

LETTER FROM THE WPBA BOARD PRESIDENT - DAWN HOPKINS

Dear Members,

On behalf of the WPBA Board of Directors I would like to take this time to wish you all a great upcoming year! We are coming up on another exciting season and I would like to share with you some of the work the Board has been working on to strengthen the condition of the Classic Tour. Keep in mind that this is YOUR organization and YOUR tour. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact any of the Board members. You can find each of the Board member's email address on the WPBA website.



NEW BOARD POSITIONS:

**President - Dawn Hopkins; Vice President - Kristi Carter
 Secretary - Melissa Herndon; Treasurer - Mike Howerton
 At Large - Belinda Calhoun; At Large - Barden Winstead Jr**

2009 CLASSIC TOUR SCHEDULE (check for updates on www.wpba.com)

April 1-5	San Diego Classic
June 17-21	Great Lakes Classic
July 29-Aug 2	U.S. Open
September 16 - 20	Colorado Classic (<u>TENTATIVE</u>)
October 14-18	Pacific Coast Classic
November 11-15	WPBA Championship

The Board has secured the assistance of Chip Hutchinson and Dean Roeseler to seek potential sites for additional events. We appreciate all of their efforts in this important project.

Our sponsor names may look familiar to you. Their generous continued support over the years proves their faith in what the WPBA has to offer. In return, we as an organization are very proud to be partnered with companies whose product we believe is the superior in the industry.

American Poolplayers Association, Brunswick Billiards, Iwan Simonis Cloth, Mueller Recreation Products, Cuetec Cues, Aramith

In addition, the Board is working around the clock on producing Non-Televised events, upgrading the internet including the newly added video-streaming, improving on communication to the WPBA members via "e-blasts, re-structuring the Regional Tour system to meet the current needs of our organization and its member and much, much more!

Again, if you have any suggestions or would like to be part of a committee to become involved, please feel free to contact a Board member at your convenience.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the first event!

Dawn Hopkins
 WPBA President
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Billiard History & Facts

Michael Phelan is considered by many as the "Father of American Billiards" as a player, inventor, manufacturer, and tireless popularizer of billiards. He won the first billiard stakes match in 1859. He holds many patents for billiard table designs, and cushions. He is credited to be the first to put diamonds on the table. He authored the book "Billiards Without a Master", the first American book on billiards, and set the trend for lavish billiard rooms through his New York room on Broadway.

Billiard Trivia

True or False

In the State of Virginia during the time of Thomas Jefferson, it was illegal to play billiards.



2009 SEASON

The WPBA Announces the upcoming season

WPBA San Diego Classic - Apr 1st-5th, 2009

Viejas Casino – Alpine, CA

WPBA Great Lakes Classic - June 17th-21st, 2009

Blue Chip Casino – Michigan City, IN

WPBA US Open - July 29th - Aug 2nd

Riverwind Casino – Norman, OK

WPBA Colorado Classic - Sept 16th – 20th, 2009*

Sky Ute Casino – Ignacio, CO

WPBA Pacific Coast Classic - Oct 7th – 11th, 2009

Chinook Winds Casino – Lincoln City, OR

WPBA National Tour Championships

November 11th – 16th, 2009

Seminole Hard Rock Casino – Hollywood, FL

***Tentative**

WPBA ON ESPN Classic!

Check out some of these vintage matches

March 18th, 2009 11am EST
2001 Tournament of Champions
Semi-final #1

March 19th, 2009 6pm EST
2005 NWSA Scotch Doubles 9 Ball Championships
Finals - Tiffany Nelson vs. Loree Jon Jones

March 21st, 2009 5pm EST
2008 BCA Generationpool.com 9 Ball Championships
Semi-final #1
6pm EST
Semi-final #2
7pm EST
Finals

March 24th, 2009 11am EST
2002 BCA 9 Ball Championships
Semi-finals

March 25th, 2009 11am EST
2002 BCA 9 Ball Championships
Finals

WPBA SATELLITE TOUR PROGRAM

Starting this season, the WPBA will hold a series of non-televised Satellite Tour (ST) events around North America. For a minimum of \$10,000 added, billiard rooms and other venues may host a Satellite Tour Event open to Exempt and Non-Exempt players.

