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Bill Larson and Derrick Bonds Crowned Wheelchair National Champions 2026 USA National Pool Championships

Dubuque, Iowa — The wheelchair divisions took center stage Friday at the 2026 USA National Pool Championships, where Bill Larson claimed the 2026 USA National Wheelchair 8-Ball Championship and Derrick Bonds successfully defended his national title by capturing the 2026 USA National Wheelchair 10-Ball Championship for the second consecutive year.

The championships showcased the nation's premier adaptive cue sport athletes while highlighting remarkable consistency from several competitors, including Bret Clifton, who earned silver medals in both disciplines, and Hydred Goldberg, the only female competitor to medal in the wheelchair divisions while also advancing to the final 12 of the Women's Open 10-Ball Championship.

The final standings in the 2026 USA National Wheelchair 8-Ball Championship were:

- Champion: Bill Larson
- Silver Medalist: Bret Clifton
- Bronze Medalist (Tie): Charles Interrante
- Bronze Medalist (Tie): Derrick Bonds

The final standings in the 2026 USA National Wheelchair 10-Ball Championship were:

- Champion: Derrick Bonds
- Silver Medalist: Bret Clifton
- Bronze Medalist (Tie): Tom Davis
- Bronze Medalist (Tie): Hydred Goldberg

The wheelchair championships once again demonstrated the depth of talent within adaptive cue sports. Bonds' successful title defense reaffirmed his place among the nation's elite competitors, while Clifton's runner-up finishes in both events showcased exceptional consistency throughout the week. Goldberg's dual accomplishments of earning a national

medal while competing successfully against the nation's top women in the open division underscored the growing strength and inclusiveness of the championships.

"Congratulations to Bill Larson and Derrick Bonds on outstanding national championship performances," said Shane Tyree, Chief Executive Officer of the Billiard Congress of America. "The wheelchair divisions continue to be one of the most inspiring and competitive parts of the USA National Pool Championships. Derrick's repeat championship, Bret's incredible consistency across both disciplines, and Hydred's outstanding performances across multiple divisions all speak to the remarkable level of talent these athletes bring to our national stage."

Ed Liddawi, President of USA Cue Sports, added, "These championships represent the very best of our sport. Every athlete who competed demonstrated tremendous skill, determination, and sportsmanship, and we are proud to celebrate their accomplishments. Congratulations to Bill, Derrick, Bret, Charles, Tom, Hydred, and every competitor for helping elevate adaptive cue sports in the United States."

The Billiard Congress of America and USA Cue Sports extend their sincere appreciation to the event's sponsors and partners whose support helps make the USA National Pool Championships possible: Aramith Billiard Balls, Diamond Billiard Products, Iwan Simonis, Masters Chalk, and The Predator Group. Their continued commitment helps provide a world-class championship experience for athletes and fans alike.

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USA National Championships 10-Ball medalist (L-R)
Bret Clifton (Silver), Derrick Bonds (Gold), Hydre Goldberg and Tom Davis (Bronze)



USA National Championships 8-Ball medalist (L-R)
Bret Clifton (Silver), Bill Larson (Gold), Derrick Bonds and Charles Interrante (Bronze)

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