has many years of pool experience. They are the champions of the fall session last year. For this summer some of the key players were off but they still managed to compete and enjoy their summer.

9th Place – Tina

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Tina Mendoza (Captain), Stacy Wilson, Lee Ann Ardentson, Majorie Silva, Barbara Martisch

Tina certainly had lots of fun with this summer mix, picking up some veteran returning players she was able to stay in 9th place and learned the hard way that even in the summer session you must play your best game or take the bottom standings.

10th Place – Your Average Killers

They can kill you alright. On the pool table that is. They look innocent, but don't let that fool you. They strive to win like all of us, they practice, they take the clinics offered to new players, they ask, they inquire, they love the game. They will make a ball or two and then leave you hooked. They will chip away ball by ball. They improved their standings this summer and are really looking towards the fall session.



Linda Henry, Laura Tow (Captain), Val Helenson, Pat Sousa,

(Missing from photo, alternates) Tammy Moreda & Cherie Evens

11th Place – Straight Shooters



Heather Penman, Carmen Millholland (Captain), Stacey Woltz-Brenn, Carmel Piper (alternate)

These women are all smiles all the time. They shoot to compete and have fun. Their positive energy rubs off on all those around them, but watch out they will still do their best to drop balls. This team struggled with keeping a full roster however they manage to still take rounds of top teams having the handicap favored them. They are all veterans of the game and love the competition.

12th – Place – Warriors

The Warriors keep getting better individually and keep adding players for a different mix. They are a team that none of us ever want to take for granted. They added a returning player and a mix of players from the fall.

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Heather Outlaw, Erika Schneider, Monica Kappl, Deirdre Hurley

DVPL recognizes and awards the top ten shooters of the session as well as The Most Improved Player. This sessions Top Shooter is definitely a familiar face and name on the BCA and ACS circuit. She is a tough competition in any event that she participates in. She strives to be her best and she is our best shooter this Summer session.

Shooter Summer 2009

Shawn Modelo



SUMMER 2009 MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Lauren was our Most Improved Player two seasons ago and continues to learn from those more experienced players around her. Her average started this session at 7.27 and moved up to 8.22. She has shown that she is player who can learn from many, but watch out because she will turn around and use what you taught her and beat you.

Lauren Rutkovich

(increasing her average from 7.27 to 8.22)



Below are the final standings for the DVPL Women's Summer Session of 2009.

<u>Payout</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Top Shooters</u>
1ST \$1,016	Lauren Rutkovitch	Vinnie's	1ST \$100 Shawn Modelo
2ND 762	Sally Harvey	Vinnie's	2ND 90 Deanna Spomer
3RD 660	Erin McKibben	Vinnie's	3RD 80 Darla Decker
4TH 508	Cony Mendoza	Diablo Lanes	4TH 70 Cathy Reeves
5TH 432	Miriam Hudson	Diablo Lanes	5TH 60 Denise Domingo
6TH 381	Brenda Clark	Cue N Brew	6TH 50 Leslie Bernardi
7TH 330	Mary Jackson	Rack em Up	7TH 40 Cary Wolcott
8TH 292	Annette Wood	Farringtons	8TH 30 Kacie Ragen
9TH 241	Tina Mendoza	The Office	9TH 20 Sally Harvey
10TH 203	Laura Tow	Rack em Up	10TH 10 Holly Robinson
11TH 152	Carmen Millholland	Farringtons	
12TH 102	Heather Outlaw	1220	

August 29th teams gathered at Vinnie's for payout and the team tournament. Five teams played in the tournament to compete for the \$200.00 that was added from the session's pot along with the team entry fee. There were many laughs, lots of recollection of great shots from the session, as well as great shooting which we added to our memories. The Champions of the day:

2009 Summer Tournament Champions

Cue N Brews - The Tight Racks



Brenda Clark (Captain), Carol Prescott, Jenny McCary, Diane Friedman