We are pleased to announce that WPBA Pro Janet Atwell's room, Borderline Billiards in Bristol, TN, will be hosting a WPBA Satellite Tour stop, July 10th - 12th, 2009. Details to follow soon! (please note the date change!)

In addition, the WPBA is working with other rooms around the country and even in Toronto, Canada to secure more of these Satellite Tour stops on behalf of our players.

If you know of a billiard room or venue that may be interested in holding a ST Event contact Melissa@wpba.com, kcarter@wpba.com or anne@wpba.com

Stay tuned for more information.

MING NG WINS THE 2009 REGIONAL TOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

GOES UNDEFEATED TO BECOME THE 2008 REGIONAL TOUR CHAMPION



February 22nd, 2009 - Bellevue, Washington - The Parlor Billiards & Spirits:

The WPBA Regional Tour Championship kicked off at 9am PST on Saturday, February 21st with 64 of the top amateur players from around North America. Representatives from all 9 WPBA Regional Tours including Ming Ng, Nicole Keeney, Bonnie Plowman, Holly Sholes, Stephanie Mitchell, Denise Belanger, Morgan Steinman, Liz Taylor, Liz Cole and defending Champion Susan Mello made for a tough field of competitors. In the end, it was the Tiger Tour's Ming Ng who took the title, going undefeated, and earned paid entry into all WPBA Classic Tour events for 2009.

The Parlor Billiards & Spirits is an upscale club in Bellevue, Washington, that is more than just a billiard establishment. There's also a comedy and music club, private billiard rooms for parties and events and The Ultralounge that features a large dance floor and a private atmosphere to enjoy and imbibe in good spirits (pun intended). Owner Steve Olson generously added \$6,000 to the Championships bringing the total purse to \$12,400. Tournament Director Chris Rogers and his assistant T.D., Ford, ran the event like clock-work, and our very own WPBA Board Members, Kristi Carter and Mike Howerton set up and ran the free live web streaming of one match per round through the finals for the entire event.

Right from the start there were great matchups, including first round opponents Nicole Keeney (Arizona Women's Billiard Tour - AWBT) and Liz Cole (Northwest Women's Billiard Association - NWPB). Both players ended 2008 as their Regional Tours #1 ranked point's player and both have earned guaranteed invitations into all WPBA Classic Tour events for 2009. They were here to win that coveted "paid" designation and the title of Regional Tour Champion. Nicole proved to be in top form and defeated Liz 7-3. She then moved on to meet another End of Year point's winner, Denise Belanger of the Tiger Canadian Women's Pool Tour (CWPT). Nicole showed no mercy as she goose-egged Denise in a very quick match.

Meanwhile, #1 ranked on her Regional Tour at end of year 2008 Ming Ng (Tiger Tour - TT) had defeated the Ladies Spirit Tour (LST) point's winner, Stephanie Mitchell, in their first round match, and continued on her path to the finals by defeated Mikki Small (NWPB), only to face the above-mentioned Nicole Keeney. While it was a tough fight, Ming proved to be too much for Nicole and won 7-4, sending Nicole into the 1 loss side.

Bonnie Plowman, #1 player for the OB Cue Ladies 9 Ball Tour (OBCT), had no problems winning her first four matches before meeting up with the APA's 2007 US Amateur Champion, Tina Larsen of the Jacoby Great Lakes Tour (JGLT newly reformed by Bill Hess as the Mid American Ladies 9 Ball Tour or MALT). Tina had had an impressive run of her own including a solid win over veteran AWBT player, Holly Sholes.

