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Amateur champions emerge from BCAPL 9-Ball singles divisions

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The first champions of the 40th BCAPL National Championships were crowned Thursday as the 9-ball singles divisions at "The Greatest Pool Tournament in the World" came to a close.

Jacque Smith of Amarillo, Texas, was the champion of the Women's 9-Ball Singles Gold Division. Smith, who has been playing pool for 13 years, posted wins over Jan Burton, Bev Inman and Janna Nelson, before losing to Julie Cooper, who went on to capture the division's hot seat. Smith double-dipped Cooper, of Cincinnati, Ohio, in the finals to capture the title. Cooper got second place in the event and Robin Verner, of Henderson, Nev., placed third in the event, which had 58 players.

In the Women's 9-Ball Singles Platinum Division, seasoned women's professional Vivian Villarreal, of San Antonio, Tex., went undefeated through a small but talented field of 26 players. Villarreal beat Jing Liu, Jessica Frideres, Taylor Hansen, and Ricki Casper, before sending Tina Larsen to the B-side of the bracket in the hot seat match in a hill-hill match. Larsen, of Valparaiso, Ind., was determined to have another chance to play Villarreal, and beat Ricki Casper, of Houston, Tex., who took third in the event, in another exciting hill-hill match. The finals saw another hill-hill finish, with Villarreal sneaking past Larsen again.

Tenadore "Ten" Lee, of Glendale, Ariz., had a much longer route in a 226-man field to win the Mixed 9-Ball Singles Gold Division. Lee fought through the crowd, beating Paul Mekeel, Brian Wallace, Andy Benefiel, Floyd Smith, before being sent to the loser's side of the bracket by Tommy Campbell. Then Lee beat Sang Oh, John Fazakas, and found revenge against Campbell, leaving Campbell to take third place, while Lee moved on to the finals against Hermie Dy of Toronto, Ont. Lee double-dipped Dy with scores of 5-2 and 5-2 to win the division and earn the title.

In the Mixed 9-Ball Singles Platinum Division, Carlos Barbosa, of Edmonton, Alberta, Can. faced a field of 89 players. Barbosa beat Gary Andrews Jr., Eric Vargas, Tracy Sanders, Chris Stanfield, Russ Cearley and Justin Martin, of Nakina, N.C. to earn the hot seat position. Martin, who is just 17 years old, beat Cearley, of Springfield, Ore., to earn a rematch in the finals against Barbosa. But again, Barbosa beat the talented teen in a score of 6-4 in the finals to win the division. Cearley placed third.

Professional players Rodney Morris and Sky Woodward presented the BCAPL player champions with their trophies.

The 40th BCAPL National Championships started July 20 at The Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino and resume through July 30. The event features more than 5,000 amateur players representing 47 states, nine Canadian provinces and 11 countries, competing in approximately 40 divisions, on 300 Diamond pool tables. The annual tournament also includes about 50 exhibitors.

The Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino is the official host venue. Other sponsors include Viking, Kamui, Omega Billiards, Cyclop, Diamond, Simonis, and Predator.

Cutline: Sky Woodward presented Jacque Smith, of Amarillo, Tex. with her trophy after Smith won the Women's 9-Ball Singles Gold Division at the 40th BCAPL National Championships. Other winners in the 9-Ball singles divisions included Vivian Villarreal, Tenadore Lee and Carlos Barbosa.

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