

## 2nd BCA Mid-Canada Bar Box Championships

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The Heather Curling Club in Winnipeg, Manitoba housed forty 7 foot Diamond Smart Tables as 164 singles in 4 divisions and 63 teams in 5 divisions claimed prizes ranging from \$2,500 to \$130.

High gas prices couldn't deter the die-hard BCA Pool League members as they travelled from as far afield as British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba & Ontario.

Thursday night was in the 90's with near 100% humidity when the singles competition started. Friday afternoon had a hail storm which reduced the temperature from very hot to a more comfortable 75 for the remainder of the tournament. The Simonis Tour Blue Cloth adjusted nicely to allow the Super Aramith Pro Balls to roll true.

There's a lot to be said about fighting your way through the B side. Most finals had loser's bracket winners upset the winner's bracket finalist. Maybe, the B side teams stay in stroke while the winner's bracket ones get cold. Either way, most B Side competitors prevailed. Read on.

The Ladies Team Division had the same two finalists as the last year with Justus and 8 Ball Mama's vying for the title. Justus defended their honor with a convincing 9-2 win.

The Novice Team final went to a tie breaker and Too Drunk For Playoffs overcame the hot seat's Get Noticed. Both teams hailed from Winnipeg.

The Intermediate final had Cort's Cue Club come back from the B side to defeat No X-Cues with both matches going to a tie breaker. No X-Cues had sent Cort's Cue Club to the 'B' side in the 'A' final.

After negotiating the B side, Thunder Bay's Spin Meisters took The Advance final to a 25th game against Winnipeg's Guts & Glory. One game made the difference as Thunder Bay claimed it's first title of the event.

2007 Men's Masters titlists, Winnipeg's Strokes Of Genius, plowed through the loser's bracket to jump out to a 9-1 lead in the finals. Done Deal wasn't done yet as they mounted a comeback. Nervous faces appeared on the Strokes Of Genius but they prevailed at 13-10.

Winnipeg, MB was well represented as Eileen Chomik, in the Ladies Singles, and Jules Mortinson in the Intermediate Singles, went undefeated to take their respective titles.

In the Advance Singles, Gilles Lecopte went undefeated as was Men's Masters Singles champion Vince Chambers. Both hail from Thunder Bay, Ontario.

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