But Bonnie, coming off of a great win over Susan Williams (AWBT) kept her focus going and defeated Tina 7-2, moving on into the hot seat match versus Ming, who had gone on to defeat 2008 WPBA Exempt player Morgan Steinman (JPNEWT) and a relatively unknown Jacqui Herrera (JGLT). Jacqui had a fantastic tournament, beating Veronique Menard (CWPT), Liz Taylor, #1 points leader for the New England Women's Pool Tour (NEWPT) for '08, Trinh Lu (AWBT) and Janet Ritcey (CWPT) before losing to Ming. Jacqui finished tied for 5th, congratulations!

After Morgan lost to Ming, she continued on in the one loss bracket, defeating Liz Taylor (hill-hill!), Janet Ritcey and Tina Larsen before meeting up with Nicole Keeney, who had won her previous 4 matches just to get to that point. Whether it was nerves, or the pressure Morgan felt, she couldn't quite keep up with the young phenom (Nicole is only 21!) and finished in 4th place overall.

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Meanwhile, defending RTC Champion, Susan Mello, had a difficult time in her 2nd round match with veteran Mary Hopkin. This writer remembers competing with Mary years ago in the Southern California Women's 9 Ball Tour and knows that Mary can bring it when she needs to. Mary defeated Susan into the one loss side but Susan has never been known to give up. She won her next 3 matches versus Kim Hole (NWP), Diana Minor (LST) and Cristina De La Garza (OBCT) before falling to Liz Taylor and finished tied for 13th. There's a lot of pressure for a defending Champion and Susan should feel good about a high finish in such a tough field. Other stand outs include Michell Monk (LST), Janie Reckard (NWP), Suzanne Smith (NWP), Naomi Fingerhut (JPNEWT), Cindy Sliva (NWP) and Emily Duddy (JPNEWT), Denise Belanger (CWPT) all of whom finished in the money (full list of the top 24 below).

Ultimately, it came down to Ming and Bonnie in the hot seat match. Whether Bonnie had lost some focus or used up all she had versus Tina Larsen, she couldn't quite get into the zone against Ming, who was shooting lights out and took advantage of every opportunity she got. She went on to wait for the winner of the final one loss side bracket match, defeating Bonnie 7-3. The aforementioned Nicole had continued on her run, beating her next two opponents to log an impressive 6 wins in a row before meeting Bonnie. She was apparently determined for a rematch with Ming and took a 7th in a row beating Bonnie 7-4. Congratulations to Bonnie Plowman on a fantastic 3rd place finish amongst her well qualified peers.

The Final Match

Up to the finals, it had been a race to 7, double elimination. The Finals would feature a single race to 9, winner take all! Ming Ng is the stalwart veteran, who's played professionally off and on the WPBA Tour since 1997. Born in Hong Kong and now living in Miami, Florida, Ming was on a roll having gone undefeated into the finals. But she'd been sitting around for awhile; waiting to see who her opponent would be and many wondered if that would give Nicole the advantage. Nicole, who just turned 21 in early February, hails from Littleton, Colorado and had won her previous 7 matches, coming into the finals all warmed up and ready to play.

The first game saw Ming winning the lag but failing to pocket a ball on the break. Nicole had no shot though and Ming stepped back to the table but was forced to play a safety on the 5 ball. Surprisingly, she failed to hit a rail after striking the object ball, giving Nicole ball in hand.

Could it be that Ming's nerves were getting the best of her right from the start? Or perhaps she was cold from having sat waiting for so long. Nicole came back to the table with ball in hand, and yet as soon as she made the 5, she missed shape for the 6. As I once heard "it don't matter if you don't miss", and Nicole continued to pocket balls, getting more out of line with each shot until the 9 ball proved too difficult and played a safe. She'd left Ming a very tough, thin cut into the corner pocket, which she sank easily and took the opening game of the match.

Nicole fought back in game two, running out after Ming scratched on the 2 ball and tied it up 1-1. In this format, it was winner breaks and Nicole failed to pocket a ball. Ming had a 7/9 combination opportunity which she made and took the lead 2-1. She then broke and ran in game 4 to extend that lead to 3-1. Ming couldn't repeat the break effort, coming up dry and after Nicole made the 2 ball off of the 1, she ran out to get back to within 1, down 2-3. That was the last game Nicole would win for the next 5 games, as Ming took advantage of every opportunity Nicole gave her. Game 7 included a monster safety battle that went back and forth almost with every ball on the table until Nicole had a bank shot on the 8 ball. She nearly made it, leaving it hanging in the pocket allowing Ming to take that game. In game 9, Ming pocketed an incredible kick shot after Nicole had snookered her. Ming hit the side rail kick into the one which dropped into the side pocket. While she didn't have a viable shot on the 2, she received ball in hand after playing safe and ran out to take the 7-2 lead. It certainly looked like the experienced player would make this finals a rout, but Nicole was not to be dismissed so easily.

Game 10 saw another safety battle in which Ming finally blinked and Nicole ran from the 6 ball out to make it 7-3. But Ming reached the hill in the next game, after another safety battle where Nicole blinked first allowing Ming to run out from the 6. Nicole fought back, winning the next two games although things got tricky in game 13 when she left herself a bank shot on the 8 ball, but she pocketed it without a problem and the score was 8-5, Ming.

Ming wisely took a break, realizing that she was on the precipice of losing control of this match. Game 14 saw Nicole failing to pocket a ball, giving Ming the opportunity to begin a runout. She missed shape off of the 1 to the 2 and hooked Nicole who missed, giving Ming ball in hand. Ming promptly played another safety hoping to put the pressure of a 3 foul on the younger player, but Nicole kept her cool and not only hit the ball but left Ming with a difficult cut shot. Ming made the ball but once again couldn't get into line with the next ball and was forced to play safe again. Nicole eyed the shot, kicked at the 3 ball via the side rail and nearly made the ball but to her disbelief, she scratched giving Ming ball in hand again. Ming wasn't going to make any mistakes from here and efficiently ran out to win the match 9-5 and the title of 2008 WPBA Regional Tour Champion.

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Many thanks go out to Steve Olson and his staff at the Parlor Billiards & Spirits for their hospitality and support of the WPBA and its Regional Tour Players. Special thanks go out to Chris Rogers - Tournament Director, Ford - Assistant Tournament Director and Tamre Rogers of the NWSA for doing a fantastic job of running this event. Also kudos goes out to Mike Howerton and Kristi Carter for running the live webcast and offering up commentary throughout. Finally, many congratulations go out to all of our competitors in this year's Regional Tour Championship. We'll see you next year!

Final Payouts and finishes

1st - Ming Ng \$900 cash and entry into 4 WPBA Classic Tour Events

2nd - Nicole Keeney \$1,500

3rd - Bonnie Plowman \$1,100

4th - Morgan Steinman \$850

5th/6th - Jacqui Herrera, Tina Larsen \$675

7th/8th - Janet Ritcey, Holly Sholes \$500

9th/12th - Denise Belanger, Liz Cole, Liz Taylor, Susan Williams \$375

13th/16th - Emily Duddy, Susan Mello Cindy Sliva, Suzanne Smith \$250

17th/24th - Katie Cowan, Naomi Fingerhut, Cristina De La Garza, Mary Hopkin, Trinh Lu, Michell Monk, Janie Reckard, Cheryl Squire \$150

Thank you to all our WPBA Regional Tour Championship participants!

Nicole Keeney, Susan Mello, Holly Sholes, Susan Williams, Sara Miller, Jeri Engh, Trinh Lu, Claudia (Renay) Justus,, Denise Belanger Veronique Menard, Darlene Gardiner, Corrine Johnson, Susan Wipper, Janet Ritcey, Tina Hess, Tina Larsen, Kassy Werner, Nicole Palescuk, Jacqui Herrera, Morgan Steinman, Emily Duddy, Naomi Fingerhut, Deena Brayson, Borana Andoni, Olga Gashkova, Stephanie Mitchell, Michell Monk. Leslee Davis-Blaikie, Diana Minor, Liz Taylor, Candi Rego, Erica Testa, Tam Trinh, Liz Cole, Cindy Sliva, Linda Carter, Kim Hole, Suzanne Smith, Mary Olson, Andy Ruth, Mikki Small, Kit Dennis, Tamre Rogers, Jessica Orth, Mary Hopkin, Jo Woodward, Julie Valdez, Shari Ross. Janie Reckard. Andrea Saenz-Maes, Kathy Stanley, Bonnie Plowman, Cristina De La Garza, Michelle Abernathy, Shayla Neris, Samm Diep, Ming Ng, Rachel Eliazar, Cheryl Squire, Ji-Hyun Park, Spring Hellgrath, Judie Wilson, Falon Farleigh, Katie Cowan

Thanks to all our Regional Tour Directors for their assistance:

Arizona Women's Billiard Tour - Dawn Henderson

Tiger Canadian Women's Pool Tour - Carolina Fernandez

Mid American Ladies 9 Ball Tour (previously the JGLT) - Bill Hess

OB Cues Ladies 9 Ball Tour - Julie Stephenson

Ladies Spirit Tour - Roberta Case & Heather Barkley

New England Women's Pool Tour - Bonnie Saritelli

J Pechauer Northeast Women's Pool Tour - Linda Shea

Northwest Women's Pool Association - Tamre Geene-Rogers

Tiger Tour - Cecilia Strain

We also want to welcome our newest Regional Tour:

The Carolina Billiard Tour - Kristi Carter

For more information, go to www.wpba.com



L to R - Kristi Carter, T.D. Assistant Ford, David Lauer of the Parlor and T.D. Chris Ford - the Draw



Steve Olson - owner The Parlor Billiards & Spirits

WPBA REGIONAL TOURS

UPCOMING WPBA QUALIFIERS

March 21st - 22nd, 2009

The Parlor Billiards - Bellevue, WA
 The WA State Women's 9 Ball Championships
 Qualifier for the 2009 WPBA US Open
 Northwest Women's Pool Association
www.nwpatour.com
 Tamre Geene-Rogers - nwpatour@aol.com

May 10th, 2009

Silver Cue Billiards - Woburn, MA
 Qualifier for the WPBA Great Lakes Classic
 New England Women's Pool Tour
www.newwomenstour.com
 Bonnie Saritelli - newwomenstour@cox.net

May 23rd - 24th, 2009

Castle Billiards Lounge - East Rutherford, NJ
 Qualifier for the WPBA Great Lakes Classic
 J Pechauer Northeast Women's Tour
www.jpnewt.com
 Linda Shea - sheaece@aol.com

May 23rd - 24th, 2009

Le Skratck Billiards - Brossard, Quebec, Canada
 Quebec Women's Amateur 9 Ball Championships
 Qualifier for the 2009 WPBA US Open
 Tiger Canadian Women's Pool Tour
www.cwpt.ca
 Carolina Fernandez - carolina@cwpt.ca

New Business Model for WPBA Regional Tours to start for 2010

Starting in 2010, the WPBA will no longer be offering qualifiers for its' Classic Tour Events (Only State Championships will be qualifiers to be designated for the WPBA US Open). Instead, based upon total Regional Tour year-end ranking points, a number of top players from each Regional Tour will compete in the Regional Tour Championships in a round robin format. The top finishers (upwards of 16, exact number for 2010 TBD) will receive guaranteed invitations into that season's WPBA Classic Tour. This will allow for greater growth in the WPBA Regional Tour System as well as allowing for International Regional Tours. The Regional Tour Championship field will be increased from 64 players to 128 players if necessary. The winner of the Regional Tour Championships will still receive **full paid** entry into all WPBA Classic Tour events for that season. More details to follow so stay tuned!

Regional Tour Representatives 2008

Congratulations to the following players who will represent their Regional Tours in the 2009 WPBA Classic Tour season.

Arizona Women's Billiard Tour
Nicole Keeney

Tiger Canadian Women's Pool Tour
Denise Belanger

OB Cues Ladies 9 Ball Tour
Bonnie Plowman

Northwest Women's Pool Association
Liz Cole

Jacoby Great Lakes Tour
Liz Lovely

New England Women's Pool Tour
Liz Taylor

J Pechauer New England Pool Tour
Supadra Boonpasook

Ladies Spirit Tour
Stephanie Mitchell

Tiger Tour
Rachel Eliazar

Regional Tour Champion

Ming Ng: 2008 #1 Ranked Player on the Tiger Tour

Each player receives a guaranteed unpaid invitation into all the WPBA Classic Tour events for 2009.

The Regional Tour Champion receives paid entry into all WPBA Classic Tour events for 2009
 Congratulations to all!

A "Well done!" goes out to the following Qualifier winners this season so far -

Stacy Novack - 2009 WPBA San Diego Classic - AWBT

Orietta Strickland - 2009 WPBA San Diego Classic - OBCT

Julie Comitini - 2009 WPBA Great Lakes Classic - OBCT

MANY THANKS TO OUR 2009 WPBA SPONSORS



AMERICAN POOLPLAYERS ASSOCIATION - OFFICIAL AMATEUR LEAGUE SPONSOR

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MUELLER RECREATIONAL PRODUCTS - OFFICIAL RACK SPONSOR

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2009 Media Guide

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Thank you to all our story/article contributors

Thanks to Scott Soroko for our slick, new WPBA Insider newsletter logo.

WPBA PLAYERS PARTICIPATE IN WORLD EVENTS FOR 2009

The World Pool Association has announced several events that feature participation by many of the top WPBA Exempt Players for the 2009 season.

The Amway WPA Women's World 9 Ball Open (aka The Amway Cup) - April 29 - May 3rd, 2009 in Taipei, Taiwan, will feature the top Women's Billiard players from around the globe including our very own Monica Webb and Sarah Rousey. Karen Corr, Kelly Fisher, Allison Fisher, Xiaoting Pan, Ga Young Kim, Gerda Hofstatter and Helena Thornfeldt have also been invited to attend the event which will be a round robin (8 groups of 6) until the final 24 have been decided, then switches to single elimination race to 7. The Semi's will be a race to 9 and the Finals will be a single race to 11, winner breaks. Good Luck ladies!

The Philippine Open Pool Championship 2009 - May 27th - 31st, 2009 in Manila, Philippines will feature 64 of the top Male and Female Billiard Players from around the globe. How exciting that the men and women shall compete against one another in the discipline of 10-ball! The prize purse is over \$80,000. There will be many WPBA Professionals invited into this event. Check back for updates!

The Women's World 10-Ball Championships - June 1st - 6th, 2009 in Manila, Philippines. While details have not yet been fully released, this Championship will feature 48 of the best Female players from around the world. The WPBA will certainly be well represented. Check back for updates!

The China Open - Women's Division 2009 - June 8th - 14th, 2009 in Shanghai, China will feature 32 top Female Professionals with a prize fund of \$75,000. Invites will issued soon and the WPBA will definitely be sending players! Check back for Updates

2009 World Games in Kaohsiung, China July 16th - 26th, 2009 will feature competitors in many different sports from around the world including Billiards which is considered under the "Precision Sports" category. Qualified countries include Bulgaria, Canada, Austria, The Ukraine, Portugal, Uzbekistan, The Netherlands and of course the United States. Our very own Jeanette Lee and Vivian Villarreal will be traveling to the 2009 World Games representing the United States and the WPBA. Good luck ladies!

Look for results to see where your favorite WPBA player finished in these International Billiard events.

Current WPBA Players who have World Titles (in 9 ball, 8 ball, 14:1, Snooker, Junior World events and World Games Gold) - in no particular order!

Allison Fisher	Belinda Calhoun	Karen Corr
Ewa Laurance	Yu Ram Cha	Jeanette Lee
Brittany Bryant	Kelly Fisher	Ga Young Kim
Julie Kelly	Xiaoting Pan	Gerda Hofstatter
	Jasmin Ouschan	

Billiard Trivia Answer: True! Jefferson's home, "the dome on Monticello" however, was built to conceal a billiard room so that he could play away from prosecution from the law.



If you have an announcement or story you'd like to see in the WPBA Insider Email Anne Craig at anne@wpba.com

NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

WPBA SUPPORTS OUR TROOPS!

Recently, the WPBA Office received an email from a Captain Michael Schuyler, USAF stationed in Afghanistan. He wrote "One of the greatest honors in my 20 years of Active Duty service is that I am the Commander of a large Special Operations Aircraft Maintenance Squadron over here for the next year. Our schedule covers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (two shifts) without a day off; part of our combat stress mitigation process is that we have video games, movies and a small 8 foot pool table available for our troops here. The pool table is a big hit for the troops...with many of our troops enjoying the small feeling of normalcy that something as simple as a pool table can bring to our lives here. Unfortunately it is old and the cues and balls we currently use are frankly decrepit. Several of our sticks and tips are held together with tape and many of the balls have large nicks in them. If you have any old equipment to spare it would not only be greatly appreciated but it would also help left the spirits of our troops here."

The WPBA is happy to announce that we will be sending Captain Schuyler and his troops some new equipment including a set of billiard balls (courtesy of our Sponsor, Aramith) and 2 new cues (many thanks to our Cue Sponsor, Cuetec Cues) along with an autographed WPBA Player Poster. It's doing our small part in supporting our troops.

MIRAMAR MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IN SAN DIEGO TO SEND TROOPS TO WATCH THE WPBA SAN DIEGO CLASSIC

For the 3rd year in a row, and thanks to the generosity of a devoted WPBA fan and benefactor, troops from Miramar Marine Corps Air Station will receive tickets to attend matches at this year's WPBA San Diego Classic - April 1st - 5th, 2009. In addition, WPBA Players are invited to the base for meet & greets and to play some pool with the troops.

MONICA WEBB AND HELENA THORNFELDT SET TO OPEN UP "STIX" BILLIARD ROOM IN VILLA RICA, GEORGIA

STIX is in Villa Rica about 35 minutes west of Atlanta, GA. With 10 pool tables, 11 flat screen TV's and 1 projection screen TV it's sure to be a hit. A unique menu will offer everything from your regular sports bar selections to Deli Sandwiches, Pasta, New York Style Pizza and of course Authentic Swedish Meatballs. The Bar will display 15 taps, a wide selection of Bottled Beer as well as full liquor with Super Premium options. STIX is being brought to you by Monica Webb, Helena Thornfeldt & "Diva" Bar Manager Debbie Schjodt. Kitchen managers are Monica's nephew Cameron Webb and his roommate Reginold Glover who trained at the Art Institute for Culinary. Monica & Helena hope you'll stop by soon!

WELL WISHES FOR A SAFE DELIVERY AND A HEALTHY BABY GO OUT TO ROB & CATHY METZINGER

WPBA Player member, Cathy Metzinger is due in late April! She and her husband, Rob, do not know the baby's gender as they want to be surprised when the baby makes its grand appearance. Congratulations & don't forget to do your Lamaze, Cathy!

WPBA TO WEBSTREAM NON-TELEVISED ROUNDS OF WPBA SAN DIEGO CLASSIC FOR FREE

WPBA Board & Internet Committee Members Kristi Carter and Mike Howerton will be in attendance to web stream the non-televised rounds during the WPBA San Diego Classic. One table will have stationary cameras and will feature one match per round with commentary and chat room Q&A. Stay tuned for more information!